

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 15, 1983  
10:30 - 11:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman  
Mr. George L. Brightbaird  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. David B. Smith  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Dr. Robert F. Williams  
Mr. Robert L. Wynn III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Dr. Hugh H. Wells  
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Stacy Allison  
Ms. Olivia Dorn-Kennedy  
Ms. Cheryl Irwin  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Mr. Charlie Keyes  
Mr. Duncan Mansfield  
Ms. Charlene Porter  
Mr. Frank Sayles  
Mr. Howard Schneider  
Mr. Kim Smith  
Mr. Jim Tharpe

GUESTS

Dr. Jo Anne Anderson  
Mr. Stephen Elliott  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Mr. Tony Snell

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Mrs. Denise L. Jones  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Ms. Alvena M. Smarr  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett  
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

I. Consideration of "Position Paper on the Improvement of Educational Opportunity in South Carolina"

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission adopted on November 3, 1983, a Position Paper on the Improvement of Educational Opportunity in South Carolina, setting forth its views on the current initiative to improve education in the State. He reported that as the debate on the educational initiative has broadened the Commission deems it desirable to elaborate on the views presented in that position paper and to inform the Governor, the General Assembly, and the public of its additional views on the matter.

A proposed additional position paper stresses the importance of adequate funding for all of public education, including the postsecondary components, as was also the case in the November 3 paper. The second paper also indicates the Commission's support of the educational programs in the "New Approach to Quality Education" developed by two blue-ribbon committees and publicly presented by Governor Riley. The Executive Committee recommends that the proposed additional "Position Paper on the Improvement of Educational Opportunity in South Carolina" be approved. It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Jacobs) that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

Mr. Sheheen invited Commission members to comment on the proposed paper. All of those present spoke concerning the position paper. Mr. Utsey expressed concern that additional revenue "beyond that being generated by current tax levies" is recommended in the paper. At the invitation of the Chairman, President Jackson congratulated the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Council of Presidents, for developing the additional position paper. The motion was adopted, with Mr. Utsey opposing. The position paper is attached as Exhibit A.

It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Wynn), and voted that it is the conviction of the Commission that all funds for all public education must be expended under such sound business principles as to inspire greater public confidence in the educational process.

Mr. Sheheen expressed appreciation to members of the staff who worked with the Executive Committee in preparing the position paper.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary