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Amanda Bauknight  
Brian Dismukes

## **BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS**

April 5, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Pickens County Administrative Building Board Room

### **Opening:**

Chairman Liddle called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### **Roll Call:**

Jim Liddle  
Charles Titus  
Cheryl Allen-Bailey  
Amanda Bauknight  
Brian Dismukes  
Dr. Amy Sams  
Skeet Holland  
Sharon Rausch

### **Agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from previous regular meeting--March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
  - a. Motion by Chairman Liddle to approve the minutes. Second by Board Member Bauknight. All in favor.
2. Discussion of open secretary position.
  - a. Nominations needed to fill position for remainder of 2022
  - b. Board Member Allen-Bailey volunteered to fill the position. Board Member Bauknight made the motion to elect Board Member Allen-Bailey as secretary for rest of 2022. Board Member Titus seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Time available for public comment
  - a. Ross Whitley was present as a member of Conservatives of the Upstate and had a question about previous meeting minutes.

- b. Richard Byrd, Pickens County Democratic Party, expressed concern over Lillian Boatwright not being reappointed, current board members, and appreciation for Robert Rauton.
    - c. Suzie Hart had questions about absentee voting and pending legislation.
- 4. Second Reading of proposed change to the Board of Voter Registration & Elections Official Organizational Rules, pg. 8. First reading was at the regular meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - a. Board Member Titus made the motion to pass second reading. Board Member Bauknight seconded. All in favor.
- 5. Director's Report.
  - a. Redistricting.
    - i. County council has approved all changes
    - ii. Complete on our end
    - iii. County & district interactive mapping app added to website
    - iv. The entire state is waiting on a 2<sup>nd</sup> comparison from RFA (Revenue & Fiscal Affairs).
    - v. School board districts will likely change, probably after the June Primary and maybe as late as spring of 2023.
  - b. Election Integrity Booklet
    - i. The State Election Commission recently released this informational booklet.
    - ii. Hard copies are available in the office; pdf version is available on [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).
  - c. Polling Location Changes (Verbal confirmation was received from the delegation on the permanent locations; waiting on written confirmation).
    - i. 107 Issaqueena: Clemson Elementary School
    - ii. 132 Zion: West End Baptist Church
    - iii. 142 Crestview: Smithfields Country Club
    - iv. 155 North Liberty: Rosewood Center
    - v. 161 McAlister: St. Michael's Episcopal
    - vi. 145 Saluda (Temp): Rock Springs Baptist Church
    - vii. 151 Dacusville (Temp): Dacusville Elementary School.
  - d. Homeschool Hangout & Library Partnership Projects
    - i. SC Fun Ballot educational demonstration on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Village Branch Library.
    - ii. Creation of informational & educational videos for posting on the library and county Facebook pages.
  - e. By-Mail-Absentee Info Targeting Senior Populations
    - i. Absentee by mail informational flyers will be distributed to assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and through the library house calls program.
    - ii. Facebook and website posts are being drafted for publishing on appropriate future dates.

- f. Poll worker recruitment information has been posted on our website, the Pickens County Facebook page, and the Administration Building monitors.
  - g. H. 4919
    - i. Key points provided by Dr. Sams
      - 1. Absentee-by-mail vs. early voting
      - 2. Satellite Locations
      - 3. Last four digits of SSN on absentee application
      - 4. Requires witness printed name on voter's oath envelope
    - ii. Passed House
    - iii. Judiciary hearing at 11 a.m. April 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the bill.
    - iv. Will likely pass sometime this year.
    - v. Staff is prepared for both options— current rules & statutes or H 4919.
    - vi. If not passed, office will be only absentee-in-person location open.
    - vii. Under current statutes, absentee in person ballots will be placed in a Ballot Herein Envelope.
    - viii. Temporary proviso for in person absentee voting during Covid allowed ballots to be cast immediately.
  - h. Office has received certification for all candidates from both parties.
  - i. Our database builder at the SEC, Heather Andrews, is leaving. Replacement is unknown at this time.
  - j. Save the date: The Annual SCARE Conference for 2023 will be held at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach February 13<sup>th</sup> through February 17<sup>th</sup>. Good opportunity for learning and networking with other counties' board members and staff.
6. New business and board member discussion
- a. Chairman Liddle requested that the registration and elections office consider ways to educate the public on the DS200 ballot counting machines. Some voters have voiced concern that their ballot may not have been counted if they inserted it in face up. Poll workers instruct voters to insert the ballot face down for privacy, but the machines will count the ballot if inserted face up or face down. If the DS200 accepts the ballot, it has been counted.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn by Board Member Titus; second by Board Member Dismukes. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.