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# *Voter Registration & Elections*



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### SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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

April 20, 2017  
10:00 AM

County Council Chambers

#### In Attendance

#### Board Members

- ❖ Adell Adams, Chair
- ❖ E. Peter Kennedy
- ❖ Jane Emerson

#### Staff Members

- ❖ Samuel Selph, Director
- ❖ Lillian McBride, Deputy Director
- ❖ Yonita Simmons, Outreach Coordinator

#### Others Present

- ❖ League of Women Voters Representatives (LOWV)
- ❖ Sarah Ellis, State Newspaper
- ❖ Rokey Suleman, Final Candidate for Executive Director
- ❖ Wendy Brawley, Candidate for District 70

#### 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 April 20, 2017 at 10:18 AM, Chair Adams presiding.

#### Adoption of Agenda

Miss Emerson moved, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adopt the agenda with the following corrections: Executive Session will be added after the public comments. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to add the item to the agenda, Ms. Emerson seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### Chairperson's Comments

I requested that Mr.Selph extend his tenure until April 29, 2017. He accepted.

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*Motion: Mr. Samuel Selph's employment contract will be extended until April 29, 2017. The vote in favor was unanimous.*

Allow us to introduce our new Director, Rokey Suleman. A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to take an official vote on hiring Mr. Rokey Suleman as the new Director; seconded by Ms. Emerson. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### **Board Comments**

- ❖ E Peter Kennedy: Commissioner Adams thank you for leading the search efforts for the Executive Director. We were all under a lot of pressure and you performed admirably.
- ❖ Jane Emerson: Thank you Ms. Adams and Pete for the work you have done that has led us to this point.

### **Public Questions & Comments**

Chair Adams called for public comments:

- ❖ Wendy Brawley- Will all the precincts open in our area during the Election? Are we combining locations? Mr. Selph's response: There will be a total of 9 polling locations open for the Election. Becky Brown is here and can help with the designated precincts. We moved Horrell Hill to Southeast Middle School and all other precincts are open.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Emerson. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

### **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