



Allen Amsler, *Chairman*  
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L. Clarence Batts, Jr., *Secretary*

**Board:**  
R. Kenyon Wells  
Charles M. Joye II, P.E.  
David W. Gillespie, MD

## Minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting of the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control

The South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control met on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 10:00 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:

Allen Amsler, Member-at-Large  
L. Clarence Batts, Secretary, 4th District  
R. Kenyon Wells, 2nd District  
Charles M. Joye, II, P.E., 3rd District

Via Telephone

Ann B. Kirol, DDS, Vice Chair, 5th District  
David W. Gillespie, MD, 6th District

1st District and 7th District seats are currently vacant.

Also in attendance were Catherine E. Heigel, Director; W. Marshall Taylor, Legal Counsel; Lisa L. Longshore, Clerk; Department staff and members of the public. (Attachment 0-2) The meeting was live streamed on the internet.

Chairman Allen Amsler 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.

Mr. Kenyon Wells recognized Aleshia Hunter with Anderson County for her outstanding work with Anderson County and in assisting his son with understanding new flood plain restrictions for property he was purchasing there. Specifically, Mr. Wells complimented Ms. Hunter on her knowledge of FEMA regulations and guidelines and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control regulations. He further noted her willingness to go over and beyond to assist both the home buyer and seller in navigating changes to federal flood plain maps.

### **Item 1: Executive Session – Discussion of a personnel matter**

Chairman Amsler asked for a Motion for an Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel matter. ***Mr. Joye moved, seconded by Mr. Batts, to go into Executive Session. The Board voted and Motion carried.***

Chairman Amsler announced the Board was back in public session and while in Executive Session, no actions were taken, but during executive session, Director Heigel submitted her resignation to the Board effective August 5. The Board expressed their appreciation for all Director Heigel has done for the Agency.

Mr. Amsler stated "we will certainly miss you, Catherine, and we all appreciate the job you have done, and we should feel fortunate for having you here for two years because what you have done has been nothing short of incredible, in my opinion, and I think the Board would share that opinion".

Director Heigel made a brief statement to the Board and DHEC staff stating "this has been really the professional privilege of lifetime for me to serve as director of this incredible agency." She then read a memo that was provided to all employees via email. (Attachment 1-1)

Chairman Amsler stated there was a need for a vote to amend the agenda for the meeting to consider Director Heigel's resignation; and to consider an Acting Director to serve during the interim period.

***Mr. Batts moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, to amend the agenda to include Item 2: Consideration of Director Heigel's resignation and Item 3: Consideration of an Acting Director to serve during the interim period, from August 5, 2017, until a new Director is appointed by the Board, approved by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate; and, further, that the Board find that an exigent circumstance exists, specifically the need to ensure smooth succession of Department leadership, if the items are not added to the agenda. The Board voted and Motion carried.***

**Item 2: Consideration of Director Heigel's resignation**

***Mr. Joye moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, to accept Director Heigel's resignation. The Board voted and Motion carried.*** (Attachment 2-1)

**Item 3: Appointment of an Acting Director to serve from August 5, 2017, until a new Director is appointed by the Board, approved by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate**

***Mr. Batts moved, seconded by Dr. Gillespie, to appoint David E. Wilson as Acting Director to serve from August 5, 2017, until a new Director is appointed by the Board, approved by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. The Board voted and Motion carried.***

Being no further business, Chairman Amsler adjourned the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
L. Clarence Batts, Jr., Secretary

Minutes approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.

ATTEST:

  
Allen Amsler, Chairman

Attachments

0-1 Agenda

0-2 Attendance Roster

1-1 Memorandum to staff announcing Director Heigel's resignation

2-1 Director Heigel's resignation letter