

# PICKENS COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

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## BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, September 5, 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	Luke Campbell	Dr. Charles Titus
Amanda Bauknight	Dr. Jim Schmutz	Cary Kaye
Bob Moody	Ethan Cashwell	
Dr. Amy Sams		

1. Approval of Minutes from June Meeting
  - a. Minutes from August 1st Regular Board were reviewed. Mr. Moody made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bauknight seconded. All in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
  - a. Public member, Melanie Synakowski, introduced herself and expressed interest in the board and elections.
  - b. Public member, Julie Baker, is a Cyber-Security expert and just wants to learn about the elections and observe.
3. Director's Report
  - a. Dr. Sams discussed VREMS
    - i. Upcoming trainings were discussed.
    - ii. It was mentioned that the SEC had inquired about the possibility of conducting regional training within Pickens County and PC has agreed to do it if needed.
    - iii. There was a discussion in regards to VREMS and how voters are placed on the

VREMS system.

- b. Early Voting was discussed.
  - i. Early voting is taking place from Oct 23 – Nov 3.
  - ii. Each board member was given a flyer to post at different locations around Pickens County.
  - iii. There was discussion about reminding voters check their registration on SCVotes and verify everything is correct.
- c. Dr. Sams discussed the voter education series that she has been doing and discussed the future education series. The events of the next two are Sept 11<sup>th</sup> at the Easley Library and again on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Central-Clemson Library.
  - i. Board member Mr. Cashwell asked about security at the events. Dr. Sams discussed the low turnout and that there are multiple staff members there.
- d. Dr. Sams discussed Gordon Dill with WSPA 7 and how she was asked about doing an interview about elections. The interviews will be shown later this year.
- e. Dr. Sams will be having a medical procedure done later in Sept. She will be working remote after the surgery. The goal is to be back before October.
- f. Dr. Sams discussed a new division within the SEC for auditing elections offices and how they operate.
  - i. The Pickens audit starts on 9/6/2023, and Dr. Sams mentioned that she has everything ready for the audit.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Campbell mentioned “Ballots Count in the Election Process” flowchart and how he felt it should be shared with all on the board and possibly other counties to better understand the election process.

- 5. At 5:24pm Mr. Cashwell made motion to end the regular session. Ms. Kaye seconded the motion. All voted in favor