

MR. JOHN F. HASSELL, III

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT

REAPPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY

TERM COMMENCING: FEBRUARY 13, 2010

TERM EXPIRING: FEBRUARY 13, 2015

SEAT: AT -LARGE

PORT REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FINDING: Qualified

The Review and Oversight Commission on the South Carolina State Ports Authority met on January 20, 2010 to consider the qualifications of Mr. John F. Hassell, III of Charleston, for reappointment to the South Carolina State Ports Authority Board. The Commission unanimously found that Mr. Hassell is qualified and meets the requirements provided by law to serve as a member of the Board.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mr. Hassell lives in Charleston and was first appointed to the Board of the South Carolina State Ports Authority in 2002. He serves as its Vice Chairman.

Mr. Hassell is President of the Maritime Association of South Carolina, a position he has held since 1994. He was Interim President and CEO of the State Ports Authority from January 2009 through August 2009.

The South Carolina Maritime Association is a small chamber of commerce representing businesses, agencies, and associations in the field of maritime transportation. Mr. Hassell's earlier career includes work in the fields of maritime and international commerce, business management, and business development.

Mr. Hassell was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1976. He is married and has three children.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education: University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, 1969;
University of South Carolina Graduate School, 1969 (Enlisted in the U.S. Army);
USC School of Law, 1972-1973 (Left to work to support his family).

Areas of expertise: Mr. Hassell reports qualifying experience in the following areas.

Current employment: President of the S.C. Maritime Association. Part of the Association's mission is "to advance, encourage, promote, increase and protect the interests of South Carolina's ports, especially with respect to shipping and commerce,

both foreign and domestic.” Mr. Hassell reports that he works closely with shipping interests on a daily basis.

Maritime shipping: Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the S.C. State Ports Authority, 1980-1986; S.C. State Ports Authority Board member, 2002-present; Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of the S.C. State Ports Authority, January 2009-August 2009.

International commerce: Volunteer founding chairman of the South Carolina World Trade Center, 1981-1988. The SCWTC promotes and supports international commerce through education, networking, trade development services and international business opportunities for companies and individuals throughout South Carolina.

Business management: Owner of Hassell & Company, Ltd., a business consulting firm, 1988-1996. A number of clients were in the maritime transportation arena.

CHARACTER

Mr. Hassell seems to have handled his personal financial affairs responsibly. He answered the Oversight Commission’s personal data questionnaire fully. During staff interviews he demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the overall operations of the State Ports Authority, as well as maritime commerce generally.

CREDIT CHECK

No areas of concern.

TRAFFIC AND SLED CHECKS

No areas of concern apparent. SLED reported no criminal history.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Capt. Whitemarsh S. Smith, III - President, Charleston Branch Pilots’ Association, Charleston
Mr. Philip L. Byrd, Sr. - President and CEO, Bulldog Hiway Express, Charleston;
Immediate Past Chairman, S.C. Trucking Association, Columbia
Mr. Hugh C. Lane, Jr. - President, The Bank of South Carolina, Charleston
Gordon D. Schreck, Esq. - Buist Moore Smythe McGee, P.A., Charleston
Mr. William A. Finn - Chairman, AstenJohnson, Charleston

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