



YORK COUNTY

BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OF YORK COUNTY



MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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Regular Meeting

York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street
York, SC 29745

5:30 PM

Chair Jonell Hagner: Present, Vice-Chair Sadie Culp: Present, Secretary Julia Rogers: Absent, Board Member Ken Love: Present, Board Member Diane Linkous: Present, Board Member James Mabrey: Present, Board Member Harold Staley: Present.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of June 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

ACCEPTED [Unanimous]

MOVANT: Ken Love

SECOND: James Mabrey

AYES: Hagner, Culp, Love, Linkous, Mabrey, Staley

ABSENT: Julia Rogers

Public Comments

None

Items Not on Agenda for Potential Discussion

Director Alan Helms reported that Julia Rogers notified him that she is resigning as a member of the BVRE. She will submit official resignation letter. Delegation will appoint new board member.

New Business

1. Deputy Director Rodney Allen

A. Helms introduced new Deputy Director Rodney Allen. R. Allen shared his previous election experience.

2. Two part-time Voter Services Positions

Two new part-time positions will be posted by Human Resources the week of September 25, 2023.

3. Board member training requirements

Board members must complete State Election Commission training annually. A. Helms must sign up attendees. Class availability is limited.

4. Review of Fort Mill area precincts

The Fort Mill area's population has grown rapidly requiring precinct restructuring and creating a need for additional precincts. S.C. law allows for precincts to be combined at polling locations. The S.C. General Assembly approves/disapproves polling location modifications. In the Fort Mill area there is the challenge of minimal usable community space to host voting. The Fort Mill School District limits use of schools.

5. MinuteTraq and Sign Up Genius

A. Helms explained the use of two new software tools relevant to Board meetings. BVRE has begun using MinuteTraq, which is also used by York County Council, to post meeting notices and meeting minutes. Additionally, the 2024 Board Meeting schedule will be shared via Sign Up Genius to allow board members to see all election-related dates and receive reminders.

6. Equipment Training lab for election workers

To offer poll managers and clerks an ongoing training space, A. Helms and N. Hensley set up an equipment training lab in the BVRE suite.

7. Summer Clerk training sessions

Throughout the summer, clerks had the opportunity to attend training sessions that focused on various aspects of polling location management. Over the three months, 177 clerks attended six sessions.

8. Election Worker assignments complete

Election workers have been assigned to both the Tuesday, Oct. 17 and Tuesday, Nov. 7 elections.

9. Equipment preparation status

R. Allen and N. Hensley are preparing equipment for the Tuesday, Oct. 17 election in Rock Hill.

10. Public test dates- Friday, Oct. 15 and Friday, Nov. 3

For the Tuesday, Oct. 17 election, public testing occurs Friday, Oct. 13. For the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election, public testing occurs Friday, Nov. 3. Both tests begin at 10 a.m. in Suite 1201.

11. 2024 Election Calendar

Schedule is in packet. State-wide kick off will occur in October.

12. Emergency Planning

Emergency Management Director Chuck Haynes is scheduling a meeting with BVRE staff, law enforcement, and first responders to discuss the 2024 election schedule.

Old Business

1. Rock Hill Election Calendar

City of Rock Hill approved ordinance to hold their municipal elections in November of odd years.

2. SC Safe Elections hearing- Monday, Oct. 9

In Richland County on Monday, Oct. 9, a hearing is scheduled to settle SC Safe Elections lawsuit.

Executive Session

Matters for Consideration Following Executive Session

Adjourn

Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 19 following Certification hearing.

Adjournment at 6:35 p.m.