

**Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration  
Monday, July 28, 2014  
3:30pm**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Mr. Allen Dowdy, Chair  
Ms. Adell Adams, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Elaine DuBose

**Staff in Attendance**

Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director  
Ms. Lillian McBride, Deputy Director of Voter Registration  
Ms. Chelle Epps, Manager of Voter Registration  
Ms. Becky Brown, Precinct Coordinator  
Ms. Elizabeth Hill, Precinct Clerk  
Ms. Turquoise Hayes, Absentee Representative  
Ms. Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance**

Ms. Elizabeth McLean, Legal  
Alex Postic, Esquire

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present to allow the meeting to proceed and that the meeting had been properly posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act requirements.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

- The Board Members reviewed the minutes from May 20, 2014. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded. Approved 3-0.

**Adoption of Agenda**

- A motion was made to approve the meeting's agenda. Seconded. Approved 3-0.

**Interim Director Comments**

- Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director, requested that Alex Postic, Esquire be allowed to speak with the Board and provide them with an update regarding the status of the lawsuit.
- Attorney Postic informed the Board that the lawsuit that was filed the beginning of 2014 by the Public Interest Foundation surrounded the issue of the joining of the Elections & Voter Registration Offices.
- Although the Boards were separated, as of today, the lawsuit still lives. A Summary Judgment Motion was filed on July 21, 2014 and 60 days were provided to resolve the matter.

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- Two issues are still unresolved: the nullification of all actions taken when the Board was joined and the payment of attorney fees.
- Attorney Postic stated that he will file a summary judgment for the Election & Voter Registration Office and will continue working on the case. A tentative deposition with Interim Director, Samuel Selph, is scheduled for August 4, 2014.

**Board Chair Comments**

- Mr. Dowdy stated that the June 2014 Primary & Runoff Elections were successful and thanked the staff for their hard work.

**Executive Session**

- A motion was made to proceed into Executive Session to discuss personnel related matters. Seconded. Approved 3-0. The Board entered into Executive Session at 3:43pm.
- A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 4:32pm. Seconded. Approved 3-0. The Board indicated that no action and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

**Closing Remarks**

- Mr. Dowdy stated that the Board will continue to work hard to do what's best for the citizens of Richland County and will continue to work to restore confidence and trust as the Office moves forward.

**Adjournment**

- There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Seconded. Approved 3 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Recorded by: Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant