

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2021

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present In-Person

Barry Malphrus – Vice Chairman

Robin Blackwood – Secretary

Gary Kocher, M.D.

Eddie Miller

Stephanie Rawlinson

Present Microsoft Teams

Gary Lemel – Chairman

Absent

David Thomas

DDSN Administrative Staff

Constance Holloway, Interim State Director and General Counsel; Pat Maley, Deputy Director and Interim Chief Financial Officer; Michael Mickey, Director of Information Technology Division; Ken Parks, IT Manager and Christie Linguard, Administrative Coordinator.

Others Present on the Conference Line

Christin Mack, Find Great People and Philip Willis, Senate Oversight Senior Analyst.

Call to Order and Notice of Meeting Statement

Chairman Lemel called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM and Secretary Blackwood read a statement of announcement about the meeting that was distributed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion by Commissioner Rawlinson, seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by the Commission members, the agenda was approved as presented. (Attachment A)

Executive Session

At 3:33 p.m., Commissioner Malphrus made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the list of candidates for the executive state director position. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rawlinson and unanimously approved by the commission.

Rise Out of Executive Session

At 5:03 p.m., the commission rose out of executive session and Commissioner Malphrus noted that there were no decisions, motions or action taken during executive session. He also noted that Chairman Lemel had to leave the meeting a few minutes early because of a prior commitment.

Commissioner Rawlinson made a motion to remove candidates number four (4) and eight (8) from the pool of candidates presented by Find Great People; and the commission will begin interviewing candidates at 9:00 AM on June 9th and 10th for 30 minutes each during executive session via Zoom. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and unanimously approved by the commission.

Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Blackwood seconded by Commissioner Rawlinson and unanimously approved by the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Christie D. Linguard
Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:



Commissioner Robin Blackwood
Secretary

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3:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order *Chairman Gary Lemel*
2. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Robin Blackwood*
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Executive Session *Chairman Gary Lemel*
Presentation of Candidates for State Director Position
5. Rise from Executive Session
6. Adjournment