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MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF

THE HOKE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD

AUGUST 17, 2017

An emergency meeting of the Hoke County Department of Social Services (the “*Board*”) was held at 8:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time on August 17, 2017 via conference call in the Conference Room located in the County Department of Social Services (T.B. Lester, Jr. Building) at 314 South Magnolia Street, Raeford NC, pursuant to notice duly given. The following Board Members (“*BM*”), constituting a quorum, were present:

Carl Pevia, Chair
Charlotte Kelly, Vice-Chair
Bill Evans
Allen Thomas, Jr.
Brenda Branch

Also present representing the Department were Barbara Mena-Peña, Interim Director of the Hoke County Department of Social Services; Jonathan Charleston, Department of Social Services Attorney; and Ellen Leichliter, Administrative Assistant.

Chair Pevia called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Chair Pevia asked for a motion for a closed session to (1) consult with Board attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Board, which privilege is hereby acknowledged and (2) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer pursuant to the N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and 143-318.11(a)6, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Kelly. The vote was unanimous. Those in attendance during the closed session included Chair Pevia, Vice-Chair Kelly, BM Evans, BM Thomas, BM Branch, Mr. Charleston, Mrs. Mena-Peña, and Ms. Leichliter. Vice-Chair Kelly made a motion to exit the closed session which was seconded by BM Evans. The vote to exit closed session was unanimous.

Chair Pevia asked for a motion to enter into a contract with Mrs. Becky Morrow as Interim Director. BM Thomas made a motion to authorize our chairman to enter into a contract effective today to engage Mrs. Morrow as Interim Director with Hoke County government to finalize the contract. Vice-Chair Kelly seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Chair Pevia recommended a motion to place Mrs. Mena-Peña in her original Administrative Officer I position. BM Thomas made a motion to place Mrs. Mena-Peña in her original Administrative Officer I position which was seconded by BM Branch. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Charleston asked Mrs. Morrow to join the conference call and introduced her to the Board. The Board welcomed Mrs. Morrow. Mrs. Morrow stated she appreciated being considered for the position and looked forward to working with each and every one. Mr. Charleston volunteered to contact the state with the results of this meeting and coordinate a call with Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Mena-Peña to share contact information.

Chair Pevia asked for a motion to adjourn, Vice-Chair Kelly made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by BM Branch. The vote was unanimous.

Carl Pevia, Chair

Becky Morrow, Secretary

Date