South Carolina Commission for the Blind
1430 Confederate Avenue
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Special Called Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021

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Call to Order

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. The meeting was conducted in-person and via Zoom Meeting software.

Present

Dr. Judy Johnson, Chairperson
Mary Sonksen, Secretary
Catherine Olker
Susan John
Darline Graham, Commissioner

Adoption of Agenda

Susan John made a motion to accept the August 3, 2021 Agenda. It was seconded by Mary Sonksen. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Chairperson Johnson called for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, specifically, Commissioner Darline Graham’s Performance Evaluation for the past year. A motion was made by Susan John and seconded by Mary Sonksen. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Johnson stated that the members were out of Executive Session and no vote was taken.

Susan John made a motion to approve the Agency Head Performance Evaluation for fiscal year 2021. The motion was seconded by Mary Sonksen. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan John made a motion to send a letter to Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Chair of the Agency Head Salary Commission, with edits that were discussed in the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Cathy Olker. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Johnson expressed appreciation to the Commissioner for her leadership skills and vision for the agency. Several comments were made by Commissioners stating that after reviewing the evaluation from the previous year, and comparing it to what was done this year, it was “mind blowing”. The Commissioner was credited for having an excellent team to work with, especially considering COVID challenges, other changes, and that so much effort was put forth to accomplish big tasks. All board members expressed appreciation for everything that was accomplished.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Johnson called for a motion to adjourn at 10:26 am. A motion was made by Mary Sonksen and seconded by Cathy Olker. No discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Signatures

Dr. Judy Johnson, Chairperson

Mary Sonksen, Secretary

Date