

**Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections and Voter Registration**  
**Wednesday, October 1, 2014**  
**1:00pm**

**Board Members in Attendance**

Ms. Adell Adams  
Ms. Jane Dreher Emerson  
Ms. Sylvia Holley  
Ms. Marjorie Johnson  
Mr. E. Peter Kennedy

**Staff in Attendance**

Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director  
Ms. Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant

**Others in Attendance**

Mr. James Brown, Legislative Delegation

**Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 1:06 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.

**Adoption of Agenda**

- A motion was made to adopt the meeting's agenda. Seconded. Approved 5-0.

**Organization of Current Board**

- The Board discussed the importance of organization and the need to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Each Board Member proceeded to state their reasons why or why not they should be nominated as Chair and Vice-Chair.
- A decision was made to nominate individuals for Chair and Vice-Chair but not to vote until the next scheduled Board Meeting.
- Various methods for nomination were discussed that included all Board Members vote for 1 person and the 2 individuals who received the majority of votes would run for Chair & Vice-Chair.
- A motion was made to conduct a preliminary vote, and that the 2 individuals who received the majority of votes would run for Chair & Vice-Chair. Seconded. Approved. 4 - 1.

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- The vote was taken and the top 2 individuals who received the majority votes were Mr. Pete Kennedy and Ms. Marjorie Johnson.
- A substitute motion was made to move to have reconsideration of the motion before, to have 1 vote in order to narrow the field for chairman down to 1, the person with the highest votes will be the chair. Seconded. Approved. 4 – 1.
- A second motion was made that upon the election of the chair, the remaining candidate and Ms. Adell Adams will vie for vice-chair. Seconded. Approved. 4 – 1.
- Certification
  - The Board discussed certification through the State Election Commission. Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director, informed the Board that the State Election Commission will offer classes and that all new Board Members have 18 months to obtain their certification.
- Board Meetings
  - The Board discussed the need for future Board Meetings to be transparent and open. Various days, times, and locations were discussed to better accommodate the public.

**Discussion of Proposed By-Laws**

- The Board reviewed a draft copy of the proposed by-laws.
- Mr. Pete Kennedy agreed to make the suggested changes and at the next Board Meeting, provide all members of the Board with the by-laws for a second reading.

**Director's Comments & Input**

- Mr. Samuel Selph, Interim Director, provided the Board with the following updates:
  - Public testing of all voting equipment was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 11:00am.
  - Saturday, October 4, 2014 will be the last day to register to vote in order to participate in the November 4, 2014 General Election.
  - Absentee voting will begin on Monday, October 6, 2014 in the Elections and Voter Registration Department.
  - Absentee Satellite Voting will begin on Monday, October 20, 2014. The locations are as follows:
    - Northeast: Adult Activity Center
    - Southeast: Garners Ferry Adult Activity Center

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- Southwest: St. Andrews Park
- Downtown: Richland County Council Chambers

**Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Recorded by: Amie Brunson, Administrative Assistant