

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1333 Main Street, Suite 200

Columbia, SC 29201

Minutes of the Meeting

December 7, 2006

Commission Members Present

Dr. Layton McCurdy, Chairman
Dr. Doug Forbes
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Dr. Raghu Korrapati
Dr. Louis Lynn
Ms. Cyndi Mosteller
Mr. Dan Ravenel
Mr. Jim Sanders
Mr. Hood Temple
Mr. Ken Wingate
Mr. Neal Workman
Dr. Mick Zais

Commission Members Absent

Col. John Bowden

Staff Present

Mr. Arik Bjorn
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Mike Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Ms. Alyson Goff
Mr. Gary Glenn
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Yolanda Hudson
Ms. Lane Jeselnik
Dr. Lynn Kelley
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail Morrison
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Dr. Charles Bartlow, USC - Columbia
Mr. Bill Bragdon, USC - Columbia
Dr. Carolyn Brightharp, ITT Technical Institute
Ms. Marilyn Burstein, Art Institute of Charleston
Dr. Richard Chapman, Francis Marion University
Dr. Cheryl Cox, State Technical System
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC - Sumter
Mr. Harry Davis, USC - Columbia
Dr. Stephen Dannelly, Winthrop University
Ms. Suzanne Dawsey, Florence-Darlington Technical College

Ms. Janet Day, Art Institute of Atlanta
Mr. Gerry Derksen, Winthrop University
Dr. David Dunlap, Webster University
Dr. Conrad Festa, College of Charleston
Mr. Charles FitzSimons, SC Independent Colleges & Universities
Dr. Marilyn Fore, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Dr. Rew Godow, Lowcountry Graduate Center
Mr. John Hawthorn, ITT Technical Institute
Mr. Craig Hess, Midlands Technical College
Ms. Lynn Hopkins, Trident Technical College
Dr. David Hunter, USC Regional Campuses
Mr. Richard Jerue, Art Institute of Atlanta (Charleston)
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University
Ms. Karen Jones, Winthrop University
Ms. Judy Kotts, Westwood College
Ms. Lynn McClair, EDMC/Art Institute of Charleston
Ms. Pandra Lemrow, SC Department of Education
Mr. Scott Ludlow, State Technical System
Mr. Philip Mauney, MUSC
Dr. Pat Moody, USC - Columbia
Dr. Charles Muse, Florence-Darlington Technical College
Ms. Lou Pagano, Westwood College
Ms. Susan Pryor, USC - Columbia
Ms. Jennifer Pearce, MUSC
Dr. Hugh Rowland, USC - Union
Dr. Marilyn Sarow, Winthrop University
Dr. Gayle Sawyer, Winthrop University
Dr. Carolyn Short, York Technical College
Dr. Rita Teal, SC State University
Dr. Tom Thompson, SC State University
Dr. Aileen Trainer, USC - Columbia
Ms. Laura Vest, ITT Technical Institute
Dr. David Weaver, USC - Columbia
Ms. Linda Weaver-Griggs, York Technical College
Dr. Roger Weikel, Winthrop University

Members of the Press

none

This meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

- Lynn Kelley

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCurdy. Dr. Lynn Kelley introduced the guests all of whom are listed above and who were announced at the meeting. Chairman McCurdy then introduced new Commission member, Dr. Raghu Korrapati of the Computer Sciences Corporation, formerly employed by the CHE from 1990 until 1998. Chairman McCurdy also reported that Commissioner Zais' daughter had recently been named Miss South Carolina USA.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman McCurdy asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 2, 2006. A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes as written.

3. Chairman's Report

- Layton McCurdy

Chairman McCurdy informed the Commission that future Commission meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. instead of 11:00 a.m. on days when no committee meetings will be taking place prior to the Commission meeting. He also reported that there would be an Executive Session at the end of the Commission meeting and prior to the Presidents' Council meeting, scheduled to take place at 1:00 p.m. He explained that consideration of agenda item 4.02 would take place at a later point in the meeting as Commissioner Horne had been delayed in arriving due to automobile difficulty.

4. Committee Reports

4.01 Report of the Executive Committee (No Report)

- Layton McCurdy

4.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Cyndi Mosteller

A. Consideration of 2005-2006 Annual Reports and Appropriation Requests for FY 2007-2008 for EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Projects

1. Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers
at South Carolina State University
2. Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA)

Commissioner Mosteller provided information on the inception of these entities as described in **Attachment I**. She noted that the program at SC

State University has been targeted to non-traditional students within a certain geographical area and that the program's effectiveness would be increased if that geographical area could be expanded. The funding request for this program is \$467,000. Commissioner Mosteller stated that 96% of the program's graduates are placed as teachers in South Carolina, a good portion of whom go to critical needs areas.

