

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, SC 29201

*Minutes of the Meeting*

August 25, 2003

**Commission Members Present**

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman  
Ms. Rosemary Byerly  
Ms. Sue Cole  
Mr. Larry Durham  
Dr. Douglas Forbes  
Mr. Austin Gilbert  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Mr. James Konduros  
Mr. Miles Loadholt  
Ms. DeLoris Oliver  
Gen. Tom Olsen  
Mr. Daniel Ravenel  
Dr. Roger Stevenson

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. John Griffith  
Mr. Carl Solomon

**Staff Present**

Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons  
Ms. Betsy Gunter  
Ms. Deborah Henning  
Dr. Lynn Kelley  
Ms. Tajuana Massie  
Ms. Michele McDowell  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Mr. John Smalls  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

*Ms. Rita Allison  
Joren Bartlett  
Mr. Bill Bragdon  
Mr. Jim Byrd  
Dr. Anthony Coyne  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Maj. Gen. John Grinalds  
Mr. Stan Godshall  
Col. Curt Holland  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. Jim Hudgens  
Dr. David Hunter  
Dr. Ron Ingle  
Ms. Karen Jones  
Ms. Star Kepner  
Ben Legare  
Dr. Harry Matthews  
Mr. J.P. McKee  
Ms. Jackie Olsen  
Mr. Lawrence Ray  
Ms. Ginger Steel  
Mr. Jeff Stensland  
Dr. Rita Teal  
Ms. Catherine Watt  
Dr. Carolyn West  
Mr. Richard Williams*

For the record, notification of this meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commission on Higher Education met on August 25, 2003, at 12:15 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

1. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and asked Dr. Lynn Kelley to proceed with the introductions.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Ms. Cole, **seconded** by Ms. Byerly and, without discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Chairman Floyd introduced Dr. Douglas Forbes, appointed to the Commission July 25 and Mr. Austin Gilbert, appointed July 11. Dr. Forbes joins the Commission for the first time, while Mr. Gilbert was appointed for a second time, having served on the Commission from 1992 – 2000.
4. Ms. Julie Wahl was asked to give a report on the status of the CHE Study underway: *Foundations for the Future: Higher Education in South Carolina. A summary of that report is **Attachment I**.*
5. Ms. Chinnes, the former Vice Chair, is no longer with the Commission and therefore Chairman Floyd asked for nominations from the floor to fill the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Konduros nominated Gen. Olsen, Ms. Byerly seconded. There were no more nominations and Gen. Olsen was named Vice Chair of the Commission.
6. Chairman Floyd asked that, due to another event in the middle of the day on September 4, the September meeting could begin at 9:30 a.m. There was no opposition to this suggestion. The September meeting will begin at 9:30.
7. Also, the November meeting of the Commission has been changed from November 6 to November 13. The Trustee Conference is being planned for Wednesday, November 12 prior to the Commission meeting on November 13.
8. The two new Commissioners were both appointed to the Committee on Finance and Facilities in light of the expanded scope and duties of that Committee and the fact that they are both interested in the Finance Committee.
9. The Commission now has three standing Committees now that Performance Funding has been moved into the Finance Division. Ms. Byerly made a **motion** and Mr. Durham **seconded** to ratify the new Committee structure and the vote was unanimous to do so.

10. Mr. Smalls distributed copies of the State Auditor's Report and explained that the "findings" mostly had to do with paper work not having been completed on time. That draft report is **Attachment II**.
11. A **motion** was made by Mr. Ravenel to go into Executive Session to deal with a personnel issue. When called back into regular session, it was reported that Mr. Smalls had tendered his resignation effective September 15 and Dr. Conrad Festa had been offered to position of Executive Director and had accepted. Chairman Floyd complimented Mr. Smalls on having done an admirable job during a very difficult time at the Commission and Dr. Hudgins was recognized and thanked John for being a caring and competent colleague as he dealt with the institutions.
12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Betsy Gunter*

Recording Secretary

#### Attachments I-II

\*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.