**Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration**

**Meeting**

**December 12, 2019**

**4:00pm**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members**

1. Dr. Charles P. Austin, Sr. - Chair
2. Dr. Duncan A. Buell
3. Mrs. Anjanette D. President
4. Mr. Craig Plank – Vice Chair

**Staff Members**

 Mr. Terry Graham, Sr.

 Ms. Michelle D. Harrington

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order in the on Thursday December 12, 2019 at 4:00pm, Chair Austin presiding.

**Moment of Meditation**

Chair Austin called for a Moment of Meditation.

**Adoption of Agenda & Minutes**

Mr. Plank moved that we approve the agenda for the meeting with amendments to move 5.0, 6.0 down under 9.0. Dr. Buell seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous. Mrs. Taylor moved for the approval of the Minutes and Mrs. President seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Election update & Board Comments**

Mr. Graham gave a report pertaining to delivering machines to the polling locations. The last day before the Holiday Break was taken into consideration while planning delivery. At this time the Legislative Delegation had not decided to approve combining polling locations. Mr. Plank moved and Dr. Buell then seconded to move items 5, 6, 7 on the agenda to item 10.0, so that Public Comments would follow.

**Executive Session Adjournment**

Mr. Plank moved we go into executive session and Mrs. Taylor seconded.

**Old Business- No Action Requested.**

**New Business-No Action Requested**

Candidate John Milling addressed the Board in reference to polling locations being combined in certain areas.

**Public Comments-**

A citizen addressed the Board and made suggesions on how to solve the issue with combining polls, not having enough poll workers, etc.

**Future Agenda Items**

If there are any Agenda items to be added, please send them to Ms. Harrington.

**Board and Director Comments**

Mr. Plank brought up the issue of privacy of the voting process. There have been complaints that the current privacy screens are not sufficient. The Agency will research to find suitable privacy screens.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Plank moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. President seconded. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled Board of Elections & Voter Registration meeting will be December 17, 2019.

**Submitted by:** Ms. Michelle D. Harrington, Assistant to the Director