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**Minutes of the April 8, 2021, meeting of the
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control**

The South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control met on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Boardroom (#3420) at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. (Attachment 0-1)

The following members were in attendance virtually:

Mark Elam, Chairman
J.B. (Sonny) Kinney, 1st District
Richard V. Lee, Jr., 5th District
Jim P. Creel, Jr., Vice-Chairman, 7th District
Robert Morgan, MD, 4th District

Not in attendance:
Seema Shrivastava-Patel, 2nd District
Charles M. Joye, II, P.E., 3rd District
Morris E. Brown, III, MD, 6th District

Also, in attendance were Dr. Edward Simmer, Director, W. Marshall Taylor, Jr., General Counsel; M. Denise Crawford, Clerk; 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: Minutes of March 11, 2021 meeting (Attachment 1-1)

Mr. Kinney moved, seconded by Dr. Morgan, to approve the minutes as presented. The Board voted and Motion carried.

Item 2: Agency Affairs

Dr. Edward Simmer, Director, updated the Board on,

- the agency return to normal operations;
- the COVID 19 vaccine availability to people 16 and over;
- COVID 19 update;
- Public Health Director search;
- the Midwives regulation that was previously before the board;
- Long Term Care facilities return to in-person inspections;
- Gold Mine permits;
- The upcoming hurricane season preparedness;
- State employees return to office;
- Recognized Marcus Robinson for his efforts to provide guidance to staff returning to the office;
- State Senate Bill S.2.

After discussion, **the Board accepted this as information.**

Director Simmer introduced Dr. Brannon Traxler, Interim Public Health Director. Dr. Traxler provided an update on the agency's COVID-19 response.

After discussion, **the Board accepted this as information.**

Item 3: Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Healthcare Quality (Attachment 3-1)

Mr. Russell Morrison, Director of Information and Regulatory Affairs Division, Healthcare Quality, stated that for this reporting period, one (1) Consent Order with assessed civil penalties totaling \$300.00, eighty-three (83) Notices of Violation and Civil Penalty totaling \$26,950.00 in assessed civil penalties, and no Administrative Orders were issued.

After discussion, **the Board accepted this item as information.**

Item 4: Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Environmental Affairs (Attachment 4-1)

Ms. Rebecca Sproles, Liaison, Environmental Affairs, stated that for this reporting period, sixteen (16) Consent Orders with assessed civil penalties totaling \$31,160.00 and nine (9) Administrative Order with assessed civil penalties totaling \$26,083.00 have been issued.

After discussion, ***the Board accepted this item as information.***

Item 5: Establishment of Blue-Ribbon Panel to Review and Provide Strategic Guidance to DHEC

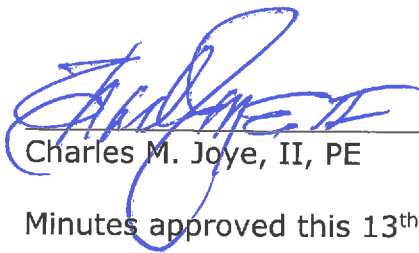
Dr. Edward Simmer, Director, presented this item to the Board.

After discussion, **Mr. Kinney moved, seconded by Mr. Creel, that the Director shall establish a Blue-Ribbon Panel consisting of a cross-section of stakeholders to review and provide strategic guidance on the future of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and that the report of the panel be presented to the Board before December 31, 2021. The Board voted and Motion carried.**

Being no further business, Chairman Elam adjourned the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Charles M. Joye, II, PE

Minutes approved this 13th day of May 2021.

ATTEST:



Mark R. Elam, Chairman

Attachments

- 0-1 Agenda
- 0-2 Sign in Sheet
- 1-1 Minutes of March 11, 2021 meeting
- 3-1 Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Healthcare Quality
- 4-1 Administrative Orders and Consent Orders issued by Environmental Affairs