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MINUTES **COMMISSION MEETING** **OPEN SESSION**

May 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Acting Chairman Donald Gist at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Present were Commissioners Brian M. Barnwell, Scott E. Frick, and Donald H. Jackson. Joining via Zoom call were Commissioners AJ Holloway and Brandolyn T. Pinkston. Chairman Childs Cantey Thrasher had an excused absence for this meeting.

Staff present: Meghan Walker, Rynne Caldwell, Kevin Hinson, Jimmy Bagnall, Reggie Gaymon, and Deaven Linen were in attendance. Ami Franklin and Courtney Laster joined via Zoom call.

Others present: Avery Wilks.

Acting Chairman Gist declared a quorum present. Director Meghan Walker noted for the record that the news media was duly notified. Director Walker welcomed Scott E. Frick, the newest Commission member of the State Ethics Commission.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Director Walker presented the Budget, Compliance Report, and Pending and Paid Orders for information and requested any opposition or discussion. There was none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Acting Chairman Gist asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnwell, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and probable cause matters. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Returned from Executive Session at 12:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chairman Gist asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnwell, seconded by Commissioner Frick, to adjourn at 12:49 p.m. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deaven Linen".

Deaven Linen