

# *State of South Carolina*

## *State Ethics Commission*

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### MINUTES

#### COMMISSION MEETING

#### OPEN SESSION

#### January 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chairman Childs C. Thrasher via Zoom at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Vice Chairman Donald Gist, Commissioner Brian M. Barnwell, Commissioner Donald H. Jackson, Commissioner Brandolyn T. Pinkston, Commissioner AJ Holloway and Commissioner Scott Frick also appeared via Zoom call.

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

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

### MINUTES

Chairman Thrasher called for an approval of the minutes. Chairman Thrasher asked for any discussion or opposition. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gist, seconded by Commissioner Frick, to accept the minutes. The motion carried with no opposition to approve the open and executive session minutes from the November 18, 2021, Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously 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. A lengthy discussion ensued about the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Director Walker did not have any new business. Chairman Thrasher requested that Director Walker present a review at the March 17, 2022 Commission meeting of the Commission's accomplishments and future endeavors

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

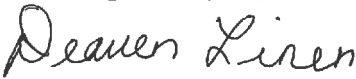
Chairman Thrasher asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gist, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters and probable cause matters. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Thrasher asked for further discussion or a motion to return from executive session at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Holloway, seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thrasher asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Pinkston, seconded by Vice Chairman Gist, to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Deaven Linen