



**Minutes of the Richland County Board of Voter Registration and Elections
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
County Council Chambers**

Board Members in Attendance

Ms. Adell Adams, Chair

Ms. Sylvia Holley

Ms. Jane Emerson

Mr. E. Peter Kennedy

Staff in Attendance

Mr. Samuel Selph, Director

Ms. Lillian McBride, Deputy Director

Staff Members – Elections & Voter Registration Department

Others in Attendance

Ericka Moore, City Clerk, City of Columbia

Regina Lewis, Gaffney, Lewis & Edwards

Lawrence Flynn, Pope Flynn Group

Eddy Willard, Chair of the Richland County Republican Party

Jenell Rivers, League of Women's Voter

Jamie White, League of Women's Voter

Representative James Smith, District 72

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

- A motion was made by Commissioner Emerson to approve the agenda as submitted.
Seconded. Approved.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes



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- The Board Members reviewed the minutes from December 14, 2016.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes after submitting the name of the speaker in section B. The motion was seconded and approved.

Director's Comments & Updates

A. City of Columbia Special Election

- The Election held on January 3rd was a success, a total of 2,196 voters participated. The certification was also a success and was completed without any issues.

B. Lake Dogwood Special Referendum (Update provided by Lawrence Flynn)

- This is the 5th of the potential Tax District. The Lake Dogwood is a little less organized and they are a rural homeowner association and they did not have everything together in time to participate in the previous elections. A petition has been filed and County Council has accepted it as being validly served and now it is a matter of scheduling the Election. We have prepared a resolution and our proposed date to host the election will be on June 13, 2017. It is located in Eastover, South Carolina.
- A motion was made to approve the Lake Dogwood Special Referendum Election on June 13, 2017. The motion was seconded and voted upon:

FOR

AGAINST

ABSTAIN

Adams

Holley

Kennedy

Emerson

C. Election Calendar for Each Municipality for 2017

- We have prepared the Election Calendar for each Municipality for the remainder of 2017. The first election is Forest Acres on May 9th.

Chairperson's Comments



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- The delegation has appointed an additional member to our board. We are awaiting the confirmation from the governor. We asked her to join us today for an observation.

Board Comments

- **Jane Emerson**- A motion was made to add to March and May to the current meeting schedule. The motion was seconded and voted upon:

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

Adams

Holley

Kennedy

Emerson

- **E. Peter Kennedy**- No comment
- **Sylvia Holley**- No comment

Public Comments

- Introduction of the League of Women's Voter
- Introduction of City Clerk, City of Columbia

Executive Session-

- Motion to retire in Executive Session, Seconded. Approved
- The board entered into Executive Session at 4:15 pm.
- Our current director's contract will officially end on March 21, 2017. Applications are now being accepted for the position.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Submitted by: Yonita Simmons



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**Next Meeting
March 1, 2017
4:00 pm**