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**Minutes of the December 22, 2020, meeting of the
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control**

The South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control met on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., in the Board Room of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. (Attachment 0-1)

The following members were in attendance:

Mark Elam, Chairman
J.B. (Sonny) Kinney, 1st District
Seema Shrivastava-Patel, 2nd District
Richard V. Lee, Jr., 5th District
Alex A. Singleton, 6th District

In attendance via telephone
Jim P. Creel, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Charles M. Joye, II, P.E., 3rd District
Robert Morgan, MD, 4th District

Also, in attendance were Rupinderjit S. Grewal, Legal Counsel; Kim Warnock, Acting Clerk of the Board; Marcus Robinson, Human Resources Director; and Department staff. The meeting was also available via Livestream.

Chairman Elam called the meeting to order and stated notice of this meeting had been provided to all persons, organizations and news media, which have requested notification, as required by Section 30-4-80(e) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Item 1: Search for Agency Director

Chairman Elam introduced the matter and stated that the board had received many qualified candidates during the search for a new agency director. He named Keith Munson, Dr. Edward Simmer, and Dr. Matthew van Patton as the top candidates for the position.

Mr. Lee made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session pursuant to SC Code Section 30-4-70(A)(1) and (A)(2) to discuss appointment of a new agency director. Mr. Kinney seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Elam stated the Board was back in public session and while in Executive Session no actions were taken.

Chairman Elam opened discussion for the board members to speak on the final candidates.

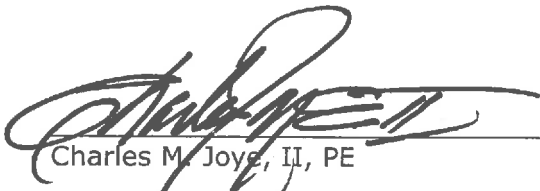
The board members discussed each of the final candidates.

Following discussion, **Mr. Lee made a motion that the Board appoint Edward Simmer as Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control pending approval by the Governor and confirmation by the South Carolina Senate. Mr. Singleton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

All referenced attachments are made a permanent part of these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles M. Joyce, II, PE

Minutes approved this 7th day of January 2021.

ATTEST:



Mark R. Elam, Chairman