A motion was made (Mosteller) and carried to approve the following recommendation:

The Access & Equity and Student Services Committee recommends approval of the FY 2007-08 budget in the amount of \$467,000 for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers.

Commissioner Mosteller provided information on the funding request of the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA), also described in **Attachment I**. This request is for \$5,758, 814. Commissioner Mosteller noted that a new component of this program now targets male minority recruitment and that work is in progress to coordinate these efforts with those of the program at SC State. Commissioner Mosteller noted that CERRA is a pipeline initiative, with efforts to recruit students into teaching beginning in middle school.

A motion was made (Mosteller) to approve the following recommendation:

The Access & Equity and Student Services Committee recommends approval of the FY 2007-08 budget in the amount of \$5,758,814 for the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement.

Discussion took place about the coordination of efforts between the program at SC State and CERRA as well as with the Call Me Mister program at Clemson University. On behalf of the Commission, Chairman McCurdy strongly encouraged such collaboration. Chairman McCurdy also strongly encouraged the Commissioners to read the annual reports provided by both CERRA and SC State, also found in **Attachment I**, which he stated were very thorough and well-done.

Discussion took place about whether any unnecessary duplication existed between CERRA and other existing teacher preparation programs in the state. Dr. Gayle Sawyer of Winthrop University explained that CERRA recruits students to go into teacher preparation at various institutions throughout the state. Discussion took place about the number of recruited students who remain in South Carolina to teach. Though it is difficult to ascertain a specific number, those who receive Teaching Fellows Scholarships can be tracked. Discussion also took place about whether it

would be more cost efficient to recruit teachers through the granting of Teaching Fellows Scholarships as opposed to recruiting teachers through the program at SC State.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

4.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Daniel Ravenel

A. Consideration of Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. Clemson University | - | Golf Practice Facility |
| | - | Fernow Street Cafe' Renovation |
| 2. MUSC | - | Parking Garage II Structural Repairs |
| 3. Spartanburg Community College | - | Tyger River Campus AMTC Renovation |
| 4. Trident Technical College- | | Culinary Arts/Culinary Institute of Charleston Renovation (Palmer Campus) |

B. List of Staff Approvals for October, 2006

Commissioner Ravenel reviewed each of the projects as described in **Attachment II**. He stated that all the projects had been unanimously approved by the Finance and Facilities Committee at their meeting on December 6, 2006.

A **motion** was made (Ravenel) and **carried** to collectively approve the following recommendation for projects 1 - 3 as listed above, with project 4 to be considered separately afterward:

Staff **recommends** approval of this project as proposed.

Commissioner Forbes asked if the program conducted in Charleston by the Atlanta Art Institute was similar to the existing program at Trident Technical College. Representing the Atlanta Art Institute, Dr. Richard Jerue and Ms. Janet Day responded that their program would be working collaboratively with Trident Tech's program. They added that they will offer Associates and Bachelors degrees in Culinary Arts and Culinary Management with a focus on fine dining as opposed to degrees in food services as offered by Trident Tech. Commissioner Ravenel asked how many students the Art Institute of Atlanta will have enrolled in Charleston when they become fully operational. Dr. Jerue responded that there will be between 750 and 1,000 students at that point, with a third of those students enrolled in culinary arts and the rest in art design. Commissioner Ravenel also asked what the annual demand for culinary

graduates is in the Charleston area. Dr. Jerue responded that the number was quite extensive and Commissioner Ravenel reported he had been told that approximately 1,900 graduates are needed each year. Ms. Lynn Hopkins of Trident Tech reported that the capacity for students at their main campus is about 1,000 and the capacity at the Palmer campus is about 500.

The **motion** to approve Trident Technical College's capital project was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Ravenel made reference to the List of Staff Approvals for October 2006, also described in **Attachment II**, which was provided for information only.

4.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

A. Consideration of New Program Proposals

1. A.C.T., Telecommunications System Management, Florence-Darlington Tech
2. A.H.S., Physical Therapist Assistant, Horry-Georgetown Tech at the Grand Strand campus
3. A.H.S., Biotechnology, Greenville Tech
4. A.P.S., Criminal Justice Technology, York Tech
5. B.S., Middle Level Education, Francis Marion
6. B.S., Tourism Management, USC - Columbia
7. B.S., Information Design, Winthrop
8. Children's Law Center, USC - Columbia

