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S.C. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION WELCOMES NEW COMMISSIONER

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley has announced the appointment of a new member to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Mr. Kenneth W. Kirkland has been appointed and confirmed by the South Carolina Senate as a statewide at-large representative. His term of service will begin July 1, 2016, and he will be filling the seat which was formerly held by Mr. Clark B. Parker.

Mr. Kirkland is currently a principal and owner of Premier Insurance Consultants, LLC in Greenville, South Carolina. A full service, independent insurance agency that has grown into a multimillion-dollar operation since its inception in 2001. As a successful businessman and entrepreneur, Mr. Kirkland has the additional experience of having worked in the Banking and Finance industry in various management positions with both Bank of America and National Bank of South Carolina. His volunteer service organizations include United Way of Greenville County, Kiwanis Club of Simpsonville, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and was a four-year letterman for the baseball team. Mr. Kirkland and his family are members of Praise Cathedral in Greer, SC where he is an active participant in the church orchestra. He is married to Jennifer Carlton Kirkland and has two children, Brittany and Michael.

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) is committed to promoting quality, efficiency, and affordability in the state system of higher education through coordination, regulation, advocacy and oversight, as directed by the General Assembly. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's website: www.che.sc.gov