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Appointments in 2015 to South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Earlier this spring, the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education welcomed the following six new members and one returning member to the Commission. The appointments were announced by Governor Haley and confirmed by the Senate during the 2015 Session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Paul O. Batson, III, was appointed to fill a formerly vacant seat representing the state's public technical college system. Mr. Batson has operated an accounting and tax practice in Greenville, S.C. since 1987. He has served as an Area Commissioner for Greenville Technical College since 1998, and also serves on and is currently chair of the Board of Directors for the S.C. Association of Technical College Commissioners. He was an instructor at Greenville Technical College for a number of years, and has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Furman University since 1973. Mr. Batson earned his B.S. degree from Clemson University and his M.B.A from Clemson at Furman.



Mr. Tim M. Hofferth was appointed to serve as a statewide at-large representative, filling a seat which was formerly vacant. He has been involved with higher education for the last 25 years in a variety of capacities and has had an extensive career in the collegiate multimedia industry. Residing in Chapin, S.C., Mr. Hofferth received his undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina Aiken and his Masters of Education from the University of South Carolina Columbia.



Dr. Louis B. Lynn, a trustee of Clemson University, was appointed to serve in the seat representing the state's public research institutions, replacing Ms. Leah Moody, a trustee of the University of South Carolina who served previously in this seat. A resident of Columbia, S.C., he is the Chairman of ENVIRO AgScience, Inc., and serves on a variety of boards including the National Urban League, the American Horticultural Society, and the National Association of Minority Contractors. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clemson University and has been a member of Clemson's Board of Trustees for 26 years. Dr. Lynn received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.



Ms. Allison Dean Love, a trustee of The Citadel, was appointed to serve in the seat representing the state's public four-year institutions, replacing Ms. Natasha Hanna, a Coastal Carolina University trustee who served previously in this seat. Ms. Love has served on The Citadel Board of Visitors for nearly 18 years. She also serves on the board of the Lowcountry Graduate Center. Residing in Columbia, S.C., Ms. Love is a public relations, media relations and communications consultant with more than 25 years of experience in the fields of communications and marketing. Ms. Love holds a B.S. in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University and an M.B.A from The Citadel Graduate College.



Mr. Clark B. Parker was appointed to serve as a statewide at-large representative, replacing Ms. Elizabeth Jackson who served previously in this seat. A partner in the firm of Parker Hunter Skipper CPAS in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Mr. Parker is a graduate of Coastal Carolina University and served on Coastal Carolina's Board of Trustees for 16 years. He has served as the Chairman of the Horry County Higher Education Commission and is also active with the South Carolina Tax Council and the Gideons of South Carolina.



Dr. Jennifer B. Settlemyer was reappointed to her second term on the Commission as a statewide at-large representative. Dr. Settlemyer lives in Prosperity, S.C. and is a member of the S.C. Army National Guard. She received her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Oklahoma and her Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Settlemyer is a volunteer with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the SC National Guard Youth Camp.



Dr. Evans P. Whitaker, president of Anderson University in Anderson, S.C., was appointed to serve in the seat representing the state's independent institutions, filling a seat that was formerly vacant. He has served as president of Anderson University since 2002. He holds a Ph.D. in education and human development from Vanderbilt University, and an M.Ed. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Anderson is a member of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Board of Trustees and is a past chair of the SCICU Council of Presidents. He is also active with The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's website: www.che.sc.gov