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Staff Members

Staff members participating during the meeting included Roderick Atkinson, Board Administrator; Gina Sams, Administrative Assistant; Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement; and Kyle Tennis, Office of Advice Counsel.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION

On the motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Bethune, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the April 21, 2021 Agenda.

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2021

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Commission’s March 17, 2021, meeting minutes with corrections to line number 171 (Correction of year to be 2021) and line number 286 (Correction Name Title to Mr. Lockwood). The motion passed.

Chair’s Remarks– (Andy Lee)

Chair Lee forwent providing remarks.

Administrator’s Remarks – (Rod Atkinson)

**Mr. Atkinson recognized the passing of Commissioner Wayne Poplin and opened time for members of the Commission to address the impact Mr. Poplin had on the Commission and to the South Carolina real estate industry.**

Mr. Atkinson recognized Mr. Rodney Pigford with the Office of Investigations and Enforcement for the purpose of providing time for Mr. Pigford to present the following report:

**IRC Report – 4/8/2021 – (Rodney Pigford)**

For the Commission’s consideration of approval, Mr. Rodney Pigford with the Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented the IRC Report from its April 8, 2021, meeting. Mr. Pigford reported the IRC’s recommendations were for 40 cases, which consisted of 24 Dismissals, 5 Dismissals with a Order to Cease & Desist, 5 Formal Complaints and 6 Letters of Caution.

MOTION

On the motion of Mr. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Stackhouse, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve all categories of the April 8, 2021 IRC recommendations. The motion passed.

94 **ARELLO Mid-Year Conference- June 30- July 3, 2021 (San Antonio, TX)**

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96 Mr. Atkinson reported on the upcoming ARELLO Mid-Year Conference to be hosted in-  
97 person in San Antonio, TX from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 3, 2021. The ARELLO Meeting  
98 agenda was provided for the Commission's review. Mr. Atkinson explained the State  
99 recently approved travel, but were trying to limit the number traveling; and therefore,  
100 there would likely be no more than two persons allowed to travel.

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102 **MOTION**

103 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted unanimously  
104 in favor to approve two members of the South Carolina Real Estate Commission to attend the  
105 ARELLO Mid-Year Conference.

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107 **Commission Training Date**

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109 Mr. Atkinson recognized Mr. Kyle Tennis with the Office of Advice Counsel for the  
110 purpose of addressing the upcoming Commission Training.

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112 Mr. Tennis stated the Commission Training would be a joint training event and would  
113 include the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) and the Office of  
114 Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) as well as Advice Counsel.

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116 Mr. Tennis stated the training would explain the process by which cases were handled.  
117 He reported the training would last for approximately 1 hour, and inquired if the  
118 Commission would be interested in the training being conducted around 9 a.m. prior to  
119 the next meetings in May or June.

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121 Upon remarks by Chairman Lee, Mr. Tennis stated he would aim to set up the training to  
122 be held the morning of May 19, 2021, with the May 19, 2021 meeting starting at 9am to  
123 accommodate the presentation and not to delay the other items on the Commission's  
124 agenda.

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126 **Application Hearings**

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128 **Brandon Norton**

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130 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Mr. Brandon Norton's  
131 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Mr. Norton appeared  
132 before the Commission where his identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
133 government-issued ID. Mr. Norton confirmed he would not be represented by legal  
134 counsel, and witness testimony would not be presented.

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136 Mr. Norton was sworn in and presented his testimony to the Commission. Discussions  
137 were held, and the following action was taken:

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139 **MOTION**

140 On the motion of Mr. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Burnett, the Commission voted  
141 unanimously in favor to approve Mr. Norton's application to take the South Carolina  
142 Salesperson Examination. The motion passed.

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144 **George Lamar Rose-Wofford**

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146 The applicant was not present to provide testimony and the Chairman agreed to move  
147 forward to the next applicant and to hear Mr. George Lamar Rose-Wofford later in the  
148 meeting once it was confirmed he was present.

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150 **Carlina Pridgen**

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152 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Ms. Carlina Pridgen's  
153 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Ms. Pridgen appeared  
154 before the Commission where her identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
155 Government Issued ID. Ms. Pridgen confirmed she would not be represented by legal  
156 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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158 Ms. Pridgen was sworn in and thereafter presented her testimony to the Commission.  
159 Discussions were held, and the following action was taken:

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161 **MOTION**

162 On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Stackhouse, the Commission voted in  
163 favor to approve Ms. Carlina Pridgen's application to take the South Carolina Salesperson  
164 Examination. Ms. Mitchell abstained from voting. The motion passed.

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166 **David Giancola**

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168 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Mr. David Giancola's  
169 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Mr. Giancola appeared  
170 before the Commission where his identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
171 Government Issued ID. Mr. Giancola confirmed he would not be represented by legal  
172 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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174 Mr. Giancola was sworn in and presented his testimony to the Commission. Discussions  
175 were held, and the following action was taken:

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177 **Executive Session- Convened 10:07 a.m.**

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179 **MOTION**

180 On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted  
181 unanimously in favor to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal  
182 advice.

