

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OHIO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Chairman Jim Hughes

3 Commissioner Dan Massey

4 Commissioner Cheri Hottinger

5 Interim Executive Director Jim Burkart

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MR. HUGHES: -- now open, it's 12 o'clock, the chair has. This is Chairman Jim Hughes and the Special Meeting is now being called to order. The meeting is 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 public website.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is entering Executive Session to discuss consideration of the pending application of a District Hearing Officer candidate, as well as to discuss the potential hiring of an Executive Director.

The agenda of the Special Meeting is as follows: Meeting called to order, roll call, meeting minute approval, vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a candidate for a District Hearing Officer, and discuss the hiring of a candidate for the Executive Director position, vote on hiring of a candidate for District Hearing Officer position, and adjournment.

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

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

4 For those of you who are listening to the
5 Industrial Commission's YouTube channel, please be aware
6 that if during the Special Meeting the Commissioners
7 vote to enter into Executive Session, you will not be
8 able to hear a live recording during that time. When
9 the Commissioners exit the Executive Session, the
10 recording will resume.

11 I now ask our Interim Executive Director, Jim
12 Burkart, to call the roll, please.

13 MR. BURKART: This is Jim Burkart, Interim
14 Executive Director of the Ohio Industrial Commission.
15 As I call your name, please affirm your presence.
16 Commission -- Commissioner Hottinger?

17 MS. HOTTINGER: Present.

18 MR. BURKART: Commissioner Massey?

19 MR. MASSEY: Here.

20 MR. BURKART: Chairman Jim Hughes?

21 MR. HUGHES: Here.

22 We do have a quorum. We'll proceed to our first
23 agenda, which is the meeting minutes. This is our
24 agenda to approve the minutes meetings from the Special
25 Meeting held on June 24th, 2024. They've all been

1 distributed. Is there any discussion of the said
2 meeting minutes from these Special Meetings?

3 Hearing none, I, Chairman Hughes, make a motion
4 to approve the June 24th, 2024 meeting minutes. Do I
5 have a second to the said motion?

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

8 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Massey, for your second. I now ask our Interim
10 Executive Director, Jim Burkart, to call the roll.

11 MR. BURKART: This is Jim Burkart. As I
12 call your name, please state your vote. Commissioner
13 Hottinger?

14 MS. HOTTINGER: Yes.

15 MR. BURKART: Commissioner Massey?

16 MR. MASSEY: Yes.

17 MR. BURKART: Chairman Hughes?

18 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

19 We'll now move to the next issue on our agenda,
20 which is review and discussion of personnel matters.
21 The discussion of potential hiring of a District Hearing
22 Officer candidate and the discussion of candidates for
23 the potential -- position, excuse me -- of Executive
24 Director. These are personnel matters require a
25 discussion among the Commissioners in Executive Session.

Executive Session is limited to the discussion of the potential hiring of a District Hearing Officer candidate, and the discussion of candidates for the position Executive Director, as well as other necessary legal advice. All votes will be made in open session.

I, Chairman Jim Hughes, move the Commission now enter Executive Session to discuss potential hiring of a District Hearing Officer candidate and discussion of candidates for the position Executive Director. Do I have a second to the said motion?

MS. HOTTINGER: This is Commissioner Hottinger, I second.

MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Hottinger, for your second. I now ask our Interim Executive Director, Jim Burkart, to call the roll.

MR. BURKART: This is Jim Burkart. As I call your name, please state your vote. Commissioner Hottinger?

MS. HOTTINGER: Yes.

MR. BURKART: Commissioner Massey?

MR. MASSEY: Yes.

MR. BURKART: Chairman Hughes?

MR. HUGHES: Yes.

Motion to enter Executive Session carries. I respectfully request that anyone who has not been

specifically invited to remain for Executive Session,
please leave the hearing room until the Commission
reconvenes in open session. In addition, please suspend
the audio recording while the Commission is in Executive
Session.

(Break for Executive Session)

MR. HUGHES: We are now back on the record
and have exited Executive Session. For the record,
during Executive Session no votes were taken and no
decisions were made. We'll next -- move the next item
on our agenda, which is the roll call vote to take
actions related to personnel matters.

Having reviewed the personnel matters in
Executive Session, I, Chairman Jim Hughes, am now making
a motion to approve the hiring of Niki Talik as the
District Hearing Officer as discussed in Executive
Session. Do I have a second for the said motion?

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

MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner
Massey, for your second.

1 Having received a proper second, I now ask our
2 Interim Executive Director, Jim Burkart, to call the
3 roll.

4 MR. BURKART: This is Jim Burkart. As I
5 call the roll, please state your vote. Commissioner
6 Hottinger?

7 MS. HOTTINGER: Yes.

8 MR. BURKART: Commissioner Massey?

9 MR. MASSEY: Yes.

10 MR. BURKART: Chairman Hughes?

11 MR. HUGHES: Yes.

12 The said motion does approve 3-0. We have now
13 considered all the items on our agenda for the Special
14 Meeting. I, Chairman Jim Hughes, move to adjourn. Do I
15 have a second to the said motion?

16 MS. HOTTINGER: Commissioner Hottinger
17 seconds.

18 MR. HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Hottinger, for your second. Will the Interim Executive
20 Director, Jim Burkart, please call the roll.

21 MR. BURKART: As I call your name, please
22 state your vote. Commissioner Hottinger?


23 MS. HOTTINGER: Yes.

24 MR. BURKART: Commissioner Massey?

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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 14th day of November, 2023.


Shelby Anderson