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## MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, February 27, 2025  
12:05 p.m.  
Room 427 – Blatt Building

### Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly’s website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on Committee Postings and Reports, then under House Standing Committees click on Legislative Oversight. Then, click on Video Archives for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

### Attendance

- I. The Education and Cultural Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair Timothy A. “Tim” McGinnis on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in Room 427 of the Blatt Building. All subcommittee members (Chair McGinnis; Representative Phillip Bowers; Representative Michael Rivers; Representative Paul Wickensimer; Representative Robert Williams) were present for all or a portion of the meeting.

### Minutes

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

## Approval of Minutes

- I. Representative Wickensimer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from prior meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

Rep. Wickensimer's motion to approve meeting minutes.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Bowers	✓.		
Rep. McGinnis	✓.		
Rep. Rivers			✓.
Rep. Wickensimer	✓.		
Rep. Williams	✓.		

## Discussion of Commission on Higher Education, Findings and Recommendations

- I. Chair McGinnis acknowledges that Katie Harrison, Executive Director of Tuition Grants Commission is already sworn in from the Full Committee meeting, Thursday March 9, 2023, and that she remains under oath. Chair McGinnis asks if there is any additional agency staff who may address the subcommittee today or at future meetings that have not been placed under oath. Zachary Christian, Deputy Director of Tuition Grants, was then sworn in.
- II. Executive Director Harrison then begins presenting her overview of the agency.
- III. Topics of Discussion include:
- a. Agency mission and vision
  - b. Commission compositions, duties, and members
  - c. Agency organization
  - d. Agency history and statutory responsibilities
  - e. Recent board action
  - f. Partnerships with other entities
  - g. Participating independent colleges and universities

Throughout the testimony, members ask Executive Director Harrison questions, and she responds.

## Adjournment

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.