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# Voter Registration & Elections



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DIRECTOR

## Richland County, South Carolina

### Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

May 10, 2017  
4:00 PM

County Council Chambers

#### In Attendance

#### Board Members

- ❖ Adell Adams, Chair
- ❖ E. Peter Kennedy
- ❖ Jane Emerson
- ❖ Shirley Mack
- ❖ Sylvia Holley

#### Staff Members

- ❖ Rokey W. Suleman II, Director
- ❖ Lillian McBride, Deputy Director
- ❖ Yonita Simmons, Outreach Coordinator

#### Others Present

- ❖ League of Women Voters Representatives (LOWV)

#### Call to Order

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order in the Council Chambers on April 20, 2017 at 4:03 PM, Chair Adams presiding.

#### Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Emerson moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Ms. Mack. The vote in favor was unanimous.

#### Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adopt the board meeting minutes as published for the following Board Meetings:

- ❖ *April 12, 2017*: Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt the minutes as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- ❖ *April 20, 2017* (Special Called Meeting): Mr. Kennedy moved to adopt the minutes as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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- ❖ *May 4, 2017:* (Special Called Meeting): Ms. Mack moved to adopt the minutes as published, Ms. Holley seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

### Executive Session

Ms. Emerson moved to adjourn to Executive Session, to discuss a personnel matter. The vote in favor was unanimous. The members of the Board of Elections & Voter Registration entered into Executive Session at 4:05 PM. Executive Session ended at 4:12 PM. During Executive Session an Employment Contract for Rokey W. Suleman, II was approved.

A public vote was taken to accept the Employment Contract as written: The votes were captured as follows:

#### FOR

Adams  
Kennedy  
Emerson

#### AGAINST

Mack

#### ABSTAIN

Holley

### Chairperson's Comments

We would like to wish Ms. Holley a Happy Birthday.

### Director's Comments & Updates

#### A. Status Update

- ❖ Registered Voters: *258,985 as of May 8<sup>th</sup>*
- ❖ Processed Registrations: *1,570 since April 1<sup>st</sup>*
- ❖ Change of Address (with Richland County): *981*
- ❖ Online Registrations: *148*
- ❖ Duplicate Registrations: *768*
- ❖ Photo ID's: *30*
- ❖ Indexed: *3,168*

#### B. District 70: House of Representative Special Election

Primary: May 2, 2017: No significant issues. 2 machines were removed from service but neither had votes on them. 1 Polling location was moved within another building on campus due to testing. Originally we were relocated to a location that was not handicap accessible; after being updated on the new location we were relocated once again. Lack of

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signage was a concern at first, but the issue was swiftly rectified. We are recommending that we utilize the same location for the run-off to provide consistency with voters; but will consider returning to our original location on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

There are 13, 969 eligible voters in the House District 70 Special Election. The results for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary are official and the post audit results returned clean. On Election Day our in house call center received 74 phone calls; it averages to 7 phone calls per hour. The majority of the calls were machine opening and closing related.

For the May 16<sup>th</sup> election we have processed 107 regular absentee ballots and 1 UOCAVA ballot. The agency has sent 23 instant run off ballots to voters; 19 were sent via email and the remaining 4 by mail.

58 machines have been deployed for the run-off election. All 58 machines have been reprogrammed and resealed and placed in a secured location until Election Day.

There will be no further training for Poll Workers for the run-off election. All Poll Workers have been provided with adequate information and training to successfully run this election.

***S. Holley:*** Where are we housing our equipment?

***R. Suleman II:*** For this Election?

***S. Holley:*** In general, where will we house the equipment?

***R. Suleman II:*** In warehouse, but for this election the equipment is being stored in secured locations at each of the polling locations. They have each been resealed and we will be able to verify if there has been any tampering.

***S. Holley:*** One other question, I believe it was Hopkins, they were supposed to vote in the cafeteria, and they were relocated to the gym. Why were we not notified of the changes?

***R. Suleman II:*** I believe that there was a miscommunication on behalf of the Principal; and the school needed to utilize the gym for testing. The location was moved without informing our office; but the situation was quickly rectified.

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### Board Comments

- ❖ E Peter Kennedy: Welcome aboard
- ❖ Jane Emerson: No Comment
- ❖ Shirley Mack: No Comment
- ❖ Sylvia Holley: No comment

### Public Questions & Comments

- ❖ None

### Adjournment

Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Mack. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM

### Next Scheduled Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Board of Elections & Voter Registration meeting is June 14, 2017 at 4:00 PM in the County Council Chambers.

### Submitted By:

Yonita Simmons  
Outreach Coordinator