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MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

May 19, 2022

The May 19, 2022, meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman AJ Holloway via zoom at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Vice Chairman Scott Frick, Commissioner Matthew N. Tyler, Commissioner F. Xavier Starkes, Commissioner Neal D. Truslow and Commissioner Mary Hunter B. Tomlinson were in attendance. Commissioner Brandolyn T. Pinkston appeared via Zoom call.

Staff present: Meghan Walker, Ryanne Caldwell, Courtney Laster, Kevin Hinson, Reggie Gaymon, Rachael O'Bryan and Deaven Linen were in attendance. Ami Franklin and Karen A. Wiggins joined via Zoom call.

Chairman AJ Holloway declared a quorum present. Director Walker noted for the record that the news media was duly notified.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Holloway resigned as acting Chairman. According to Commission policy Vice Chairman Frick becomes Acting Chairman. Director Walker called for a motion to nominate a Vice Chairman. A nomination was made for Commissioner Holloway to become Vice Chairman by Commissioner Pinkston and seconded by Commissioner Starkes. Commissioner Holloway was elected to be the Vice Chairman. The motion carried with a 6 – 0 vote, with Commissioner Holloway not participating.

MINUTES

Chairman Frick called for an approval of the minutes. Chairman Frick asked for any discussion or opposition. A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Starkes, to accept the minutes. The motion carried with no opposition to approve the open and executive session minutes from the March 17, 2022, Commission meeting. The motion carried with a 7 - 0 vote.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session to hear probable cause matters and to receive legal advice on pending litigation. A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Truslow. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to return from executive session. A motion was made by Commissioner Starkes, seconded by Commissioner Tyler. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Frick asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Truslow, to adjourn at 11:44 a.m. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deaven Linen