

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201
12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
September 7, 2017

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Commissioners Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Devron Edwards (phone)

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Richard Jones
Ms. Allison Dean Love
Dr. Louis Lynn (phone)

Mr. Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger (phone)

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Kenneth Kirkland (excused)

Guests Attending

Dr. Connie Book, The Citadel
Dr. Dan Cooper, Tri-County Technical College
Mr. Cardon Crawford, The Citadel
Ms. Lil Hayes, S.C. House Education and Public Works
Mr. Rick Kelly, University of South Carolina
Columbia Mr. Mike LeFever, S.C. Independent Colleges and Universities

Dr. Chris Nesmith, University of South Carolina, Palmetto College
Ms. Carol Routh, Clemson University
Mr. Chuck Sanders, S.C. Student Loan Corporation
Dr. Charlie Spell, S.C. State University
Ms. Rennell Thomas-Myers, S.C. State University

Commission Staff Present

Mr. Jeff Schilz
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Carrie Bundrick
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Dr. Falcia Harvey
Ms. Trena Houpp
Ms. Elizabeth Jablonski
Dr. Rao Korapati

Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Mr. Edward Patrick
Ms. Katie Philpott
Mr. Keeran Sittampalam
Ms. Tanya Weigold
Dr. Erica Von Nessen
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 12:13 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act

1. Introductions

Elizabeth Jablonski

Ms. Jablonski introduced the guests in attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Jones), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 CHE meeting. A **motion** was made (Munns), **seconded** (Batson), and **carried** to go into Executive Session at 12:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. No motion resulted from Executive Session. At 1:36 p.m., the meeting returned to regular business.

3. Presentation

Chair Hofferth stated that there was no presentation for this month's meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth stated that there was no Chairman's Report

5. Vice Chair's Report

Dianne Kuhl

Vice Chair Kuhl reported that a new information request protocol has been created after consultation with Interim President and Executive Director Schilz and Chair Hofferth. She stated that all Commissioners should email any special information requests (other than routine business regarding Committee work) to the individual CHE staff member but copy both President Schilz, Chair Hofferth and Ms. Belcher. Vice-Chair Kuhl explained that President Schilz has a better understanding of CHE staff workload and whether a staff member has the time to fulfill special informational requests by Commissioners. Chair Hofferth recommended that Commissioners contact him with special requests prior to contacting President Schilz. He explained that he would then discuss the informational request with President Schilz. Chair Hofferth also explained that all Commissioners are invited to attend and participate in all sub-Committee meetings as Commissioners are interested.

6. Interim President and Executive Director's Report

Jeff Schilz

Interim President and Executive Director Jeff Schilz informed the Commission about staff work on an upcoming deadline to submit the agency's FY2016-17 Accountability Report and the agency's proposed FY2018-19 Budget, which are due to the General Assembly on September 15. President Schilz informed the Commission about two upcoming Council of Presidents meetings (one with the presidents of technical colleges and deans of the USC two-year campuses and another with the presidents of research and four-year comprehensive institutions). He stated that the meetings will focus on the draft Public Agenda and the impact of the change in the uniform grading policy. President Schilz explained that the U.S. Congress is reviewing the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, and that he has requested for colleges and universities to submit feedback, which will then be compiled and shared with the state's Senators and Representatives. He stated that the feedback revolves mainly around the impact of federal and accreditation regulations. Commissioner Batson reported of a recent conversation with a technical college president about this subject and told President Schilz he would provide the details to be included in the feedback.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Tim Hofferth

The committee had no report.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Terrye Seckinger

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. CERRA FY2018-19 Appropriation Request and FY2016-17 Annual Report

Commissioner Seckinger presented the item regarding the Center for Education Recruitment and Retention appropriation request and annual report. Dr. Lane explained that once this item is approved by the Commission, it will be submitted for approval by the Education Oversight Committee. He also described a small error in one of the charts in the informational packet and assured Commissioners that the error would be corrected for record-keeping.

The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, **passed** unanimously.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration of SC Student Loan Corporation FY2017-2018 Administrative Budget Request SC Teachers Loan Program
- B. FY2016-17 Annual Report and Consideration of the FY2018-19 EIA Appropriations Request for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) at SC State University

Commissioner Batson briefly addressed the two consent agenda items. He explained that the FY2017-18 Administrative Budget Request for the SC Teachers Loan Program had been delayed due to administrative changes at the SC Student Loan Corporation. He then presented to the Commission the Annual Report and Appropriations request for the SC-PRRMT, and he explained the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services recognizes the slow growth in the program and are committed to closely analyzing the program's success.

The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, **passed** unanimously.

Commissioner Batson informed the Commission that the Committee continues to consult with President Schilz about any recommended direction regarding the impact of the uniform grading scale change on lottery scholarships. President Schilz responded by reporting that Senator Peeler has scheduled a hearing on September 26.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Dianne Kuhl

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Northeastern Technical College
Industrial Training Center Renovations & Expansion
(Bennettsville & Pageland)
– Revise Scope
2. Tri-County Technical College
Pendleton Campus Student Success Center/Central Plant
– Change Source of Funds
3. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Advanced Manufacturing Center Construction- Georgetown
– Establish Construction Budget

B. Other Business

1. Staff Approvals for August 2017 (*For Information, No Action Required*)
2. Other Business

Commissioner Kuhl presented the interim capital projects on the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, **passed** unanimously. Commissioner Kuhl referred to the additional item for information.

7.05 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Boards of Trustees Code of Conduct

Ken Kirkland

Chair Hofferth reported for Commissioner Kirkland that the Committee did not have a report.

7.06 Report of Special Ad Hoc Subcommittee—Public Agenda

Allison Dean Love

Commissioner Love gave a brief update on the Public Agenda, emphasizing the upcoming Council of Presidents meetings to garner feedback from the colleges and universities. She explained that the final Public Agenda will be considered for approval by the Commission on October 5th.

8. Other Business

1. CHE By-Laws Discussion (*For Information, No Action Required*)

Vice Chair Kuhl presented the next item on the agenda and explained that Commissioner Munns, Commissioner Seckinger and herself were tasked by Chair Hofferth to serve as a Committee to conduct an annual review of the By-Laws. She explained that the Committee wanted to discuss the potential revisions to the By-Laws prior to the document being formally presented and considered for approval in October. Vice-Chair Kuhl then recounted for the Commission the revisions that the Committee had discussed, the majority being small changes, such as changing the title of Executive Director to President and Executive Director. She informed the Commission that the most substantive change discussed by the Committee involves Section I.6 whereby interim capital project recommendations do not have to be presented in writing 48 hours in advance. Commissioner Munns presented his reasoning for revising that exception, noting that he would be more confident in considering projects that had been approved by the Committee on Finance and Facilities more than an hour prior to the full Commission meeting. Vice Chair

Kuhl explained her support for the 48-hour waiver, citing importance of public safety issues and the consideration of the project approval process, including steps that colleges and universities must take after CHE approval. The Commissioners then discussed this substantive potential revision as well as the smaller changes. Chair Hofferth suggested the Commissioners continue to discuss this substantive issue and try to create a working solution without revising the section in the By-Laws. Commissioners discussed potential ways the Commission could be informed of capital projects earlier in the process so as to have time to digest them before they are formally considered by the Committee on Finance and Facilities and by the full Commission. Vice-Chair Kuhl summarized the discussion and stated that the smaller changes to the By-Laws will be presented for approval at the October 5th meeting and the Commissioners will continue to strategize how to best handle review and approval of interim capital projects.

2. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment provided.

10. End of Business Meeting

A **motion** was made, **seconded**, and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m.