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COMMISSION MEETING

OPEN SESSION

July 16, 2026

The July 16, 2026 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, Commissioner Matthew N. Tyler, Commissioner Helen Munnerlyn and Commissioner Kristian Cross were in attendance. Commissioner Mary Hunter B. Tomlinson, Commissioner Bryant S. Caldwell, and Commissioner Sara Parrish appeared via Zoom. Vice Chair, Neal D. Truslow initially appeared via Zoom, then physically arrived at the Hearing Room at 10:06 a.m.

Staff present: Meghan Walker Dayson, Ami Franklin, Courtney Laster, Jordan Davis, Kevin Hinson, Ryanne Caldwell, Reggie Gaymon, W.B. White, Jr., Timothy J. Plunkett, Marquita Kessler and Erin Caughman 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 May 21, 2026 minutes. Chairman Starkes asked for any discussion. A motion was made by Commissioner Munnerlyn, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, to accept the minutes from the May 21, 2026 Commission meeting. The motion carried with an 8 – 0 vote.

MOTION TO DISMISS

C2019-105 State Ethics Commission vs. Dalhi Myers

Attorney Jordan Davis presented a Joint Motion to Dismiss Complaint C2019-105 against Dahli Myers. Attorney Davis provided that the motion was filed because Respondent pled guilty to one

count of Misconduct in Office and three counts of Use of Position for Financial Gain and paid restitution to the County. The counts to which Respondent pled encompassed the same conduct charged in C2019-105. A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler to grant the Motion to Dismiss and seconded by Commissioner Munnerlyn. The motion carried with a vote of 8-0.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Starkes asked for any further discussion or a motion to go into Executive Session to hear probable cause matters. A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Munnerlyn, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried with an 8–0 vote.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners returned from Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. Chairman Starkes noted for the record that no votes, other than those allowed by statute, were taken in executive session.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSION OFFICERS

Commissioner Starkes issued the Oath of Office to Commissioner Truslow, swearing in Commissioner Truslow as the Commission Chairman. Commissioner Truslow then issued the Oath of Office to Commissioner Parrish, swearing in Commissioner Parrish as the Commission Vice-Chairman.

After being sworn in, Chairman Truslow presided over the Commission’s meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S DELEGATION OF DUTIES

Chairman Truslow delegated the power to sign subpoenas to Executive Director, Meghan Walker Dayson. A motion was made by Commissioner Starkes and seconded by Commissioner Munnerlyn. The motion carried with an 8-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Munnerlyn, seconded by Commissioner Starkes, to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. The motion carried with an 8 – 0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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