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

**Meeting July 16, 2019**

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**6:00pm**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members**

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

**Staff Members**

Dr. Thad Hall

Becky Brown

Terry Graham

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order in the Voter Registration Conference Room on Tuesday July 16, 2019 at 6:00pm, Chair Austin presiding.

**Adoption of Agenda & Minutes**

Chair Austin moved that we approve the agenda. The vote in favor was unanimous. The Moment of Meditation followed. Commissioner Taylor moved that the minutes be approve. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Discussion of Bylaws**

Dr. Hall discussed the updated RC Board of Elections Bylaws. There were comparisons made to other Counties and their bylaws. Mr. Plank suggested the bylaws are adopted with an amendment to second section #13. Mrs. Taylor seconded the motion to accept the bylaws with the addition of revisions being quarterly or yearly. There was a unanimous vote in favor.

**Director’s Comments**

Dr. Hall discussed the State Election Commission’s Memorandum for the request of Funds for our voting machines. There has been discussion on the wording of the Memorandum. The County is very specific about not being responsible for the machines. The costs of maintenance of the voting machines and the warehouse.

**Board Comments**

The Board expressed concern about asking for additional funding, after recently receiving funding for the budget. Dr. Hall explained the decision about the voting machines was made after the meeting with County Council occurred. The SEC did not know which voting machines they wanted to purchase at that time.

(Cont’d) Dr. Hall further explained the Dept. of Homeland Security’s visit to the storage facility where the current machines are being held. The warehouse was deemed unfit for storing the voting machines. The machines are transported by Special Services (Prison Inmates.) The warehouse is located on an abandoned property. The costs of having satellite locations, poll workers training, etc. were also discussed. Some of the money spent on elections is reimbursed, but a good bit is not.

**Adjournment**

Chair Austin moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled Board of Elections & Voter Registration meeting is July 29, 2019.

**Submitted by:** Michelle D. Harrington, Administrative Assistant