

# The Public Agenda For Higher Education



**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
Commission on Higher Education

# Definition and Purpose

## The Public Agenda

- A higher education **strategic plan** for the state of South Carolina citizenry the Commission coordinates with stakeholders

## Purpose

- To **define** higher education **goals** statewide
- To **raise awareness** of the need for improved statewide higher education access
- To help **improve the quality of life** statewide through higher education
- To support workforce **development** and career **readiness**



# Background

## Timeline

- Summer 2016, Commissioner Allison Dean Love, Public Agenda Committee chair, coordinated planning and initial CHE discussions
- Fall 2016, the Commission's ad hoc Public Agenda Committee convened monthly meetings, including to date, CHE board member representatives, and external stakeholders including EOC and SCICU)
- Winter 2016, Commission correspondence to SC college and university presidents
- Informal discussions with stakeholders, including legislators, educators, business and state agency leaders (DEW, SCDE)

## Operational Support

- Tom Layzell, Ph.D.
- Rich Rhoda, Ph.D.
- SC CHE Academic Affairs division



# Context

## Current Work

Research and deliberation of best practices for determining strategies and metrics (SC Commission on Higher Education Action Plan 2009)

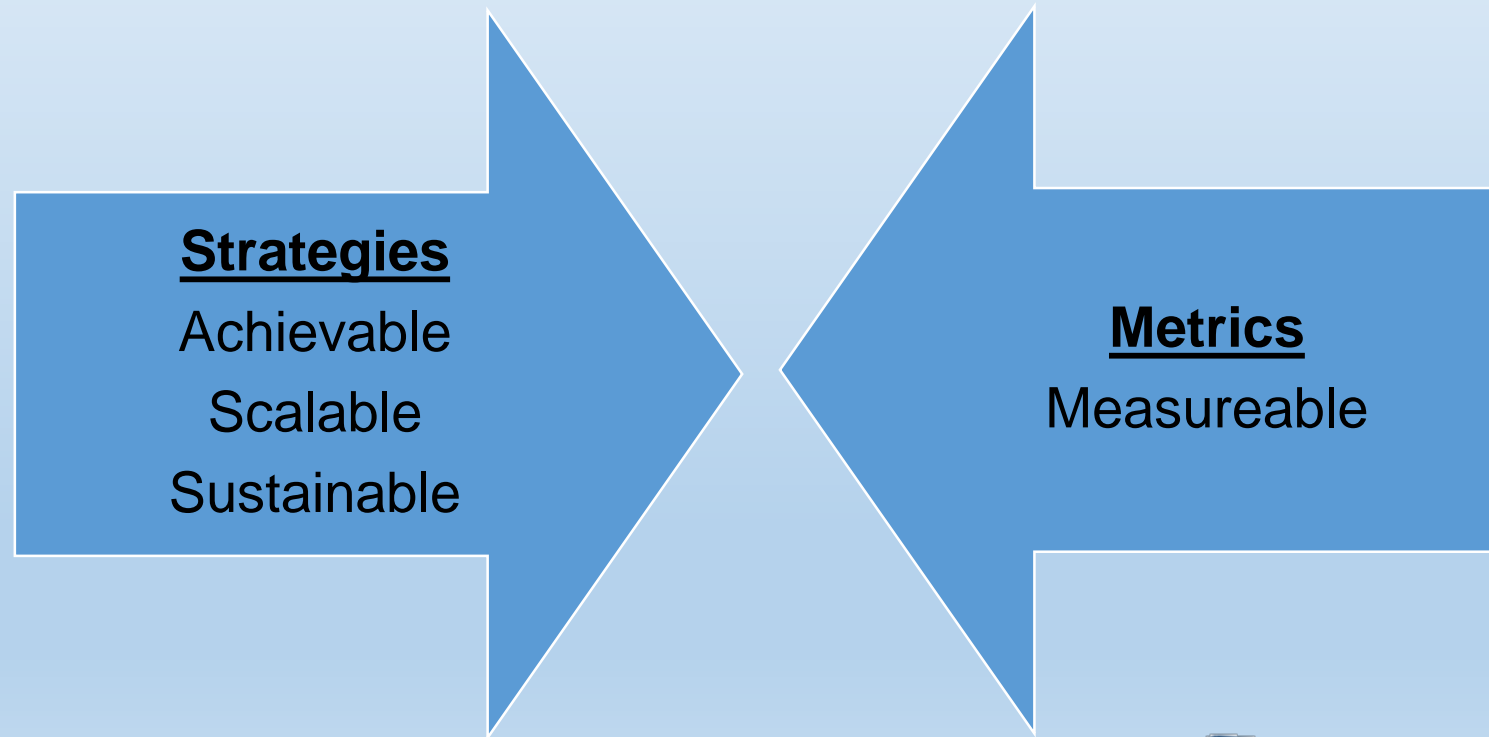
## Strategic Plans for Higher Education from other States

- [Colorado \(2012\)](#)
- [Illinois \(2009\)](#)
- [Indiana \(2008\)](#)
- [Kentucky \(2016-2021\)](#)
- [Tennessee \(2015-2025\)](#)
- [Texas \(2015-2030\)](#)
- [Virginia \(2016-2030\)](#)



# Public Agenda Strategies and Metrics

The Public Agenda will be a comprehensive document containing strategies and metrics that are:



# Keys to Success



# Next Steps

- Engagement with SC Colleges and Universities
- Dissemination of the Public Agenda draft document
- Institutional guidance for continued refinement
- More

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