

Dorchester Seniors, Inc.
Board of Directors **Special Meeting**
Faith Sellers Senior Center
Summerville, SC
August 10th, 2023 5:30pm

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 David Sojourner Senior Centers.

Board of Directors Attendance

Baus, Don (N)
Cornette, Russ (N)
Davis, Carol
Hodges, James (A)
Hudson, Tim
Jones, Dianne
Kelly, Pamela
Lewis, Tim
Main, Haren
Parsons, Jan
Thomas, Diane
Villeponteaux, James
Watson, Malika
Watts, Emily
Winston, Kathene

Staff in Attendance

LaQuinta West
Beth Greene
Kristina Clemens

Guests

HR Consultant
DSI Facilities Supervisor
DSI Driver

(A-Absent) (N-Absent with Notification) (R-Resigned) (V-Virtual)

Call to Order: Chairwoman Emily Watts called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Quorum Confirmed: Secretary Diane Thomas

Announcements, Correspondence & Recognition of Guests:

Chairwoman Watts announced the resignation from Leigh Thomson as Executive Director for DSI effective Monday, August 7, 2023. Due to her resignation, Ms. Watts stated the Deputy Director, LaQuinta West would serve as Acting Executive Director for DSI, Inc. until further notice.

Haren Main made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss internal HR matters. The motion was seconded by Diane Thomas. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Chairwoman Watts reminded Board members of the Confidentiality Statement they signed and cautioned them not to discuss Executive Session business.

Two of the guests were excused until the Executive Session was adjourned. The HR Consultant remained during the Executive Session to discuss HR matters with the Board. Additionally, LaQuinta West, Deputy Director, was asked to remain for the Executive Session of the Board meeting.

Chairwoman Watts then introduced the HR Consultant, Sharon Sellers, to discuss personnel issues in the Centers. Board members asked questions, received clarification to the questions, and were content with the explanations and information given by Mrs. Sellers.

No additional business was discussed during the Executive Session. **Motion was made by Malika Watson to adjourn the Executive Session. Diane Thomas seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.**

The regular meeting continued. Due to the meeting being lengthy, the guests did not return to the meeting.

A motion was made by Diane Thomas and seconded by Pamela Kelly for Deputy Director to transition to Acting Executive Director. There was no discussion. Motion carried. Mrs. West will remain as Acting Executive Director until the Board decides what action will be taken next.

Jay Villeponteaux made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Haren Main seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Thomas

Secretary