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Richland County, South Carolina

Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

April 12, 2017
4:00 PM

County Council Chambers

In Attendance

Board Members

- ❖ Adell Adams, Chair
- ❖ E. Peter Kennedy
- ❖ Jane Emerson
- ❖ Shirley Mack
- ❖ Sylvia Holley

Staff Members

- ❖ Samuel Selph, Director
- ❖ Lillian McBride, Deputy Director
- ❖ Yonita Simmons, Outreach Coordinator
- ❖ Sheron Harris, Precinct Coordinator
- ❖ Cheryl Goodwin, Elections Coordinator

Others Present

- ❖ League of Women Voters Representatives (LOWV)
- ❖ Representative James Smith, State Representative
- ❖ James Brown, SC Delegation Executive Director

Call to Order

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order in the Council Chambers on April 20, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Chair Adams presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

Miss Emerson moved, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adopt the agenda with the following corrections: Remove Board Organizational Meeting, listed under Chairperson's comments. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Miss Emerson moved, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adopt the board meeting minutes as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Swearing- In of Board Members

Representative Smith thanked the Commissioners for their service and invited them to a meeting with the members of Delegation to discuss the current affairs of the office and to discuss how Delegation could of any assistance in the future. The meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Representative James Smith issued the oath of office for newly appointed *Commissioner Shirley Mack*. Additionally, Representative Smith issued the oath of office (reappointments) for the 3 returning commissioners; *Commissioner E. Peter Kennedy*, *Commissioner Jane Emerson* and *Commissioner Sylvia Holley*.

Director's Comments & Updates

A. South Carolina House District 70 Special Election

The Primary is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2017, Run-off will held on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 and the General Election on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. We are submitting a ROA to the Richland County Council in the amount of \$87,864.37.

B. Department of Justice

We received a proposed agreement from the Department of Justice (DOJ) relative to the 149 precincts utilized by the Elections & Voter Registration office. Out of the 149 precincts only 30 of them are deficient. The agreement will include Richland County/Richland County Elections & Voter Registration and the DOJ. The agreement acknowledges that we will continue to work diligently with the precincts to correct any decencies we notice. Our goal is to make the precincts accessible to all individuals with disabilities.

Chairperson's Comments

- A. Welcome to the board, Ms. Mack, we are excited to have you.
- B. There will be no reorganizing of the Board of Elections & Voter Registration at this time.

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C. The By-laws must be changed; to date they read that “Board elections will be held in October”. We will now host elections at the next board meeting. Mr. Kennedy will make a motion.

Motion: Amend the current Board By-laws in section II: Officers to state; Elections will be held as needed, per any new appointments by the Governor. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Board Comments

- ❖ E Peter Kennedy: Thank you for coming today. I encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends, to join us also. Welcome to the board Miss Mack, I look forward to working with you.
- ❖ Jane Emerson: No Comment
- ❖ Shirley Mack: No Comment
- ❖ Sylvia Holley: No Comment

Public Questions & Comments

Chair Adams called for public comments.

- ❖ LOWV- Is there a place on your website where we can view a copy of the By-laws?

Executive Session

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Emerson. The vote in favor was unanimous. The members of the Board of Elections & Voter Registration entered into Executive Session at 4:24 PM. Executive Session ended at 5:20 PM. No changes were made in Executive Session

Adjournment

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mack. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Elections & Voter Registration meeting is May 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the County Council Chambers.

Submitted By:
Yonita Simmons
Outreach Coordinator