B. Consideration of Initial Licenses

1. Consideration of Request for Initial License for Branch in Charleston, South Carolina, Art Institute of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.
A.A., (1) Culinary Arts, (2) Graphic Design, and (3) Interactive Media Design
B.S., Culinary Arts Management
B.F.A., (1) Graphic Design, (2) Interactive Media Design, (3) Interior Design, (4) Photographic Imaging
2. Consideration of Request for Initial Licensing to Recruit in South Carolina, Westwood College, Atlanta, GA
A.O.S., Medical Assisting
A.A.S., (1) Computer Aided Design/Multimedia, (2) Computer Network Engineering, (3) Fashion Merchandising, (4) Graphic Design and Multimedia
B.S., (1) Animation, (2) Business Administration, (3) Computer Network Management, (4) Criminal Justice, (5) E-Business Management, (6) Fashion Merchandising, (7) Game Art Design, (8) Game Software Development,

(9) Information Systems Security, (10) Interior Design, (11) Visual Communication, (12) Web Design and Multimedia

C. Consideration of Amendment to Existing License to Add a Branch

1. Consideration of Request to Amend License for Additional Location in Columbia, South Carolina, ITT Technical Institute, Carmel, IN
A.A.S., (1) Computer Drafting and Design, (2) Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology, (3) Information Technology
B.S., (1) Construction Management, (2) Criminal Justice, (3) Information Systems Security

D. Consideration of Proposed Amendment to Regulations Governing Nonpublic Postsecondary Institutions to Require Accreditation

**E. Annual Report on the Academic Common Market, Fiscal Year 2005-06
(For Information Only)**

Commissioner Mosteller was asked by Chairman McCurdy to present the report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing in the absence of Commissioner Horne, who had been temporarily detained.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendations**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Florence-Darlington Technical College's proposed program leading to the Associate Degree in Computer Technology, with a major in Telecommunications Systems Management to be implemented in Spring 2007, provided that no additional "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided that the current Associate Degree in Computer Programming be simultaneously closed to new enrollment.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Horry-Georgetown Technical College's proposed program leading to the Associate Degree in Health Sciences with a major in Physical Therapist Assistant, to be implemented in Fall 2007, at the Grand Strand campus, provided that no additional "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested, and provided that Horry-Georgetown Technical College complete articulation agreements with Coastal Carolina University and the Medical University of South Carolina as stated in the Committee meeting.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Greenville Technical College's proposed program leading to the Associate Degree in Health Science with a major

in Biotechnology, to be implemented in Spring 2007, provided that no additional "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommend that the Commission approve the proposed program at York Technical College leading to the Associate Degree in Public Service with a major in Criminal Justice Technology, to be implemented in Spring 2007 provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding is required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve Francis Marion University's proposed program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, major in Middle Level Education, to be implemented in Spring 2007, provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided further that the program be approved by the State Board of Education prior to implementation.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve USC-Columbia's proposed program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Tourism Management to be implemented in Fall 2007 provided that no "unique cost" or other special state funding be required or requested and provided that the current Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management be changed in name to a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Hospitality Management simultaneously with the implementation of the new program.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends the Commission approve the program from Winthrop University, leading to the Bachelor of Science degree, major in Information Design, to be implemented in Fall 2007, provided that no "unique cost" or special state funding be required or requested.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends the Commission approve the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina-Columbia, to be implemented immediately upon Commission approval.

Commissioner Mosteller briefly reviewed each of the 8 projects listed in item **4.02A** above, also described in **Attachment III**.

It was noted that the articulation agreements mentioned in the Horry-Georgetown Technical College program recommendation have already been completed.

Commissioner Mosteller noted that York Technical College's program proposal states that their library's physical holdings do not meet the standards of the Association for College and Research Libraries for community, junior, and technical colleges. She inquired as to whether this statement pertained specifically to the proposed program, or whether the statement was about the general capacity of the library at the institution. Ms. Linda Weaver-Griggs of York Technical College responded that the statement was directed to the program proposal itself. She added that funds budgeted for purchasing materials as well as for providing access to electronic collections and reciprocal borrowing should assure adequacy of library resources for the program.

With regard to the program proposal at Greenville Technical College, it was noted that the demand for trained laboratory technicians has increased dramatically with the expansion of research funding in South Carolina and that articulation between two and four year programs in the field of biotechnology is vital. Commissioner Sanders suggested that an articulation segment always be included in the consideration of a program proposal. Dr. Gail Morrison responded that this is already part of the procedure and that it is examined in the consideration of every associate degree program. At Commissioner Sanders suggestion, the Commissioners agreed that each future degree program proposal be accompanied by the relevant articulation agreement and that the program's final approval be contingent upon the Commission's receipt of a completed copy of that articulation agreement.

