

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OHIO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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JUNE 26, 2024

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APPEARANCES:

Chairman Jim Hughes

Commissioner Dan Massey

Commissioner Cheri Hottinger

Executive Director Tim Adams

P R O C E E D I N G S

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MR. HUGHES: This is Chairman Jim Hughes, and this special meeting of the Ohio Industrial Commission is now being called to order. Today's date is June 26, 2024, the chair has 10 o'clock. This meeting's being conducted in person and is being held in the main hearing room of the William Green Building located at 30 West Spring Street in Columbus, Ohio. The meeting is also being streamed on the Ohio Industrial Commission's YouTube channel. The link to listen to this meeting is available on the Industrial Commission's public website.

The purpose of the special meeting is potential hiring of a District Hearing Officer and the potential hiring of an Interim Executive Director. The agenda of the special meeting is as follows: The meeting called to order, the roll call, meeting minute approval, vote to enter an Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a candidate for a District Hearing Officer and Interim Executive Director position, vote on hiring of a candidate for the District Hearing Officer position, vote on hiring of the candidate for the Interim Executive Director position, then adjournment.

During this meeting, it is important that prior to speaking the first time, each participant introduce

1 themselves by saying their name and their title. This  
2 is to ensure that the audio recording accurately  
3 reflects the proceeding and that the public is properly  
4 informed.

5 For those of you who are listening on the  
6 Industrial Commissions's YouTube channel, please be  
7 aware that if during a special meeting the Commissioners  
8 vote to enter an Executive Session, you will not be able  
9 to hear a live recording during that time. When the  
10 Commissioners exit Executive Session, the recording will  
11 resume. I now ask our Executive Director, Tim Adams, to  
12 please call the roll.

13 MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive  
14 Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call  
15 your name, please restate your name and affirm your  
16 presence. Commissioner Dan Massey?

17 MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, here.

18 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

19 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri  
20 Hottinger, here. Present.

21 MR. ADAMS: Chairman Jim Hughes.

22 MR. HUGHES: Chairman Jim Hughes, here.  
23 We do have a quorum.

24 First on our agenda is the approval of the  
25 meeting minutes from the special meeting held on

1 February 22, 2024. Is there any discussion of the  
2 meeting minutes from these special meetings?

3 Hearing none, I, Jim Hughes, will make a motion  
4 to approve the following meeting's minutes. Do I have a  
5 second to the said motion?

6 MR. MASSEY: This is Commissioner Massey,  
7 I will second.

8 MR. HUGHES: This is Jim Hughes, Chairman.  
9 Thank you, Commissioner Massey, for your second. I now  
10 ask Executive Director, Tim Adams, to call the roll,  
11 please.

12 MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive  
13 Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call  
14 your name, please restate your name and state your vote.  
15 Commissioner Dan Massey?

16 MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, yes.

17 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

18 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri  
19 Hottinger, yes.

20 MR. ADAMS: Chairman Jim Hughes?

21 MR. HUGHES: Chairman Jim Hughes, yes.

22 Said motion does carry. Now I want to move to  
23 the next agenda item, which is review and discussion of  
24 personnel matters. The -- there are personnel matters  
25 that require a discussion among the Commissioners in

Executive Session. Executive Session is limited to the discussion of the potential hiring of a District Hearing Officer, as well as the potential hiring of an Interim Executive Director, as well as any necessary legal advice. All votes will be made in open session.

I, Jim Hughes, now move that the Commission now enter into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a District Hearing Officer, as well as the potential hiring of an Interim Executive Director, as well as any other necessary legal advice. Do I have a second to my said motion to enter an Executive Session?

MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger seconds.

MR. HUGHES: This is Jim Hughes, Chairman. Thank you, Commissioner Hottinger, for your second. I now ask our Executive Director, Mr. Tim Adams, to call the roll, please.

MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call your name, please restate your name and state your vote. Commissioner Dan Massey?

MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, yes.

MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger, yes.

