

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Environmental Certification Board**  
**Reciprocity Guidelines Committee Meeting**  
**10:00 a.m., February 27, 2020**  
**Kingtree Building, Room 204**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina**

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**Meeting Called to Order**

Phillip Thompson-King called the meeting of the South Carolina Environmental Certification Reciprocity Guidelines Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members and staff participating in the meeting included: Charles Cortez, II, Johnnie Rose, Program Coordinator and Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel.

**Statement of Public Notice**

Mr. Thompson-King announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Environmental Certification Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, and on the board website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**Program Coordinator Remarks – Johnnie Rose**

Mr. Rose welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting and thanked Board members for volunteering their service and time. Mr. Rose stated the reason we are having this meeting is because we need some clarification and a guide to follow while processing out of state applications. There's been a couple of cases to where we have been challenged by individuals to grant a license that is not equivalent to the grade they carry in their previous state(s).

**Committee's Recommendation**

Delegate to staff the authority to grant a license based on the information received in the questionnaire from the respective state. If the applicant is coming from a state or territory that administers the ABC Exam, and has met all other licensing requirements, they should be eligible for the grade of license equivalent from the state in which they are coming from; however, if staff is unable to make a decision in regards to the application and questionnaire, the Board will make a ruling to determine if the applicant's credentials are comparable for reciprocity in South Carolina.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn. Thompson-King/Cortez/approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.