Commissioner Wingate inquired about the status of the articulation agreement between York Technical College and Winthrop University with regard to Winthrop's proposed information design program. Karen Jones of Winthrop University responded that the two institutions were already in the process of working on that agreement. Commissioner Forbes asked whether similar programs at other institutions throughout the state were already fully subscribed in enrollment. USC officials responded that the information design programs at USC are new and it is anticipated that they will be full. Dr. Conrad Festa replied that the College of Charleston does not have an equivalent program. It was noted that the similar program at USC - Upstate does exist but is relatively new. Commissioner Lynn inquired as to whether there is currently a professor of information design at Winthrop. Steve Dannelly of Winthrop responded that the program represents an integration among four different departments so available seat space in existing courses is being used for some parts of the program, and that new faculty will be needed in each of the departments regardless of whether or not this particular program might be approved.

Discussion then took place as to whether the MRR might apply to the Children's Law Center proposal. Dr. Morrison explained that since it is a center rather than an academic proposal, the Children's Center would not be funded through the

MRR. She added, however, that the major purpose of an institution requesting Commission approval for a "center, bureau, or institute" is to officially permit the institution to request state funding specifically for such an entity.

The **motion** to approve all the public institutions' programs of study and the Children's Law Center was then brought to the table and **carried**.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendations**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends to the Commission initial licensure for five years to The Art Institute of Atlanta to establish a branch campus in Charleston, South Carolina to offer programs leading to the Associate of Arts degree in (1) Culinary Arts, (2) Graphic Design, and (3) Interactive Media Design; the Bachelor of Arts degree in Culinary Arts Management; and the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in (1) Graphic Design, (2) Interactive Design Media, (3) Interior Design, and (4) Photographic Imaging, all to be implemented in April 2007. The Committee further recommends that the Commission delegate to the staff authorization to license the site in Charleston when the facility has been developed.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve application for initial licensure by Westwood College for five years to recruit South Carolina residents beginning immediately into programs leading to the B.S., A.A.S., and A.O.S. degrees in the majors listed in the summary.

Commissioner Mosteller provided a description of each of the licensure requests, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**.

Commissioner Lynn inquired about what financial assistance might be available to needy students enrolled at the Art Institute of Charleston. Dr. Richard Jerue replied that students would be eligible for Title IV federal financial aid, including Pell grants and direct student loans. Institutional loans and scholarships will also be available for students demonstrating need. Students would not, however, be eligible for state loans, grants, or scholarships. It was noted that, prior to its departure from the Charleston area, students enrolled at Johnson and Wales did not choose to complete bachelor's degrees in culinary arts primarily because of the insignificant salary differential between associate's degree and bachelor's degree holders. Those students at Johnson and Wales who as a career goal sought greater income potential than can be had typically with an associate's degree in culinary arts almost exclusively chose to enroll in a program leading to a bachelor's degree in restaurant and hotel management.

Ms. Renea Eshleman responded to Commissioner Mosteller's inquiry about the consideration of Westwood College's initial license to recruit, explaining that this involves an institution which will have a physical presence in the state by virtue

of having recruiters here or by using state-based advertising as opposed to having an actual branch located here. In response to Commissioner Temple's question, it was noted that students who attend this type of institution are not eligible for state scholarships and loans. Ms. Renea Eshleman responded to Commissioner Lynn's question about who audits the activities of this type of institution by stating that the licensing entity in Georgia would be responsible for auditing Westwood's activities that take place in Georgia, in this case, the delivery of the programs. Dr. Morrison also pointed out that a prerequisite to licensing in South Carolina is authorization in the home state. Ms. Eshleman also noted that even though licenses of this type are for periods of as many as five years, CHE requires annual reporting from the institutions. Commissioner Horne asked about student loan default rates; institution officials will provide the information to the staff to send to Dr. Horne.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Mosteller provided information about the request to amend the license for an additional location in Columbia made by ITT Technical Institute, more detail about which may be found in **Attachment V**. She noted that ITT Technical Institute planned to implement this program in February 2007. Representing ITT Technical Institute, Ms. Laura Vest explained that classes would not actually start until June 2007.

