

# *State of South Carolina*

## *State Ethics Commission*

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### **MINUTES**

### **COMMISSION MEETING**

### **OPEN SESSION**

**September 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Acting Chairman Brian M. Barnwell at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Present were Commissioners Scott E. Frick and Donald H. Jackson. Joining via Zoom call were Commissioners AJ Holloway, Brandolyn T. Pinkston, and Childs C. Thrasher. Chairman Gist had an excused absence for this meeting.

Staff present: Courtney Laster, Rynne Caldwell, Kristin Nabors, Kevin Hinson, Jimmy Bagnall, Reggie Gaymon, and Deaven Linen were in attendance. Ami Franklin and Karen A. Wiggins joined via Zoom call.

Acting Chairman Barnwell declared a quorum present. General Counsel Laster noted for the record that the news media was duly notified and FOIA has been complied with.

### **MINUTES**

Acting Chairman Barnwell called for any discussion or approval of the Minutes from the July 15, 2021 Commission meeting. After Commissioner Frick noted an error in the Executive Session Minutes, there was a motion to approve the Open Session Minutes by Commissioner Jackson and seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. The motion carried unanimously.

### **OFFICE OPERATIONS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

General Counsel Laster gave an update on the report coming out soon from the House Oversight Committee's review of the State Ethics Committee. Also announced was the soon-to-be-released new electronic filing system for Statement of Economic Interests and Campaign Disclosure filers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Acting Chairman Barnwell asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrasher, 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 10:14 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chairman Barnwell asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deaven Linen