COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE



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Executive Director Position Vacancy at the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

COLUMBIA -- A panel of legislators and members of the business community are charged with accepting notice from those interested in applying for the position of Executive Director of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

Applicants must meet statutorily prescribed eligibility requirements and must possess certain qualifications in order to serve. Applicants will undergo a review process that includes a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division background check, a credit check, completion of a comprehensive personal data questionnaire, a financial disclosure and completion of a South Carolina Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest form. This screening process also includes an investigation, interview, and a public screening by the Committee to Investigate Candidates for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce as well as Senate and House Labor, Commerce and Industry staff.

 $Pursuant \ to \ S.C. \ Code \ \S 41-29-35(C), \ for \ the \ Committee \ to \ find \ a \ candidate \ qualified, \ the \ candidate \ must \ have:$

- "(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:
 - (a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face to face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;
 - (b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or
 - (c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and
- (2) a background of substantial duration and expertise in business, labor and employment, employment benefits, human resource management, or five years' experience as a practicing attorney."

Individuals found qualified will be narrowed down to three (3) applicants which will be submitted to the Governor. Once the Governor has selected his appointee, the appointee will then appear before the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee for screening. Once approval has been received by the Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the applicant will then have to be approved by the full Senate.

Prospective candidates must notify The Committee to Investigate Candidates for the Department of Employment and Workforce in writing of their intent to apply. **The letter must include the person's: 1) original signature,**

2) county of residence, 3) physical home address, 4) email, and 5) daytime telephone number. Notice of intent will not be accepted after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023.

Notice of intent and questions related to the screening process should be directed to:
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