Commissioner Ravenel inquired about whether a branch had ever existed in the Charleston area. Ms. Vest replied that there had not, and that the initial SC branch is in Greenville. Commissioner Mosteller inquired about whether there were any parameters regarding what is produced by a graduate of the B.S. degree in Digital Entertainment and Game Design. Representing ITT Technical Institute, Mr. John Hawthorne responded that the culture of their organization does not encourage the development of products which advocate violence. He stated, however, that the institution has no control over the products of graduates, usually developed under the direction of their future employers.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission approve amendment to the license of ITT Technical Institution to offer at a new branch in Columbia programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science in (1) Computer Drafting and Design, (2) Computer and Electronics Engineering Technology, and (3) Information Technology; and programs leading to the Bachelor of Science in (1) Construction Management, (2) Criminal Justice, and (3) Information Systems Security for implementation in February 2007. The Committee further recommends that the Commission delegate to the staff authorization to license the site in Columbia when the facility has been developed.

In response to Commissioner Sanders' question about the B.S. degree in

Construction Management, Mr. Hawthorne replied that this program was new and that it was developed as a result of the demand of employers. The program is tied into computer drafting and design and allows its graduates to manage projects from the ground up. Both traditional and non-traditional students will enroll in this program.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Mosteller provided information about item 4.02D, as noted above, additional detail about which may be found in **Attachment VI**.

A **motion** was made (Mosteller) to approve the following **recommendation**:

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing recommends that the Commission authorize the staff to pursue the change in the regulations to require that in-state, degree-granting institutions gain accreditation from an accrediting agency approved by the Commission; and that non-degree-granting institutions receive accreditation as a non-degree-granting institution by an accrediting agency approved by the Commission prior to applying for approval to offer programs leading to degrees.

In response to Commissioner Mosteller's question about whether the Charleston School of Law brought this type of situation to light, Ms. Renea Eshleman responded that yes, somewhat, along with an increase in inquiries from persons interested in start-up degree-granting institutions.

The **motion** was the brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Mosteller stated that item 4.02E, the Annual Report on the Academic Common Market Program, FY 2005-06 (**Attachment VII**), was provided for information only.

5. Legislative Update

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo made reference to articles and information which had been distributed to the Commissioners, all of which may be found **Attachment VIII**. This material includes articles from the National Conference of State Legislatures and *The Chronicle of Higher Education* about the importance of legislative involvement in higher education. Other items include a list of the 18 new freshmen members elected to the House of Representatives, a list of the new committee assignments the House made at its recent organizational meeting, information on the CHE's FY 2007-08 budget requests, and the CHE's FY 2007-08 Legislative Priorities. Ms. Carullo reported that the Governor has begun to preview items in his budget, though he has not yet considered higher education items. The full budget is expected to be revealed during the first week of the new legislative session in early January. The House Ways and Means Committee will be first to start considering the budget.

Legislation has been pre-filed in both the Senate and the House. There have been 101 bills pre-filed thus far in the Senate, 7 of which are related to higher education. Information about these is also located in **Attachment VIII**. One of the bills pertains to the Life Scholarship program and the consistency of transcripts of home-schooled students used in considering eligibility for the program. Other bills pre-filed include those which have to do with the establishment of a law school at SC State University, free tuition for returning members of the active military, and the termination of the Tuition Pre-payment Program. Commissioner Sanders and Chairman McCurdy thanked Ms. Carullo for the excellent format in which this information was provided.

6. Report of the Interim Executive Director

- Gail Morrison

Dr. Morrison reported that Ms. Rita Allison was unable to be in attendance today due to the fact that she was enjoying time with her recently born second grandchild. She stated that a very productive and encouraging meeting with Representative Cooper had taken place at which the CHE's agency and institutional budget requests as well as some below the line requests had been discussed. Dr. Morrison stated that some technology issues were underway. Blackboard and WEB CT, two learning platforms used by institutions to manage courses, have merged. This has provided the opportunity to look at a license that is statewide in nature, and which will have some cost efficiencies. With the assistance of the CIO's office, an RFP process has begun to acquire a web-based course audit system. The development of a student access portal is underway thanks to money being contributed by the Student Loan Corporation as well as through cooperative efforts between the CHE, the Student Loan Corporation, the Department of Education, Independent Colleges, and the State Technical System. Dr. Morrison stated that the Department of Commerce is partnering with the CHE in regard to workforce development. She noted that Dr. Karen Woodfaulk's staff had developed a wonderful brochure publicizing College Goal Sunday (**Attachment IX**), which is currently being distributed among GEAR UP students throughout the state with a view towards increasing that distribution in South Carolina high schools when additional funding for that purpose becomes available.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Ravenel made note of an article which had recently appeared in the Charleston Regional Business Journal which he stated provided the best explanation he had seen of the Lambda Light Rail.

A **motion** was then made (Horne) and **carried** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

8. Adjournment

The CHE meeting resumed after Executive Session and no further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Commissioners proceeded to the meeting of the Commission and the Presidents' Council at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Rogers

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Recording Secretary

Attachments I - IX

*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.