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November 28, 2016
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Meredith Augustine
Deputy General Counsel
Office of the Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Augustine:

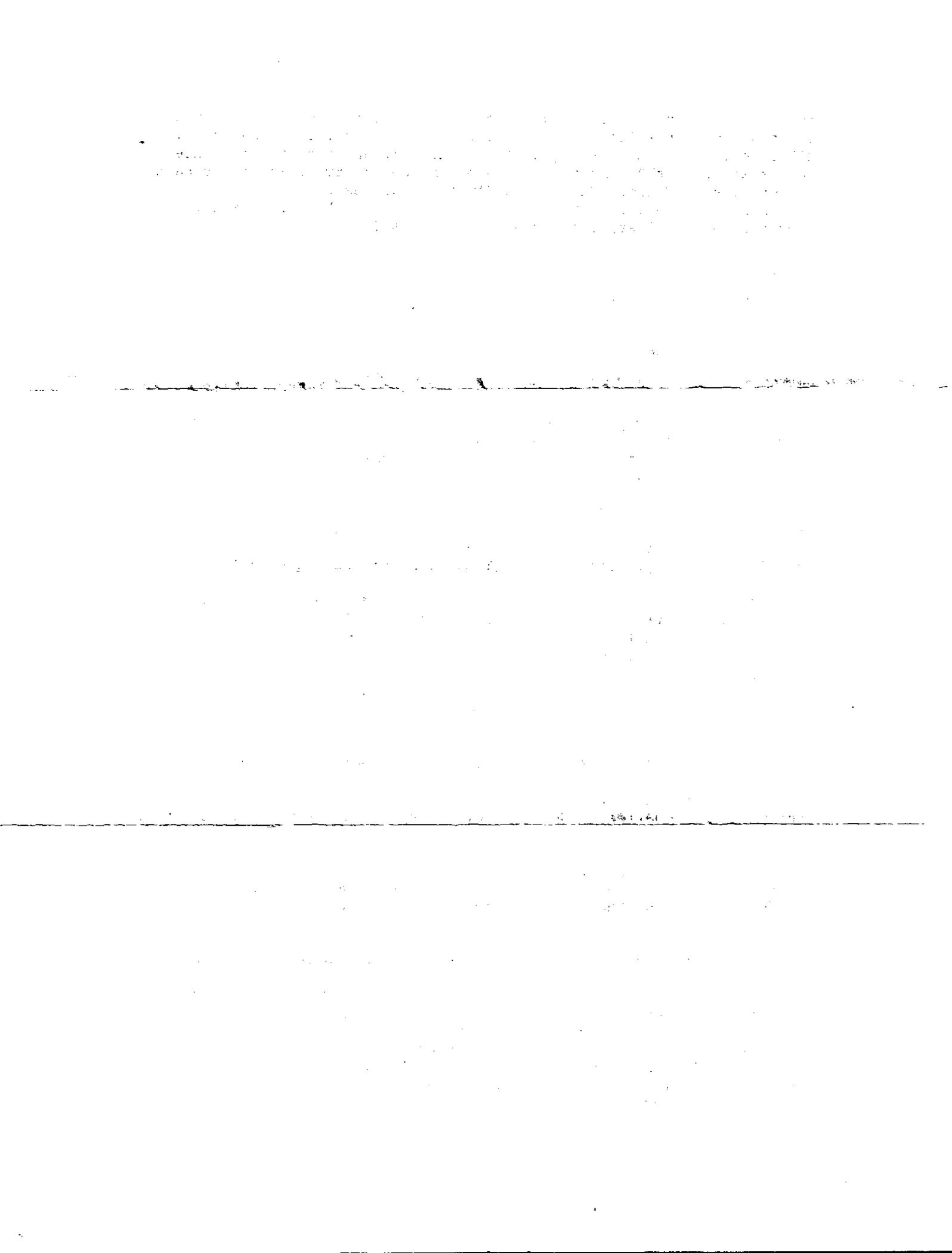
The Application submitted by Charles A. Miller, for Notary Public renewal raises questions about the authenticity of the document and the information it conveys. The mailing addresses and telephone number submitted Mr. Charles A. Miller, connects to Deborah M. Smalls, Administrator, Waterfront Employers - I.L.A Pension and Welfare Fund, South Carolina Area.

If the application is "Certified to be a true and correct copy as taken from and compared with the original on file in this office", does that mean it is an exact duplicate of the original on file, except for the redacted portion?

There are **required** elements of notarial acts under South Carolina law, which is absent from the application... "The legible appearance of the notary's name exactly as shown on the notary's commission. This can be the notary's typed or printed name near his or her signature or can be ascertained from somewhere in the notarial certificate or from the notary's seal, if legible." Because these elements of the notarial act are missing from the application, are you concern about its authenticity?

