

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA

March 17, 2021

10:00 a.m.

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Approval of Minutes: February 18, 2021 (SEC)

New Business:

Agency Return to Normal Operations
Senate Oversight Committee

Old Business:

COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WELLS
Chairperson

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

Reapportionment
Statements of Economic Interest
Agency Goals for 2021 Update
Legislative/Budget Update
Election Infrastructure Security Update
Legal Update
League of Women Voters, et al. v. Marci Andino, et al.

Public Comments:

Brenda Muldrow, SC Federation of Republican Women

MARCI ANDINO
Executive Director

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Ms. Joanne Day (via teleconference); Mr. Clifford J. Edler (via teleconference); Ms. Linda McCall (via teleconference); Mr. Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Harrison Brant, General Counsel; Howard Knapp, Director of Voter Services; Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator; Brenda Muldrow, SC Federation of Republican Women Election Integrity Commission

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Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the meeting of February 18, 2021 (SEC). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Moseley, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MARCI ANDINO
Executive Director

New Business

The first item of new business was agency return to normal operations. Ms. Andino reported that on March 5 Governor McMaster ordered all state employees return to the workplace by March 15, and the agency is in compliance with that order.

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The Senate Legislative Oversight Committee ("Committee") was the next item under new business. Ms. Andino informed the Commission that a Committee meeting is scheduled for March 25 in which the agency has been asked to prepare a presentation including an overview of the State Election Commission as well as information concerning signature verification on absentee ballot return envelopes, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)'s role in voter registration, and the use of federal funding last year for the 2020 General Election. Chairman Wells requested an email to the board containing a summary of the meeting after it is held.

Old Business

The first item of old business was reapportionment. Ms. Andino advised census data will be provided to the states on 9/30/2021 and the SEC has already provided the voter file to the House and to the Senate so they begin work on redistricting. Ms. Andino advised the census data is about six months late since it is usually received in April. She explained once census information is received, the SEC will need to assign voters to new election districts.

The next item under old business was Statement of Economic Interests. Ms. Andino stated all Commission members have filed.

An update on agency goals for 2021 was the next item. Ms. Andino stated the county compliance audit plan and schedule is being developed. With regards to the EVS 6.1.1.0 update to the voting system, she advised the ballot-marking devices at the SEC have been updated. County ballot-marking devices, starting with those who have no upcoming elections, will be updated from now through the month of April. She added all other goals are ongoing.

The legislative and budget update was the next item of old business. Ms. Andino advised House Bill 3444 passed the House and was amended to remove SEC restructuring. She added Senate Bill S499 regarding SEC restructuring received a favorable report from the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. With regards to federal legislation she reported that HR1 has passed the U.S. House. Regarding the budget, Ms. Andino advised there will be a presentation to the Senate Finance subcommittee next week.

The next order of old business was the Election Infrastructure Security Update. Ms. Andino advised no new vulnerabilities have been detected and our systems were not impacted by the Microsoft Exchange Server vulnerabilities. She also stated she participated in a call with the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice in which key findings and recommendations were discussed. It was also reported no evidence foreign governments manipulated election results.

The last order of old business was the legal updates. Mr. Brant advised the *League of Women Voters et al v. Marci Andino et al.* case was sent back to the district court requesting the lower court rule on the issue of mootness regarding signature matching.

Brenda Muldrow, a member of the SC Federation of Republican Women, read a statement regarding the purpose of the newly created Election Integrity Committee. She explained their mission and focus.

Chairman Wells reminded the board members the next meeting will be held on April 21, 2021.

With no further business, Ms. Day made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daylin Silber 