

**DORCHESTER SENIORS, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 12, 2023**  
**Location: FAITH SELLERS SENIOR CENTER**  
**SUMMERVILLE, SC**

The Board of Directors meeting date and time were submitted for publication to the Summerville Journal Scene, St. George Eagle record and Post and Courier as well as posted at the Faith Sellers and the David Sojourner Senior Centers.

**Board of Directors Attendance (Quorum status)**

Allen, Barb		Lewis, Tim
Baus, Donald		Main, Haren
Cornet, Russ		Parsons, Jan (LE)
Davis, Carol		Thomas, Diane
Hodges, James	(A)	Thomas, Frank
Hudson, Tim		James Villeponteaux
Jones, Dianne		Watson, Felisa (Malika)
Kelly, Pamela		Watts, Emily

**Call to Order:** Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**QUORUM CONFIRMED:** Secretary Diane Thomas

**Motion to approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Haren Main with a second by Tim Lewis. Motion carried.

**Motion to approve the Minutes:** Motion to accept the November 06, 2022 Minutes by Carol Davis with a second by Haren Main.

Haren Main then made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session with only the Board of Directors present. Following the discussion, Treasurer Main ended the Executive Session with a second by Diane Thomas. The meeting resumed. Chairman Watts then stated that the subject of Contracting out HR issues was not part of the Executive Session and was not discussed by the Governance Committee, but was brought up by a former board member. The regular meeting resumed following the Executive Session with all attendees present. Haren Main stated that the Finance Reports from September did not require the second reading and needs to be struck out. Haren Main stated Don Baus was misspelled as Bous. He approved the minutes with the change. Diane Thomas seconded.

**Announcements and Correspondence:** Chairman Watts advised there were no Announcements; however, there was some Correspondence from Brandi acknowledging the

lack of Committee minutes from various committees. Minutes must be submitted prior to the next meeting. All minutes are placed in the official Board of Directors files. Additionally, Secretary Thomas noted that there was a visitor, Debbie Loudon, present at the January meeting as a spectator.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Emily Watts stated a special called Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was held on November 15, 2022. As the meeting was held in Executive Session the information was confidential.

Chairman Watts took this opportunity to introduce and welcome the two new Board Members, Frank Thomas and Russ Cornett.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Haren Main

Treasurer Haren Main advised he would be going into Executive Session with all individuals who are not members of the Board asked to leave the premises. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Treasurer Main invited everyone to return to the meeting at which point he proceeded to discuss the Finance reports.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** Chairman Jay Villeponteaux

Chairman Villeponteaux discussed the condition of the St. George center and potential procedures to be taken in the future.

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:** Chairman Carol Davis

Chairman Davis advised that the Fund Raising Committee has met several times in conjunction with the next event planned by DSI which will be a 2nd Spring Gala. The Gala is scheduled for April 22, 2023 to be held at the Faith Sellers Senior Center in Summerville.

In addition to elaborating on the current plans, she presented a motion that all future funds raised by such Board events shall be designated specifically for the Dorchester Senior Center in St. George. Haren Main suggested that the motion be changed to read: **All money received from future Board fund raising events will be used specifically for the renovation of the existing building OR construction of a new Dorchester Senior Center in the St. George area.** Tim Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Chairman Tim Hudson

The following members have been elected to the Nominating Committee: Tim Hudson, Malika Watson, Barb Allen, Diane Thomas, Jan Parsons and Dianne Jones. Tim Hudson was selected Chairman.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Director Leigh Thomson

Executive Director Leigh Thomson took this opportunity to update activities at the Summerville center as well as St. George center updates.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Diane Thomas**

Board Approved 3/8/23