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**Subject:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament (confidential)  
**Location:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C.  
**When:** 5/16/2016 11:00:00 AM - 11:45:00 AM

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**EVENT:** Press Conference: SEC Women's Basketball Tournament

**DATE:** Monday, May 16, 2016

**TIME:** 11:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, S.C. (The press conference will take place on the actual floor of the arena.)

**LOCATION SET-UP:** A stage to be set up on the Arena floor with seating for guests also set up on the floor. There will be a media deck in the back.

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**PURPOSE:** Gov. Haley will join other officials in a press conference announcing that the Southeastern Conference has awarded the 2017 SEC Women's Basketball Tournament to Greenville, S.C. The tournament will take place on March 1- 5, 2017.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**REQUESTED BY:** Duane Parrish (Duane will not attend because he has a dr. appointment this day.)

**INTRODUCED BY:** SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5 minutes of remarks/ Q&A at the end

**ATTENDEES:**

SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey

Mayor Knox White

Dr. Bob Taylor (County Council Representative)

Beth Paul (BSWA)

Chris Stone(VGSC)

Maria Taylor (Emcee)

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

11:00 AM Emcee welcomes crowd introduces Commissioner Sankey and Governor Haley  
11:05 AM Sankey/ Haley announce Greenville as home of SEC Women's Basketball Tournament  
in 2017  
Remarks by Greg Sankey- possible talking point: importance of SEC returning to South  
Carolina  
Remarks by Nikki Haley- possible talking point: impact the last year has had on the future of  
SC  
11:20 AM Remarks by Beth Paul- talking points: building, VGSC and County Council  
Introduces Mayor White  
11:25 AM Remarks by Mayor White- support from city on tournament  
11:30 AM Emcee thanks everyone for coming  
11:30-11:45 AM Q&A from media with Governor Haley, Commissioner Sankey, Beth Paul, Chris  
Stone  
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM Luncheon in Stella Lounge (NH will not attend)

**BACKGROUND:**

**SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:**