

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2021

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.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

Gary Lemel – Chairman

Robin Blackwood – Secretary

Gary Kocher, M.D.

Eddie Miller

Stephanie Rawlinson

Present Microsoft Teams

Barry Malphrus – Vice Chairman

Absent

David Thomas

DDSN Administrative Staff

Constance Holloway, Interim State Director and General Counsel; 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

Call to Order and Notice of Meeting Statement

Chairman Lemel called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. 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 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Blackwood made a motion to go into executive session to interview candidates for the executive state director position. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by the commission.

Rise Out of Executive Session

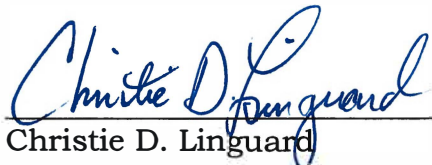
At 1:11 p.m., the commission rose out of executive session and Commissioner Malphrus noted that there were no decisions, motions or action taken during executive session.

Commissioner Rawlinson thanked commission members for their presence for today's meeting. She then made a motion to proceed with another interview of candidates 2, 3, 4 and 5 at their convenience. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and unanimously approved by the commission.

Adjournment

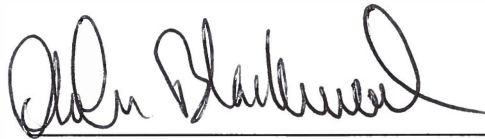
On a motion by Commissioner Miller seconded by Commissioner Blackwood and unanimously approved by the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Submitted by:



Christie D. Linguard  
Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:



Commissioner Robin Blackwood  
Secretary

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**A G E N D A**

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**9:00 A.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*  
Interview Candidates for State Director Position
5. Rise from Executive Session
6. Adjournment