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Rob – Below is the DOR release including quotes that Chaney and I pulled from the audio of the press conference. NH's comments were difficult to pull a quote from so I wrote one from scratch. Which do you prefer?

"Any time you have director who has done a phenomenal job, you hate to see them go, but it's exciting when you can see an agency evolve," said Gov. Haley. "But I'm excited to announce that we have another new director in Hartley Powell who knows what it's like to be on both sides of the business deal - in the public and the private sectors. We are confident that he will be able to continue serving South Carolinians with a customer service approach, which will benefit everyone that the Department of Revenue serves, from an individual taxpayer to the businesses who employ them."

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Gov. Nikki Haley Announces Next Department of Revenue Director

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley today announced Hartley Powell as the next director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue (DOR). Powell, who served in South Carolina state government for ten years before taking a position in the private sector, has most recently been principal of the accounting and professional service firm KPMG since 2007.

Video of the governor's announcement is available here: [\[hyperlink\]](#)

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Prior to joining KPMG in June 2001 as senior manager in the state and local tax practice, Powell served at the South Carolina Department of Commerce as international project manager, Director of the agency's European Office, and as Chief of Staff.

"I am deeply humbled to accept the position of director of the South Carolina Department of Revenue," Powell said. "During my career at KPMG, I had the opportunity to work with many different Departments of Revenue, and what I can say with a lot of confidence is that South Carolina's department is one of the best, if not the best, in the country. ... I will work to build on the successes the agency has experienced under Director Reames' leadership and I'm excited to have an opportunity to work with him on a seamless transition."

"The successes we've seen are in large part due to Governor Haley's leadership and it's due to the public servants that we have at the department," said former Director Rick Reames. "I appreciate everything they have done in working with South Carolina business and taxpayers to make the agency and our state better. I am thrilled that Hartley is here and is going to continue to build upon our success. We recruited him for that sole purpose and we are excited to have him in the saddle."

Powell, 60, is married with two children.

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