The bottom portion of the application, to be completed by Charleston County Legislative Delegation, is also void of required documentation. The names listed in option (3), may or may not be the names of the present (2012) **Charleston County** legislative delegates because that part of the application is blank. In spite of that, the names listed in option (3), suggests that the legislative delegation has determined to endorse notaries public by the signatures of at least half of the present legislative delegates from the county in which the applicant resides. That means that each of the signatures must be specific to each delegate.

Your statement, "Members of the delegation may all select the same person or persons to endorse application on their behalf" is simply verbal gymnastics. To be precise - "a legislator may provide for the endorsement of these applications by authorizing either the member serving as chairman or the member serving as secretary of the legislative delegation of the county in which the applicant resides to sign on the legislator's behalf." Option (1) would then be the appropriate choice. You may want to consult your files to determine the endorsement method/s adopted by the Charleston County Legislative Delegation.



Whether or not there is fraud associated with this application can best be answered by the Office of the Secretary of State. Does Charles A. Miller exist in fact, or is Charles A. Miller, an identity fabricated out of whole cloth? A notary search on the Secretary of State web page for Charles A, Miller, Charleston County, produces the result - "No Search Results were found". However, if you search "Charles Miller", up pops the name "Miller, Charles A". Why is that?

If the application itself does not contain the required elements that constitute a notarial act, on what basis was this commission granted. What information can you glean from the supposedly Notary Seal on Charles A. Miller's application?

What say you?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the beginning.

John H. Jenkins
Chief Petty Officer, USN, Ret.

Enclosures: (2)

Bc: Nikki R. Haley, Governor, SC **(Your comments are requested)**

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF ...

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10/11/12

Application/Renewal for Notary Public

For delegation office
use only
3/16/12
Date received

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE HONORABLE MARK HAMMOND

New _____ Renew X

To: Governor of the State of South Carolina

I respectfully petition to be appointed Notary Public for this State, and for your information, I herewith submit the following:

Name Charles A. Miller

Mailing Address Post Office Box 21889 City Charleston Zip Code 29413-1889

Home Street Address 1964 Savage Road City Charleston Zip Code 29407

County Charleston Last 4 Digits of your Social Security #: _____ Sex M Date of Birth: _____

Voter Registration # 1723864
(Voter Registration Number may be obtained from your County Registration and Election Office or Voter Registration Office)

Telephone # (843) 723-5561 E-mail cmiller@waterfrontemployers-ilapenwelfund.com

Languages other than English in which fluent N/A

OATH OF NOTARY PUBLIC

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed), and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God.

[Signature]
Signature of applicant

Date February 28, 2012

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 28 day of February, 2012

[Signature]
Notary Public of South Carolina

My Commission Expires April 29, 2014

Mail application to delegation for required signatures (addresses and telephone numbers are on back of application).

This section should be completed by the Legislative Delegation. Please choose one of the three options.

We, the _____ Delegation, recommend the appointment of the above named applicant.
(County)

1) _____
Signature of the Delegation Chairman OR Secretary

2) _____
Signature of House Member / House District # _____

3) Signed by at least half of the present Legislative Delegates from applicant's county of residence:

[Signatures: R. Brown, W. Belliard, C. Hammons, R. Ford, C. Murphy]

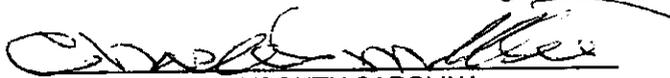
[Signatures: S. Whipper, C. Hudson, B. Bassell, R. Ryan, M. Statile, J. Merrill]

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CHARLES A MILLER
REN-RENEWAL Filing Fee: \$25.00 ORIG
Mark Hammond South Carolina Secretary of State

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

FRANK JENKINS

SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO and ACKNOWLEDGED before me by _____
And SUBSCRIBED, SWORN TO and ACKNOWLEDGED before and by JESSICA STANTON,
ANNETTE RIPLEY K.O. HEYWARD witnesses on this 29th day of
FEBRUARY, 2016.

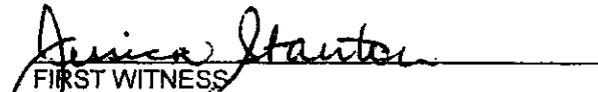

NOTARY PUBLIC/SOUTH CAROLINA

My Commission Expires 4/2/2022

My Commission Expires: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF CHARLESTON)

PERSONALLY APPREARED before me, the first witness of the foregoing Enduring Power of Attorney and made oath that he/she saw the within Grantor sign, seal and as her act and deed, deliver the within written instrument and that she, with ANNETTE RIPLEY and K.O. HEYWARD witnesses the execution thereof.


FIRST WITNESS

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 29th day of FEBRUARY, 2016.


NOTARY PUBLIC/SOUTH CAROLINA

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