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SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN MEETINGS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 5, 2019

Members participating: Emily Sovell, Sully County State's Attorney; John Steele, Aurora County State's Attorney; Mark Reedstrom, Grant County State's Attorney; Cassie Wendt, Butte County State's Attorney; and Alexis Tracy, Clay County State's Attorney. Steve Blair and Jenna McFarlane, Office of the Attorney General, assisted the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. Mr. Blair requested that the Commission amended the proposed agenda before adopting it. It was requested that the Agenda be amended to change the Election of Chair Person to Election of Officers with the recommendation that the Commission elect both a Chair and a Vice Chair. Secondly, it was requested that the agenda be amended to add an informational discussion item. Ms. Sovell moved to approve the amendments to the proposed agenda; Mr. Steele seconded. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Mr. Reedstrom, Ms. Sovell, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye.

A time was provided for public comment as required by SDCL 1-25-1; no member of the public provided comment to the Commission.

The following is a summary (not verbatim) of the matters discussed.

Election of Officers

Discussion occurred regarding electing a Chair along with an Alternate Chair. Mr. Steele moved that the Commission elect a Chair and an Alternate Chair. Mr. Reedstrom seconded. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Mr. Reedstrom, Ms. Sovell, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye.

Ms. Sovell nominated Mr. Reedstrom as the Chair. Ms. Wendt seconded. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Ms. Sovell, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye. Mr. Reedstrom abstained. Mr. Reedstrom will serve the term commencing immediately and through the 2020 calendar year.

Mr. Steele nominated Ms. Sovell as the Alternate Chair. Ms. Tracy seconded. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Mr. Reedstrom, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye. Ms. Sovell abstained. Ms. Sovell will serve as the Alternate Chair for the 2020 calendar year.

December 18, 2018 minutes

Ms. Sovell moved to approve the draft minutes of the December 18, 2018, meeting. Mr. Steele seconded. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Mr. Reedstrom, Ms. Sovell, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye.

Informational

Mr. Blair discussed the lack of complaints forwarded to the Commission for review during the 2019 calendar year.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. Sovell, at approximately 12:00 p.m. A roll call vote was held: Mr. Steele, Mr. Reedstrom, Ms. Sovell, Ms. Wendt and Ms. Tracy all voted aye and the Commission adjourned.

Approved on _____, 2020.

Mark Reedstrom, Chair
On behalf of the Open Meeting Commission