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Rokey W. Suleman II
DIRECTOR

Richland County, South Carolina

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

May 18, 2017
Immediately following Election Certification

Elections & Voter Registration Conference Room

In Attendance

Board Members

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

Staff Members

- ❖ Rokey Suleman, Director
- ❖ Lillian McBride, Deputy Director

Others Present

- ❖ League of Women Voters Representatives (LOWV)

Call to Order

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order in the Elections & Voter Registration Conference Room on May 18, 2017 at 9:30 AM, Chair Adams presiding.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Executive Session (Legal Matter)

The members of the Board of Elections & Voter Registration entered into Executive Session at 9:33 am. Executive Session ended at 10:18 am. The Board agreed to vote on the agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ). Ms. Emerson moved that the RCEVR office approve the proposed agreement from the DOJ, motion was seconded by Ms. Holley. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Explanation of the DOJ agreement:

The agreement was created after a survey that was conducted by the DOJ determined that a minimum of 56 of the 149 polling locations, in Richland County were not ADA accessible under federal law. The DOJ proposed a settlement agreement with this agency to fix this problem. The agreement will bind us in contract for 5 years. The board needs to vote to authorize the agreement between RCEVR and DOJ.

Board Member Comments

❖ Jane D. Emerson

A) When does Rokey reappear before County Council regarding the new budget?

Response: Ms. McBride – The next meeting is on next Thursday, May 25th. **R. Suleman II**- We will confirm if that is when we will give this presentation. It is a possibility that, it may not be there. Once we check with them we will confirm with the Board as soon as possible.

B) Can someone please provide me with insight on what John Scott is doing? I was informed about \$100,000 that is being withheld from Richland County.

Response: R. Suleman II- At this time I cannot provide any information on this matter. **Jane Emerson**- I will try to contact Senator Scott. **Adell Adams**- I will contact him now.

❖ E. Pete Kennedy

A) So that we can have clarification, when candidates have greeters at the polling locations they are to be considered *candidate representatives* and not *poll watchers*. They should be at least 200 feet from the polling location.

B) Thank you Mr. Suleman for jumping in and doing the job that needs to done.

Public Questions & Comments

No Comments

Adjournment

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mack. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

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Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Elections & Voter Registration meeting is June 14, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the County Council Chambers.

Submitted By:

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