1 MR. ADAMS: Chairman Jim Hughes?

2 MR. HUGHES: Chairman Jim Hughes, yes.

3 The motion to enter an Executive Session  
4 carries. I, Jim Hughes, request that anyone who has not  
5 been invited to remain for Executive Session to please  
6 leave the hearing room until the Commission reconvenes  
7 in open session. Please suspend the audio recording  
8 while the Commission is in Executive Session.

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10 (Break for Executive Session.)

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12 MR. HUGHES: This is Chairman Jim Hughes,  
13 we're now back on the record and have exited Executive  
14 Session for the record. During Executive Session, no  
15 votes were taken and no decisions were made.

16 I'll next proceed to the next item on our  
17 agenda, which is the roll call votes to take action  
18 relating to hiring of a District Hearing Officer and an  
19 Interim Executive Director. Having reviewed the  
20 personnel matters in Executive Session, I, Jim Hughes,  
21 Chairman, now making a motion to approve the hiring of  
22 Ryan Bonita as a District Hearing Officer. Do I have a  
23 second for the said motion?

24 MR. MASSEY: This is Commissioner Massey,  
25 I will second.

1 MR. HUGHES: Having received a proper  
2 second, I will ask our Executive Director, Mr. Tim  
3 Adams, to call the roll, please.

4 MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive  
5 Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call  
6 your name, please restate your name and state your vote.  
7 Commissioner Dan Massey?

8 MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, yes.

9 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

10 MS. HOTTINGER: Cheri Hottinger,  
11 Commissioner, yes.

12 MR. ADAMS: Chairman Jim Hughes?

13 MR. HUGHES: Chairman Jim Hughes, yes.

14 Said motion does carry; we will move ahead to  
15 the hiring of Ryan Bonita. The second matter to discuss  
16 in Executive Session was the hiring of an Interim  
17 Executive Director. I, Jim Hughes, Chairman, now make a  
18 motion to approve the hiring of Jim Burkart as our  
19 Interim Executive Director, effective July 1, 2024. Do  
20 I have a second for the said motion?

21 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri  
22 Hottinger seconds.

23 MR. HUGHES: Jim Hughes, thank you,  
24 Commissioner, for your second.

25 I have received a second; I will now ask our



1 Executive Director, Mr. Tim Adams, to call the roll,  
2 please.

3 MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive  
4 Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call  
5 your name, please restate your name and state your vote.  
6 Commissioner Dan Massey?

7 MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, yes.

8 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

9 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri  
10 Hottinger, yes.

11 MR. ADAMS: Chairman Jim Hughes?

12 MR. HUGHES: Chairman Jim Hughes, yes.

13 Said motion does carry. So we'll proceed to have him as  
14 our Interim. Now I'll move to the adjournment as we  
15 have considered all other items on our agenda for the  
16 special meeting.

17 I, Jim Hughes, move to adjourn. Do I have a  
18 second?

19 MR. MASSEY: This is Commissioner Massey,  
20 I will second.

21 MR. HUGHES: This is Jim Hughes, Chairman,  
22 thank you, Commissioner Massey, for your second. I will  
23 ask our Executive Director, Mr. Tim Adams, to call the  
24 roll, please.

25 MR. ADAMS: This is Tim Adams, Executive

1 Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission. As I call  
2 your name, please restate your name and state your vote.  
3 Commissioner Dan Massey?

4 MR. MASSEY: Commissioner Massey, yes.

5 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Cheri Hottinger?

6 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Cheri  
7 Hottinger, yes.

8 MR. ADAMS: Commissioner Jim Hughes?

9 MR. HUGHES: Commissioner Jim Hughes, yes.

10 We are adjourned.

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13 (Whereupon, the special meeting was concluded.)  
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete written transcript of the audiotaped proceedings in this matter, reduced by me into stenotypy, to the best of my ability, and transcribed from my stenographic notes on the 18th day of July, 2024.

  
Shelby Anderson