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PUBLIC HEARINGS

December 21, 2020

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

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1 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

2 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

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5 JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION

6 TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

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8 BEFORE: SENATOR LUKE A. RANKIN, CHAIRMAN
9 REPRESENTATIVE G. MURRELL SMITH, JR., V. CHAIRMAN
10 SENATOR RONNIE A. SABB
11 SENATOR SCOTT TALLEY
12 REPRESENTATIVE J. TODD RUTHERFORD
13 MS. HOPE BLACKLEY-LOGAN
14 REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS MURPHY
15 MR. J.P. "PETE" STROM
16 MS. LUCY GREY MCIVER
17 MR. ANDREW N. SAFRAN
18 MS. ERIN CRAWFORD, CHIEF COUNSEL

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20 DATE: December 21, 2020

21 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

22 LOCATION: Gressette Building
23 1101 Pendleton Street
24 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

25 REPORTED BY: JENNIFER NOTTLE, COURT REPORTER

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EXHIBIT INDEX

(No exhibits were marked during the proceeding.)

1 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: All right. On motion of Senator
2 Sabb, seconded by Representative Smith, we're
3 going to go into executive session.

4 EXECUTIVE SESSION

5 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: All right. We are back on the
6 record. For the record, during executive
7 session, no votes were taken, no action was
8 taken. Now we'll open it up for motions on Judge
9 Craig Brown's qualifications. There's a motion
10 by Senator Sabb, seconded by Representative Smith
11 for positive action. So now, Erin, if you'll
12 poll the Commission.

13 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes, sir. Well, we need to have a
14 motion.

15 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: On motion by Senator Sabb and
16 seconded by Representative Smith, if I'm correct.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. That he be found qualified?

18 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: Correct.

19 MS. CRAWFORD: You want me to poll everybody --
20 Senator Rankin?

21 SENATOR RANKIN: Aye.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Representative Smith?

23 REPRESENTATIVE SMITH: Aye.

24 MS. CRAWFORD: Senator Sabb?

25 SENATOR SABB: Aye.

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Senator Talley?

2 SENATOR TALLEY: Aye.

3 MS. CRAWFORD: Representative Murphy?

4 REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY: Aye.

5 MS. CRAWFORD: Representative Rutherford?

6 REPRESENTATIVE RUTHERFORD: Aye.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Strom?

8 MR. STROM: Aye.

9 MS. CRAWFORD: Ms. Blackley-Logan?

10 MS. BLACKLEY-LOGAN: Aye.

11 MS. CRAWFORD: Mr. Safran?

12 MR. SAFRAN: Aye.

13 MS. CRAWFORD: Ms. McIver? That should be it.

14 MS. McIVER: Aye.

15 MS. CRAWFORD: A vote of ten to zero, Judge Craig
16 Brown was found qualified and nominated for At-
17 Large Seat 8.

18 CHAIRMAN RANKIN: All right. With that, we will stand
19 adjourned. And Merry Christmas to everybody.
20 Thank you all for joining in today and hope you
21 get everything you deserve or don't on Friday.

22 (There being nothing further, the proceeding concluded at
23 10:39 a.m.)

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