

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**August 10, 2011**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Mr. Rodney Smolla

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of South Carolina

**Members of the Press**

none

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Introductions**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo introduced the guest in attendance, as listed above.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**- Ken Wingate**

At Chairman Wingate's invitation, a **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2011 CHE meeting.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

**- Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate stated he had appeared before the conference committee considering S.172, the Higher Education Efficiencies and Administrative Procedures Act. He reported that the bill had been enacted and Governor Haley had held a ceremonial bill signing at Tri-County Technical College's Easley Campus on August 3. Chairman Wingate also stated that work was progressing with the Governor's office on the Accountability Based Funding initiative and that meetings of college and university presidents and other institutional representatives will continue on this topic in preparation for the next legislative session.

### **4. Report of the Executive Director**

**- Garrison Walters**

Dr. Walters reported that the Commission offices would be relocating to 1122 Lady Street at the end of August, and that the September 1 CHE meeting would take place at the new location. Mr. Glenn provided details about the lease of the new space and the costs involved, and brief discussion followed.

### **5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo referred to material she had distributed which provides a summary of the 2011 legislative session concerning higher education that included information on the state budget cuts, funding of the scholarship programs, changes in some of the higher education budget provisos, and summaries of S.172 (Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Procedures Act) and other legislation and regulations that had passed during the session. Details about this information may be found in **Attachment I**.

### **6. Presentations**

There were no presentations delivered at this meeting.

### **7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee**

**- Ken Wingate**

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

### **8. Committee Reports**

#### **8.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- Ken Wingate**

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

#### **8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

#### **8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services**

**- Hood Temple**

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services.

#### **8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities**

**- Guy Tarrant**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Interim Capital Projects**

1. Medical University of SC - Psych Institute Data Center Uninterruptible

2. Francis Marion University - Office Services Building Replacement (Phase II)  
Power Supply – Side B Installation (Phase I & II)

#### **B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July 2011 (For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Tarrant reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning, and had considered and approved the projects described in **Agenda Items 8.04 A-B (Attachment II)**.

**Agenda Items 8.04 A-B** were then voted on and **approved**.

## **9. Other Business**

Chairman Wingate reviewed the Commissioners' schedule of activities for the remainder of the day, stating that a training session for Commissioners from the Agency Head Salary Commission would take place immediately following this meeting and prior to the commencement of the Presidents' presentations at 12:00 noon. Details about these activities may be found in **Attachment III**.

In response to Commissioner Vaughn's question concerning the Attorney General's opinions regarding the expansion of the USC medical school in Greenville, SC, Dr. Walters explained that follow-up had been initiated and as a result, additional information had been drafted and would be shared with the Attorney General's Office in the near future. He referenced a letter by Mr. Thomas L. Stephenson, chairman of the board of the Medical University of South Carolina, in which Mr. Stephenson expressed concern about the role of the CHE in light of the opinions. A copy of that letter which was requested by members and distributed following the meeting may be found in **Attachment IV**.

In response to Commissioner Munns' question concerning the Governor's communication with the technical colleges regarding the accountability based funding and questions concerning governance of the system, Dr. Walters replied that he and Chairman Wingate had participated in meetings with the Governor and technical colleges but had not been directly involved in discussions that were on-going with the technical colleges and the system office. Dr Walters further stated he anticipated that the current efforts of the colleges and universities with regard to developing recommendations concerning accountability-based funding, also taking place in response to the Governor's request, would eventually be harmonized with the efforts of the technical college system.

In a discussion about what Commissioners might expect to learn from the presidents' presentations, comments offered included that the presentations: 1) give good, comprehensive information about the individual institutions; 2) provide an opportunity for commissioners to dialogue with the Presidents and get to know them and their institutions better; 3) allow the institutions to talk about their successes as well as their concerns; and 4) provide the flavor of higher education across the state.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to consider, Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Following the adjournment of the business meeting, the Commissioners participated in a training session concerning the Agency Head Salary Commission process and then met to hear scheduled presentations from the college and university presidents during the afternoon and the following day. See Attachment V for a copy of the schedule. Copies of presentations are available upon request and may also be accessed on-line.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

## **Attachments (I-V)**

\*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.