

BOARD APPROVED 1/9/2025

DSI Board Meeting on September 12, 2024, 8:30AM, #2 St. George Senior Center

The DSI Board met in St. George, SC on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Chairperson, Emily Watts opened the meeting at 8:35 am.

The following DSI Board members were in attendance: (Quorum status)

Board of Directors

Emily Watts-Chair
James Villaponteaux-Vice Chair
Haren Main-Treasurer
Dianne Jones-Secretary Pro-tem
Don Baus
Karie Calhoun
Russ Cornett
Sinclair Brown, Jr. - Appointed by Councilwoman Harriett Holman

Board of Directors

Margaret Goodwine (V)
Pamela Kelly
Jan Parsons
Malika Watson
Kathene Winston
Frank Thomas
Carol Davis
Harriett Holman

(A) Absent without Notification

(N) Absent with Notification

(R) Resigned

(V) Virtual

Tim Hudson (N) Ruthie Tripp (N) Diane Thomas (N)

DSI staff in attendance-

LaQuinta West- Executive -Director
Konia Haynes -Resource Manager

Jennifer Post-Deputy Director

Visitor-A member of the DSI center

Secretary Jones confirmed a quorum. JV moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by PK. A motion was made to postpone the Board meeting minutes to the next meeting date. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda-

- 1- Introduction of the new board member
- 2- Fundraising Wellness event in St. George in October 2024

Discussion-

Chairperson Watts introduced our new board member, Sinclair Brown Jr., retired military.

Visitor- who addressed the Board, is a member of the Dorchester Senior Center, regarding his concern about the TV Channels being shown in the Center. His issue is being addressed by the Board Vice Chair and the DSI Executive Director.

Executive Director LaQuinta West informed the board that we have seen increases in membership, check-ins, and volunteer hours. She expressed her gratitude for the assistance of the volunteers. We increased awareness of the center by providing a blog section on the

website, as well as community outreach. We are partnering with Grassroots Summerville which encompasses all non-profits, to introduce them to the community.

Committee Reports:

Executive-Met to discuss personnel issues.

Finance-Met and the DSI finances are on track per the Board Treasurer.

Fundraising -Met to discuss the upcoming Wellness event occurring on Saturday, October 12, 2024, in St. George

Governance-Met to discuss the on-going review of the Request for Qualifications

Nominating-Met to remind us that election applications are due by September 30, 2024

Unfinished business None

New business-Get Well card sent to Secretary Diane Thomas

The next board meeting is on November 14, 2024, at the Faith Sellers Senior Center in Summerville, SC at 4:30PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.

Submitted by,

Dianne Jones, Secretary