

**Minutes of the Richland County
Board of Elections and Voter Registration
2020 Hampton Street
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
5:30 p.m.**

Board Members Attending

Ms. M. Elizabeth Crum, Chair
Mr. Allen Dowdy, Vice Chair
Ms. Adell Adams
Ms. Elaine DuBose
Ms. Tina Herbert

Staff Attending

Ms. Lillian McBride, Executive Director
Mr. Garry Baum, Deputy Director
Mr. Bradley Farrar, Deputy County Attorney

Call to Order

Ms. Crum called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

The Board members reviewed minutes from the meeting held on August 24, 2011. Mr. Dowdy moved to accept revised minutes. Seconded, and approved 5-0.

Unfinished Business

- a. Staff Positions – No further action was necessary.
- b. Areas that the Board may need Additional Assistance – Prior to the meeting, the Board was provided a September 20 staff memo addressing this issue. The memo stated “It was determined that, at this time, the Elections and Voter Registration office does not see the need for outside contract work.” After discussion, additional assistance, in the form of temporary help, may be needed for next year’s countywide elections.

New Business

- a. Posting of Board Agenda and Minutes on Office County Website – Mr. Dowdy moved to agree that the Board’s agendas and minutes should be posted on the Richland County’s public website. Seconded, and approved 5-0.
- b. Certification of January 10 Blythewood Election on Thursday, January 12, 10 a.m. - The Board was requested to place this date on their calendars to meet for certification of this election. The Board may also be requested to assist with this election on January 10.
- c. S.C.A.R.E. Position on Counties Funding of 2012 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) – Ms. Crum recused herself from all discussion and votes on this matter due to serving as the State Election Commission’s attorney in this matter. Vice-Chair Mr. Dowdy presided. Ms. McBride explained that SCARE and the Association of Counties was requesting the Richland County Board to take a position on whether it would agree or disagree to conduct the Republican PPP based on who funded the PPP.

Ms. Herbert requested an Executive Session for the sole purpose of obtaining legal advice. Seconded, and approved 4-0. Ms. Herbert moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded, and approved 4-0. No action or votes were taken while in Executive Session.

Ms. Adams moved to recommend the Board agree for the County to conduct the Republican PPP provided necessary funds were provided by the State Republican Party to pay above what the State Election Commission does not cover. Seconded, and approved 4-0.

Executive Session

No other executive session was held.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.