

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
1333 Main Street, Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

August 25, 2003

Commission Members Present

Mr. Dalton Floyd, Chairman
Ms. Rosemary Byerly
Ms. Sue Cole
Mr. Larry Durham
Dr. Douglas Forbes
Mr. Austin Gilbert
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. James Konduros
Mr. Miles Loadholt
Ms. DeLoris Oliver
Gen. Tom Olsen
Mr. Daniel Ravenel
Dr. Roger Stevenson

Commission Members Absent

Dr. John Griffith

Staff Present

Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Ms. Betsy Gunter
Ms. Deborah Henning
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Tajuana Massie
Ms. Michele McDowell
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Mr. John Smalls
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Rita Allison
Joren Bartlett
Mr. Bill Bragdon
Mr. Jim Byrd
Dr. Anthony Coyne
Dr. Conrad Festa
Maj. Gen. John Grinalds
Mr. Stan Godshall
Col. Curt Holland
Dr. Sally Horner
Dr. Jim Hudgens
Dr. David Hunter
Dr. Ron Ingle
Ms. Karen Jones
Ms. Star Kepner
Ben Legare
Dr. Harry Matthews
Mr. J.P. McKee
Ms. Jackie Olsen
Mr. Lawrence Ray
Ms. Ginger Steel
Mr. Jeff Stensland
Dr. Rita Teal
Ms. Catherine Watt
Dr. Carolyn West
Mr. Richard Williams

For the record, notification of this meeting was made to the public as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commission on Higher Education met on August 25, 2003, at 12:15 a.m. in the conference room at Commission on Higher Education offices.

1. Chairman Floyd called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. and asked Dr. Lynn Kelley to proceed with the introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Floyd asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. That **motion** was made by Ms. Cole, **seconded** by Ms. Byerly and, without discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Chairman Floyd introduced Dr. Douglas Forbes, appointed to the Commission July 25 and Mr. Austin Gilbert, appointed July 11. Dr. Forbes joins the Commission for the first time, while Mr. Gilbert was appointed for a second time, having served on the Commission from 1992 – 2000.
4. Ms. Julie Wahl was asked to give a report on the status of the CHE Study underway: *Foundations for the Future: Higher Education in South Carolina. A summary of that report is Attachment I.*
5. Ms. Chinnes, the former Vice Chair, is no longer with the Commission and therefore Chairman Floyd asked for nominations from the floor to fill the office of Vice Chair. Mr. Konduros nominated Gen. Olsen, Ms. Byerly seconded. There were no more nominations and Gen. Olsen was named Vice Chair of the Commission.
6. Chairman Floyd asked that, due to another event in the middle of the day on September 4, the September meeting could begin at 9:30 a.m. There was no opposition to this suggestion. The September meeting will begin at 9:30.
7. Also, the November meeting of the Commission has been changed from November 6 to November 13. The Trustee Conference is being planned for Wednesday, November 12 prior to the Commission meeting on November 13.
8. The two new Commissioners were both appointed to the Committee on Finance and Facilities in light of the expanded scope and duties of that Committee and the fact that they are both interested in the Finance Committee.
9. The Commission now has three standing Committees now that Performance Funding has been moved into the Finance Division. Ms. Byerly made a **motion** and Mr. Durham **seconded** to ratify the new Committee structure and the vote was unanimous to do so.

10. Mr. Smalls distributed copies of the State Auditor's Report and explained that the "findings" mostly had to do with paper work not having been completed on time. That draft report is **Attachment II**.
11. A **motion** was made by Mr. Ravenel to go into Executive Session to deal with a personnel issue. When called back into regular session, it was reported that Mr. Smalls had tendered his resignation effective September 15 and Dr. Conrad Festa had been offered to position of Executive Director and had accepted. Chairman Floyd complimented Mr. Smalls on having done an admirable job during a very difficult time at the Commission and Dr. Hudgins was recognized and thanked John for being a caring and competent colleague as he dealt with the institutions.
12. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Gunter

Recording Secretary

Attachments I-II

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.