

# PICKENS COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

## BOARD MEMBERS

CARY BERKELEY KAYE, CHAIR  
CHERYL ALLEN BAILEY, VICE CHAIR  
DR. CHARLES TITUS, SECRETARY  
AMANDA BAUKNIGHT  
LUKE CAMPBELL  
ETHAN CASHWELL  
JAMES "JIM" LIDDLE  
ROBERT "BOB" MOODY  
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## BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

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 Bauknicht	Dr. Jim Schmutz	Cary Kaye
Bob Moody	Ethan Cashwell	Cheryl Allen Bailey
Dr. Amy Sams		

1. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings were discussed.
  - a. Minutes from December 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were reviewed. Question regarding Mr. Cashwell's attendance at December meeting was addressed. Mr. Liddle made the motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kaye seconded. All voted in favor.
2. Time available for public comment
  - a. Public member, Kate B., discussed political activity by board members and the concerns that she has in regards to activity of a member of the board and asked a board member to step down due to their activity on social media.
  - b. Public member, Richard B., discussed political activity by board members and his concerns and asked a board member to step down as well.
    - i. In response Chairman Liddle mentioned that he does not like postings on social media.
3. Directors Report:
  - a. PPP Trainings have begun.

- i. Direct Deposit for Poll Workers is now being implemented over the next few elections.
  - b. Enhanced Voting for UOCAVA voters was discussed.
  - c. Democratic PPP ballots were discussed.
  - d. Republican PPP ballots were discussed.
    - i. Rep ballots do include 3 advisory questions and election workers have been trained on how to respond to voter questions about the advisory items.
  - e. Six Mile Candidate Filing for unexpired Council was discussed.
  - f. A “Review of the South Carolina Election Process” was discussed.
  - g. SEC 2023 Annual Report was discussed.
  - h. 2024 SEC training Calendar was discussed.
  - i. Election Sign-up sheets for Board were discussed.
  - j. Other
    - i. Delegation of Pickens voted on 01/08/2024 to recommend for reappointment all 4 members whose terms expire March 31, 2024. Recommendations now go to the Governor’s Office for final approval and appointment.
    - ii. SC Senate 1 redistricting, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2024, was discussed by Dr. Sams.
    - iii. SCARE does a scholarship each year for college students. This information has gone out and it was discussed who qualifies for it.
4. New Business
  - a. Dr. Schmutz discussed paper ballots and hand-count auditing for the state elections.
  - b. Board Chair Liddle announced that he is resigning from his position as Chair effective at the end of the meeting on 1/09/2024 but will remain on the board as a regular board member.
  - c. Liddle nominated Cary Berkeley Kaye for the Chairman of the Board for the remainder of the position effective after the meeting concludes on 1/9/2024.
    - i. Liddle made the motion. Bauknight seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
5. Executive Session was entered at 5:49 p.m.
6. Executive Session ended at 5:53 p.m.
7. Next meeting
  - a. Thursday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. will be Canvassers Meeting for Democratic PPP.  
Thursday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. will be Canvassers Meeting for Republican PPP.  
Regular Board meeting will immediately follow.
8. At 5:54 pm Mr. Liddle made motion to adjourn the regular session. Mr. Cashwell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

\*For additional details regarding time for public comment, see “Official Organizational Rules for Pickens County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, Section X: Meetings of the Board” found online at <https://PickensElections.org>