

# PICKENS COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

## BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES LIDDLE, CHAIR  
CHERYL ALLEN BAILEY, VICE CHAIR  
CHARLES TITUS, SECRETARY  
AMANDA BAUKNIGHT  
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## BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Minutes

Pickens County Administrative Building Conference Room

### Opening:

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

### Roll Call:

Jim Liddle  
Charles Titus  
Amanda Bauknight  
Jim Schmutz  
Cary Kaye  
Robert Moody  
Ethan Cashwell  
Luke Campbell  
Dr. Amy Sams  
Sharon Rausch

1. Minutes from December 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting reviewed. Kaye made the motion to approve the minutes. Moody seconded. All in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
  - a. Suzanne Hart commented on minutes from previous meetings.
  - b. Brandy Tarleton, representing Fruit Mountain voters, shared concerns about election accuracy and voter trust.
3. Director's Report
  - a. Each board member received a copy of the 2022 law book and was made aware that the State Election Commission's 2022 Annual Report is available on [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).

- b. Discussed the City of Clemson election cycle. Clemson municipal election scheduled for November 2024 will likely be moved to either November 2023 or November 2025. No decision has been made yet.
  - c. Review of the February 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> SCARE conference. Several board members and office staff attending.
  - d. Congratulations to Kylee Liddle, SCARE Scholarship Winner!
  - e. Review of several bills that have been pre-filed. All bills may be viewed by visiting [scstatehouse.gov](http://scstatehouse.gov).
  - f. Discussed recommendation from State Election Commission that counties discontinue the use of signs and instructions for voters to place their ballot face down on the scanner for privacy.
  - g. Discussed board member involvement in processing of absentee ballots. No law prohibits board members from being involved in the process of opening and scanning absentee ballots. Due to the size of our office, board member involvement has been essential for timely processing of absentee ballots in past elections. If possible, additional temporary staff will be hired to assist the office with opening and processing absentee ballots for future elections.
  - h. A special election will be held Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to fill the Easley City Council Ward 4 seat vacated by the death of the councilman. The Board of Canvassers will certify election results at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Titus made the motion. Bauknight seconded. All in favor.
  - i. Reviewed requested budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year.
4. New business
    - a. Election of officers. Chairman Liddle nominated Charles Titus for the office of secretary, Cheryl Allen-Bailey for the office of vice-chairman, and himself for the office of chairman. Bauknight made the motion to accept the nominations. Kaye seconded the motion. All in favor.
    - b. Fruit Mountain ballot issue breakdown. Chairman Liddle made the motion to draft and send a letter to the SEC requesting a statement about the issue that occurred on the Fruit Mountain ballot in the 2022 General Election. Moody seconded the motion. All in favor.
  5. Chairman Liddle made the motion to enter executive session at 6:14 p.m. Second by Titus. All in favor. Executive session ended at 6:24 p.m.
  6. Chairman Liddle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Second by Bauknight. All in favor.