

**DRAFT**

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Aiken Technical College  
Community Room, Health & Science Building, #1200-1400  
Graniteville, SC 29829

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**April 3, 2014**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Commission Members Attending**

General John Finan, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna (phone)  
Ms. Dianne Kuhl  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer (phone)  
Mr. Hood Temple

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Ms. Leah Moody

**Staff Attending**

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Peter Goplerud, Infilaw  
Mr. Kevin Hall, Womble Carlyle Sandridge &  
Rice, LLP (Infilaw)  
Dr. Sandra Jordan, University of SC Aiken  
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken  
Mr. Paul Rubin, University of Georgia  
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC  
(phone)  
Dr. Jimmie Williamson, SC Technical College  
System Office  
Dr. Susan Winsor, Aiken Technical College

**1. Introduction**

**- Courtney Blake**

Ms. Blake recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**- John Finan**

A **motion** was made (Munns), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 CHE meeting.

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

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan recognized and thanked Dr. Winsor for hosting the meeting at Aiken Technical College, after which Dr. Winsor welcomed all in attendance and expressed thanks for the opportunity to showcase the campus. Chairman Finan provided a reminder that the date of the Professor of the Year Award activities had been moved to April 23 at which time the Governor will recognize the winners and finalists at 9:30 a.m. in the Rotunda of the State House. Chairman Finan reported that Lt. Governor Glenn McConnell had been named President of the College of Charleston effective July 1, 2014. He also reported that he had attended the March 28 inauguration ceremony for Dr. Jayne Marie Comstock, the new President of Winthrop University.

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

**- Richard Sutton**

#### **A. General Update**

#### **B. Update on the Charleston School of Law**

#### **C. Monthly Progress Report on the CHE Strategic Agenda**

Dr. Sutton provided a general update on his activities and other events related to higher education since the March 6, 2014, CHE meeting, an update on the status of the Charleston School of Law, and a progress report on the CHE's strategic agenda. The details of his report may be found in **Attachment I**. With regard to Dr. Sutton's remarks about the review and investigation of facilities needs, Commissioner Munns encouraged examining the practices of other agencies that also engage in these activities in an attempt to reduce the duplication of efforts and simplify the process if at all possible.

### **5. Presentation: Dr. Jimmie Williamson, President, SC Technical College System**

Commissioner Munns welcomed and introduced Dr. Williamson, commenting briefly on his background, education, and experience.

Dr. Williamson provided a briefing on the SC Technical College System and the services provided by the system's 16 colleges to approximately 250,000 credit and non-credit students each year.

Discussion followed Dr. Williamson's remarks, during which: 1) Dr. Winsor and Dr. Sandra Jordan, President of the University of SC Aiken, were commended for their outstanding demonstration of collaborative efforts between institutions from the technical and comprehensive sectors; 2) the importance of including an emphasis on "allied/health medical" within the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education focus areas in light of meeting future SC health care staffing needs; and 3) the excellent quality of education offered by the state's technical colleges was highlighted as was the value of dual enrollment in advancing educational attainment of high school students and increasing affordability for students. Also discussed was the positive effect that the quality of South Carolina's technical education and training programs have had in attracting companies to establish a presence in the state and the need to continue to acknowledge the importance of the technical college system with regard to employability.

### **6. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo's report included information on work accomplished to date in this session of the General Assembly, the status of the FY 2014-15 budget, and an update on several bills that are in process. The details of her report may be found in **Attachment II**. For their reference, Ms. Carullo also distributed a copy of a subcommittee amendment to H.4632, the Charleston University Act, which was approved the day before and provides that the bill no longer focuses on a merger between the College of Charleston and the Medical University of South Carolina but instead designates the University of Charleston, South Carolina as a comprehensive research university under the College of Charleston Board of Trustees and

makes related changes. A copy of the amendment as well as two recent news articles about this topic maybe found in **Attachment III**.

Discussion followed during which Dr. Sutton pointed out that even though the College of Charleston has existed for a number of years as the University of Charleston, South Carolina, this proposed legislation actually creates the University as a separate and distinct budget entity from the College of Charleston. Additional conversation took place about whether CHE should take a position on this matter, and if so, at what point, as this bill moves through the legislative process. It was suggested that, should the legislation proceed to the Senate for consideration by the May 1 crossover date, the Commission should, within its authority, be prepared to develop and deliver a recommendation on this issue. A brief discussion ensued about a recommendation in the budget passed by the House which would allocate \$1.5 million to the Technical College System Office to provide stipends to technical college students in the STEM areas. Because it is believed that this amount would allow for only a very small per student stipend, Commissioner Munns suggested that it might be better spent if allocated to the technical system institutions. Commissioner Horne then suggested that using the funds for the purpose of encouraging enrollment in and advertising the advantages of a STEM-focused education might also be beneficial.

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.01 Report of the Executive Committee - John Finan**

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, for the purpose of preparing the agenda for this CHE meeting.

**7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne**

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

**7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple**

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

**7.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - C. L. Munns**

There was no report from the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs. Commissioner Munns requested that this new standing committee hold its first meeting at 9:30 a.m. prior to the May 1 CHE meeting.

**7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Y. W. Scarborough**

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	
<b>A. Interim Capital Projects</b>	
1. Clemson University	- Student Activities Center Renovation
2. Spartanburg Community College	- Cherokee Advanced Technology Center
3. Tri-County Technical College	- Student Success Center/Central Plant
<b>B. Quarterly Budget Report (For Information, No Action Required)</b>	
<b>C. List of Capital Projects &amp; Leases Processed by Staff for March 2014 (For Information, No Action Required)</b>	

Commissioner Scarborough reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met at 8:30 a.m. and brought to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda, **Agenda Item 7.04 A**, details

about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. He then provided brief information about **Agenda Item 7.04A**, after which that item was voted on and **approved**.

Commissioner Scarborough commented briefly on **Agenda Items 7.04 B & C** which were provided as information only and reported his Committee had also considered at its 8:30 a.m. meeting projects proposed in Year One of the FY 2014-15 Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) which will be brought forward to the full Commission for approval at its May 1 meeting.

## **8. Other Business**

There was no other business to consider.

## **9. Adjournment of Business Meeting**

The Commission meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m. Lunch followed during which President Winsor delivered a presentation about Aiken Technical College, a copy of which may be found in **Attachment V**. Available Commissioners and CHE staff were then provided the opportunity to tour facilities including the Health and Sciences Building and the Manufacturing and Technology Training Center.

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.