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184 **Executive Session- Reconvened 10:52 a.m.**

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186 **MOTION**

187 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted  
188 unanimously in favor to exit from Executive Session where legal advice was received,  
189 and no votes were taken.

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191 Additional discussions were held.

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193 **MOTION**

194 Mr. Lockwood moved to deny approval of Mr. David Giancola's South Carolina  
195 Salesperson Examination Application. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion, and the  
196 Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the motion. The motion passed.

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198 **Bruce Bernard Cribbs**

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200 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Mr. Bruce Bernard Cribbs'  
201 reciprocity application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Mr. Cribbs  
202 appeared before the Commission where his identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter  
203 via government-issued ID. Mr. Cribbs confirmed he would not be represented by legal  
204 counsel, and there would be witness testimony presented by Mr. Timothy McDowell.

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206 Mr. Cribbs, along with his witness, Mr. Timothy McDowell, were sworn in and testified  
207 before the Commission. Discussions were held and the following action was taken:

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209 **MOTION**

210 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Mr. Bethune, the Commission voted  
211 unanimously to approve Mr. Bruce Bernard Cribbs' application to take the South  
212 Carolina Salesperson Examination Application. The motion passed.

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214 **Mark A. Brunty**

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216 Commissioner Brown Bethune recused himself from Mr. Mark A. Brunty's  
217 Application Hearing.

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219 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Mr. Brunty's application to take  
220 the South Carolina Broker Examination. Mr. Brunty appeared before the Commission  
221 where his identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via government-issued ID. Mr.  
222 Brunty confirmed he would not be represented by legal counsel, and there would not be  
223 any witness testimony presented.

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225 Mr. Brunty was sworn in and presented his testimony to the Commission. Discussions  
226 were held. Mr. Brunty was offered the opportunity to have a closed hearing for the  
227 purposes of him presenting testimony that may have included information covered by  
228 confidentiality laws; Mr. Brunty agreed to continue with his testimony and not enter into a  
229 closed hearing to present his testimony.

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231 Discussions were held, and the following actions were taken:

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233 **Executive Session- Convened 11:53 a.m.**

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235 **MOTION**

236 On the motion of Mr. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Burnett, the Commission voted  
237 unanimously in favor to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal  
238 advice.

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240 **Executive Session- Reconvened 12:08 p.m.**

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242 **MOTION**

243 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Mr. Lockwood, the Commission voted  
244 unanimously in favor to exit from Executive Session where legal advice was received,  
245 and no votes were taken.

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247 **MOTION**

248 Mr. Rinehart motioned to deny the approval of Mr. Mark A. Brunty South Carolina  
249 Broker Examination Application. Mr. Lockwood seconded the motion, and the  
250 Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the motion. The motion passed.  
251 (Mr. Bethune was excused from the vote.)

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253 Mr. Bethune rejoined the meeting.

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257 Chairman Lee called for recess, and reported the meeting would reconvene at 2:30 p.m.;  
258 whereby, the Application Hearings would resume in accordance with the Agenda.

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260 **MOTION**

261 On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted  
262 unanimously in favor to take a lunch break and reconvene at 2:30 p.m. The motion  
263 passed.

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265 **RECESS**- 12:28 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

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267 **Kristie Dawn Young**

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269 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Ms. Kristie Dawn Young's  
270 application to take the South Carolina Property Manager Examination. Ms. Young  
271 appeared before the Commission where her identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter  
272 via government-issued ID. Ms. Young confirmed she would not be represented by legal  
273 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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275 Ms. Young was sworn in and thereafter presented her testimony to the Commission.  
276 Discussions were held, and the following action was taken:

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278 **Executive Session- Convened 2:41 p.m.**

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280 **MOTION**

281 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted  
282 unanimously in favor to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal  
283 advice.

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285 **Executive Session- Reconvened 2:50 p.m.**

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287 **MOTION**

288 On the motion of Mr. Rinehart, seconded by Mr. Lockwood, the Commission voted  
289 unanimously in favor to exit from Executive Session where legal advice was received,  
290 and no votes were taken.

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292 **MOTION**

293 On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted  
294 unanimously in favor to approve Ms. Kristie Dawn Young's application to take the South  
295 Carolina Property Manager Examination with the stipulation of Ms. Young to not be  
296 allowed to become a Property Manager in Charge without coming back before the  
297 Commission. The motion passed.

