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COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

September 18, 2025

The September 18, 2025 meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman F. Xavier Starkes at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman F. Xavier Starkes, Vice Chairman Neal D. Truslow, Commissioner Matthew N. Tyler, Commissioner Mary Hunter B. Tomlinson, and Commissioner Helen Munnerlyn were in attendance. Commissioner Bryant Caldwell and Commissioner Sara Parrish appeared via Zoom call.

Staff present: Meghan Walker Dayson, Ami Franklin, Courtney Laster, Kevin Hinson, Rynne Caldwell, Reggie Gaymon, W.B. White, Jr., Timothy J. Plunkett, and Rachael O'Bryan, were in attendance.

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

MINUTES

Chairman Starkes called for the approval of the July 17, 2025 minutes. Chairman Starkes asked for any discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Truslow, seconded by Commissioner Tomlinson, to accept the minutes from the July 17, 2025 Commission meeting. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Dayson referred the Commissioners to Commission policies to be considered for adoption. Director Dayson stated they are the policies currently in place for the Commission, but were signed by the previous Chairman and she thought it would be appropriate for them to be reviewed and adopted by the current Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner

Munnerlyn, seconded by Commissioner Tomlinson, to adopt the policies as written. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

Director Dayson presented the Budget, Compliance reports, and Pending and Paid Orders report for information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Starkes asked for further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session to hear probable cause matters, receive a human resource update, and receive legal advice pursuant to Section 52-204 of the S.C. Code of Regulation. A motion was made by Commissioner Tomlinson, seconded by Commissioner Munnerlyn, to go into executive session to hear probable cause matters, receive a human resource update, and receive legal advice pursuant to Section 52-204 of the S.C. Code of Regulation. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Starkes asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Tomlinson, to adjourn at 11:52 a.m. The motion carried with a 7 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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