

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 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 (via teleconference), Ms. Linda McCall (via teleconference), and Mr. Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

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 and two members of the public

COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WELLS
Chairperson

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

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 meetings of July 21, 2021 (SEC) and July 23, 2021 (SBC). A motion to approve the July 21, 2021 (SEC) minutes was made by Ms. Day, seconded by Mr. Moseley. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Ms. Day then made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2021 (SBC) meeting, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MARCI ANDINO
Executive Director

New Business

No new business

Old Business

The process to fill executive director vacancy was the first item under old business. Ms. Andino advised that the job description was posted on August 6, 2021 on the state jobs website, as well as national search website, Indeed.com. She further advised that twenty applications had been received thus far. Ms. Andino stated the job posting closes on September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The second item under old business was reapportionment. Ms. Andino informed the Commission that preliminary data from the U. S. Census was released the week of August 9, 2021, with the final data expected September 30, 2021. Ms. Andino explained the

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preliminary data could be used to draw plans for reapportioning Congressional, Senate, and House districts, with reconciliations being made when the final data is released. She added plans will be passed by the General Assembly when they return in the fall. Ms. Andino advised that language determinations for election materials may need to be made based on the U. S. Census data.

An update on agency goals for 2021 was the next item under old business. Ms. Andino advised the agency's focus is on the upgrade to the voting system which will be finished before the November 2021 elections. Ms. Andino stated once the upgrades are complete, the county compliance audits will resume, as well as poll book training.

The last order of old business was the election infrastructure security update. Mr. Knapp advised that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) was currently conducting penetration testing, which simulates cyberattacks, against our systems in coordination with the Department of Administration. He further advised DHS staff will conduct a physical security assessment of the State Election Commission (SEC) office the week of August 23, 2021. Mr. Knapp stated DHS sent the SEC sixteen county physical security assessment reports to be reviewed. Mr. Knapp advised the SEC will contact the sixteen counties to discuss the assessment findings and remediation recommendations.

Chairman Wells reminded the Commission members the next meeting will be held on September 15, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pittelli