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299 **Jason Elliott Wiggs**

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301 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Mr. Jason Elliott Wiggs'  
302 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Mr. Wiggs appeared  
303 before the Commission where his identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
304 Government Issued ID. Mr. Wiggs confirmed he would not be represented by legal  
305 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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307 Mr. Wiggs was sworn in and thereafter presented his testimony to the Commission.  
308 Discussions were held, and the following actions were taken:

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310 **MOTION**

311 On the motion of Mr. Stackhouse, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted unanimously  
312 in favor to approve Mr. Jason Elliott Wiggs' application to take the South Carolina  
313 Salesperson Examination. The motion passed.

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315 **Nikia Noisette**

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317 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Ms. Nikia Noisette's  
318 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Ms. Noisette appeared  
319 before the Commission where her identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
320 government-issued ID. Ms. Noisette confirmed she would not be represented by legal  
321 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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323 Ms. Noisette was sworn in and thereafter presented her testimony to the Commission.

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325 Discussions were held, and Ms. Noisette was offered the opportunity to enter into a  
326 closed hearing for the purposes of her presenting testimony that may have included  
327 information covered by confidentiality laws; Mr. Noisette agreed to continue with her  
328 testimony and not enter into a closed hearing to present her testimony.

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Discussions were held and the following actions were taken:

**Executive Session- Convened 3:38 p.m.**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

**Executive Session- Reconvened 4:13 p.m.**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Lockwood seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to exit from Executive Session, where legal advice was received, and no votes were taken.

Mr. Roderick Atkinson was sworn in to provide sworn testimony regarding Ms. Nikia Noisette's South Carolina Salesperson Examination Application.

Following discussions, the Chairman called for a momentary recess; and thereafter, Ms. Nikia Noisette's Application Hearing resumed. The following action was taken:

**MOTION**

On the motion of Mr. Rinehart, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to deny Ms. Nikia Noisette's application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. The motion passed.

**Melanie Dawn Toyama**

The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Ms. Melanie Dawn Toyama's application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Ms. Toyama's appeared before the Commission where her identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via government-issued ID. Ms. Toyama confirmed she would not be represented by legal counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

Ms. Toyama was sworn in, and thereafter presented her testimony to the Commission. Discussions were held, and the following actions were taken:

**Executive Session- Convened 5:05 p.m.**

**MOTION**

On the motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

**Executive Session- Reconvened 5:18 p.m.**



377 **MOTION**

378 On the motion of Mr. Bethune, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted  
379 unanimously in favor to exit from Executive Session where legal advice was received,  
380 and no votes were taken.

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382 Upon discussions the following action was taken:

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384 **MOTION**

385 On the motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Lockwood, the Commission voted in favor to  
386 deny Ms. Melanie Dawn Toyama's application to take the South Carolina Salesperson  
387 Examination. Mr. Stackhouse opposed, and the motion passed.

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389 **MOTION**

390 On the motion of Ms. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Rinehart, the Commission voted  
391 unanimously in favor to excuse Mr. Lockwood from the remainder of the meeting. Time  
392 excused was 5:23 p.m.

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394 **Crystal Nicole Bailey**

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396 The Commission held the Application Hearing regarding Ms. Crystal Nicole Bailey's  
397 application to take the South Carolina Salesperson Examination. Ms. Bailey appeared  
398 before the Commission where her identity was affirmed by the Court Reporter via  
399 government-issued ID. Ms. Bailey confirmed she would not be represented by legal  
400 counsel, and there would not be any witness testimony presented.

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402 Ms. Bailey was sworn in, and thereafter presented her testimony to the Commission.

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404 Discussions were held, and Ms. Bailey was offered the opportunity to enter into a closed  
405 hearing for the purposes of her presenting testimony that may have included information  
406 covered by confidentiality laws; Mr. Bailey agreed to continue with her testimony and  
407 not enter into a closed hearing to present her testimony.

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409 Discussions were held, and the following actions were taken:

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411 **MOTION**

412 On the motion of Mr. Bethune, seconded by Mr. Stackhouse, the Commission voted  
413 unanimously in favor to approve Ms. Crystal Nicole Bailey's application to take the  
414 South Carolina Salesperson Examination, and the motion passed.

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416 **Unfinished Business**

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418 **1. 2021 Legislative Update**

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420 Mr. Atkinson provided a brief report regarding various legislative items. Discussions  
421 were held and no actions were taken.

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423 **Executive Session**

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425 Executive Session was not required.

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427 **Public Comments**

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429 Mr. Austin Smallwood came before the Commission on behalf of South Carolina  
430 Association of Realtors to offer condolences on the passing of Commissioner Poplin.

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432 Mr. Smallwood also provided a brief update on their coordinated efforts with 8 local  
433 Associations and Identogo to provide fingerprinting locations..

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435 Discussion were held and Mr. Smallwood was thanked for the Association's efforts.

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437 **Adjournment**

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439 **MOTION**

440 On the motion of Mr. Bethune, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Commission voted  
441 unanimously in favor to adjourn. Time of Adjournment was at 5:48 p.m.