

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day, Mr. Clifford J. Edler, Ms. Linda McCall, and Mr. Scott Moseley

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Howard Knapp, Director of Voter Services; Harrison Brant, General Counsel; Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information; Barbara Pittelli, Administrative Coordinator

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.

COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WELLS
Chairperson

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the meeting of June 16, 2021 (SEC). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCall, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

The one item of new business was the Office of State Inspector General (SIG). Ms. Andino stated the SIG office received a confidential complaint alleging the State Election Commission (SEC) has not conducted reviews, audits, or other post-election analysis of county election boards, and did not follow procurement codes for the purchase of electronic poll books. Ms. Andino advised that the SEC met with the SIG's staff and supplied all necessary documents to address the claims. The SIG has completed their review of these matters and made no finding of fraud, waste or abuse. The SIG did, however, make some recommendations with regards to county audits which includes additional staffing. The SEC will include this in its budget request for the next fiscal year.

Old Business

The Process to fill Executive Director Vacancy was the first item under old business. Chairman Wells asked for a motion to be made to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Edler made said motion, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the board went into executive session. No votes were taken during executive session. Upon returning to open session, Chairman Wells suggested the following

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timeline to fill the Executive Director vacancy. The position would be posted on August 6, 2021 and close on September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The commissioners would then vet resumes through September 30, 2021. Beginning October 1, 2021, the commissioners would begin interviews with the goal of making an offer by November 1, 2021. Ms. Day made a motion to approve the timeline, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The second item under old business was the Legislative Oversight Committees (LOC). Ms. Andino stated testimony was given at three Senate LOC meetings and all requested documents and materials were provided. She advised that the House LOC held a public hearing on June 30, 2021, at which public testimony was given concerning voter registration list maintenance as it concerns the removal of deceased voters. Ms. Andino also stated all additional information requested by the House LOC has been provided.

Reapportionment was the next item. Ms. Andino explained the state will receive raw data from the U. S. Census in August. The final data is expected September 30, 2021.

An update on agency goals for 2021 was the next item under old business. Ms. Andino advised that county compliance audits are on hold to complete the voting system upgrades. All other goals are ongoing.

The last order of old business was the Election Infrastructure Security Update. Ms. Andino advised that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) conducted a tabletop exercise for the county offices. She stated DHS completed the physical security assessments of each county and will conduct a physical and cyber security assessment of the State Election Commission in August 2021.

Chairman Wells reminded the Commission members the next meeting will be held on August 18, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Pittelli