



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education  
Executive Committee Meeting  
November 22, 2022  
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair  
Mr. Ben Satcher, Vice Chair  
Mr. Paul Batson  
Mr. Charles Dalton  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Mr. Doug Snyder

**Executive Committee Members Excused**

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager  
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs  
and Licensing  
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &  
IT  
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General  
Counsel  
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
and Engagement  
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Approval of Minutes October 25, 2022**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Dalton seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Financial Assistance for Nursing Educator Students**

President Monhollon called on Commissioner Snyder to describe the nursing item, who then called on Ms. Ward. Ms. Ward reported that CHE staff recommends establishing a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the SC Student Loan Corporation (SLC) to assist with the administration of the remaining \$5 million nursing allocation. Ms. Ward explained that the SLC launched earlier this year a similar initiative, Project BOLD, (Better Outcomes, Less Debt), which is a partnership between the student, school, and employer to share risks of repayment. Ms. Ward described the benefits in utilizing this method to include no administrative costs for CHE, maximizing dollars for students, and making fund availability timely. Ms. Ward defined the terms of the potential agreement to include the following: \$20,000 per year maximum loan amount for eligible students; the student is mandated to work as a nursing educator in a higher



education program for two years for every one year of aid; a maximum of three years of loan eligibility for eligible student; and the amount borrowed must not exceed the attendance cost. Commissioner Snyder motioned and Commissioner Dalton seconded for authorization to proceed with establishing a MOU with the SLC as presented. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

### 3. Review of the December 1, 2022, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes announced that he may potentially call on Vice Chair Satcher to chair the business meeting as he may need to leave before adjournment. Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon said that his report will include: a presentation by Frank Rainwater from Revenue and Fiscal Affairs regarding an economic outlook as it relates to higher education; new CHE staff introductions, and a few additional updates.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize her legislative update. Ms. Ward stated that her report will focus on identified legislative priorities related to higher education.

The Committee Chairs reviewed their committee reports for the CHE meeting.

Chair Hayes reported that there will be two items for action during the report from the Executive Committee.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. CHE Bylaws
- B. Financial Assistance for Nursing Educator Students

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have nine items for action during the Committee's report. Commissioner Horne summarized the consent agenda and reported that there are also three items for information only. Commissioner Horne asked Dr. Dittmann to describe item E, which Dr. Dittmann explained that the College of Charleston requested to add courses to their REACH Act compliant list. Commissioner Satcher said that the College of Charleston proposed two courses, *History of American Theater* and *American Jewish History from Colonial to Contemporary*. Commissioner Satcher requested that item E., Consideration of revisions to REACH Act course options, be pulled from the consent agenda and be considered as a separate agenda item as the proposal conflicts with a previous decision made by the Committee regarding a similar course from South Carolina State University.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Professional Doctorate University Status Policy/Procedure
- B. Program Proposals
  - 1. Clemson University, BS Automotive Engineering
  - 2. Coastal Carolina University, MAT English, Math, Science, and Social Studies Concentrations
  - 3. Coastal Carolina University, BA Higher Education and Community Engagement
  - 4. Coastal Carolina University, BS Marine and Coastal Environmental Science
- C. Consideration of College of Charleston Reclassification as a Professional Doctorate University and approval of PhD in Mathematics and Computing
- D. Institutional REACH Act Compliance Processes
- E. Consideration of revisions to REACH Act course options

#### FOR INFORMATION

- F. Licensing Update
- G. 2018-2019 Academic Common Market Program Report
- H. Staff Approved Notifications of Change and Termination

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would not have any items for consideration. He announced that his committee would meet prior to the CHE business meeting.

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting to consider five permanent improvement projects for action and two items for information. He reported that four of the permanent improvement projects were renovation proposals and one item from Clemson University was a new building request.

<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Citadel<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Steven Barracks Renovation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Phase I Scope Revision, Change Project Name</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>2. Clemson University<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Advanced Materials Innovation Complex Construction<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Increase Budget (Phase II)</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>3. College of Charleston<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Buist Residence Hall 2024 Renovation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Establish Project (Phase I)</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>4. Francis Marion University<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Smith University Center Renovations/Improvements<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Phase II Budget Increase</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>5. Winthrop University<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Auxiliary Building Envelope Lee Wicker Residence Hall<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Increase Budget (Phase II)</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>FOR INFORMATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during November</li><li>C. Proviso 117.140 Reports</li></ul>

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement would not have any items for consideration.

#### 4. Other Business

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to discuss any other business. President Monhollon asked the Executive Committee to consider adjusting the current meeting structure to six two-day meetings annually, with the four Standing Committees meeting on the first day followed by the CHE Business Meeting on the second day. He proposed that two meetings be held in the morning followed by lunch, then two meetings in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening.

*Chair Hayes excused himself from the meeting and Vice Chair Satcher chaired the meeting.*

President Monhollon described how the proposed schedule would impact campus visits. He said that we could visit one campus, with a tour, lunch and two standing committees in the afternoon on the first day, followed by dinner. President Monhollon said that the remaining two committees could meet on the following day prior to the CHE Business Meeting. President Monhollon said that the CHE Retreat would follow a similar structure.

Commissioner Snyder expressed that the new structure may cause other Commissioners to attend all meetings, rather than their perspective committees as assigned. He suggested having a separate space

within the Commission, in which Commissioners could wait while other Committees have convened. President Monhollon confirmed that there is adequate space available for Commissioners to conduct any other business while waiting. President Monhollon asked whether to present the proposal to the full Commission for discussion and then for action at the February business meeting. Commissioner Satcher said that he would like to have the discussion at the next meeting. Commissioner Snyder recommended only setting up the first two or three meetings as described, rather than scheduling for the full year in that manner, to which Commissioners agreed.

#### **4. Adjourn**

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

