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Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability

Charter

Part I

1. Authority

As granted by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education ("Commission"), pursuant to South Carolina Code ("Code") Section 59-103-25 and in compliance with the Commission's Bylaws (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2.).

The Committee may elect to revise this charter. However, any revisions to the final charter approved by the Committee and the Commission must adhere to the Commission's Bylaws.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability is to provide leadership and guidance to the Commission in pursuit of statutory higher education mission and goals as delineated in Code Section 59-103-15 (A)(1) and (A)(2)(d)(e)(f)(g).

Responsibilities

A. Develop an agency strategic plan.

B. Monitor progress toward achieving the metrics included in an agency strategic plan.

C. Review compliance with state statutes and regulations and make recommendations for revisions or amendments that would empower CHE to achieve its statutory mission and goals.

Membership

The Committee on Strategic and Accountability is defined as a standing committee per the Commission's Bylaws and made up of Commission members as appointed by the Chair of the Commission and Executive

Committee. Members may be reappointed by the Chair of the Commission. The Chair of the Commission shall initially appoint the chair of this committee and thereafter, the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability will elect its own Committee Chair and Vice-Chair (SC CHE Bylaws, Rules & Procedures, Section III.2.).

Members of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability (2025-2026)
Commissioner Doug Snyder (chair)
Commissioner Dino Teppara (vice-chair)
Amy Bigham
Gene Fant
Mark Masters
Mick Zais

Meetings

The Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability will meet at an appointed time, date, and place, prior to each regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission, as recommended by Commission staff and approved by the Committee. The Chair of the Committee has discretionary authority to call a committee meeting. All meetings will be publicly announced and held in compliance with Code Section 30-4-10 - Freedom of Information Act.

Minutes

Minutes should include major topics of discussion, decisions, and action items and submitted for approval by the Committee at the next scheduled Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability meeting. The announcement of the committee meetings, minutes, and agenda will be publicly distributed through the Commission's website.

Charter Approval, Review and Evaluation

The charter of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis upon the election or reelection of the Chair of the Committee.
The charter shall be approved by a full committee vote during a convened meeting and posted on the Commission on Higher Education's website.

The charter was approved by the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability on November 4, 2025; and adopted by the full Commission on December 4, 2025.

Adoption:

Name

Chair, SC Commission on Higher Education

Name

Chair, Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability

Part II

S.C Code of Law

CHE Mission — Code Section 59-103-15(A)(1)

Goals to be achieved through the Mission: — Code Section 59-103-15(A)(2)

(a) high academic quality;
(b) affordable and accessible education;
(c) instructional excellence;
(d) coordination and cooperation with public education;
(e) cooperation among the General Assembly, Commission on Higher Education, Council of Presidents of State Institutions, institutions of higher learning, and the business community;
(f) economic growth;
(g) clearly defined missions.