



**York County
Voter Registration and Elections
Minutes
April 1, 2025**

**Regular Board
Meeting**

**York County Government Center
6 South Congress Street, Level 1, Suite 1201
York, SC 29745**

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Board chair Jonell Hagner called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: BVRE Chair Jonell Hagner, Vice-chair Sadie Culp, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
Absent: Ken Love
Staff: Alan Helms, Rodney Allen, Alison Mallard

Approval of Minutes

1. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025 Board Meeting

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	Camille Livingston
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

Public Forum Session (limited to twenty (20) minutes, two (2) minutes per person)

None

New Business

1. Increase Election Day Polling Location Technician Supplemental Stipend by \$25.00

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	James Mabrey
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

2. Increase Election Day Precinct Clerk Supplemental Stipend by \$20.00

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	James Mabrey
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

3. Increase Election Day Precinct Poll Manager Supplemental Stipend by \$20.00

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	James Mabrey
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

4. Establish Early Voting Clerk Supplemental Stipend of \$15.00 per day

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	James Mabrey
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

5. Inter-county BVRE Leadership and Sharing Events

A. Helms shared that in March, Richland County's election officials visited for a sharing session on processes and procedures. Other counties scheduled to visit include Chester, Cherokee, Lancaster, Union, and Greenville. These sessions support the objectives of the South Carolina Association of Registration and Election Officials. Coastal counties also are hosting sessions.

6. Smyrna Special election- Tuesday, May 6

A. Helms gave an update on Smyrna Special Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, with the Canvassers hearing on Thursday, May 8 at 10 a.m. Two seats are open and one candidate filed; 35 voters are eligible. Early Voting will take place Monday, April 21 through Friday, May 2 at the BVRE office.

Old Business

1. Lynches River Electric Co-op Election - Fall Timeline

A. Helms said the Lynches River Co-op has retained Chesterfield County to handle its election for logistical reasons.

2. Polling location updates

A. Helms reported the permanent change in two polling places: Doby's Bridge precinct now votes at Catawba Ridge High School, Fort Mill; and Rock Hill No. 7 precinct votes at First Assembly Church, Rock Hill. Reasons for moves: Doby's Bridge Church declined the use of their facility, moving out of Richmond Drive Elementary School aligns with BVRE staff's goal of eliminating elementary schools as polling places.

York County Delegation approved permanent moves.

3. State Training Enrollments for Q2-2025

A. Helms noted that new board members are on track to be certified in 2025, and all board members are scheduled to complete mandatory training prior to the deadline.

4. Ethics Filing Complete

A. Helms stated ethics filing was 100 percent complete.

Executive Session

Not needed

Actions resulting from Executive Session

Board Member new/non-agenda item discussion

R. Allen shared that the State Election Commission's 2024 Poll Manager Handbook was recognized by the SC State Library with a Notable Documents Award.

J. Hagner asked for a status update on Voting Centers. Per A. Helms, many states have successfully used them, and he reminds legislators every opportunity of their benefits and cost savings. The General Assembly is not fully supportive.

A. Helms presented graphics displaying the overwhelming success of Early Voting, including that of the 78.39 percent of General Election voters, two-thirds voted early (99,678 voters). York County ranked second in the state for turnout.

Next Meeting Date

1. Tuesday, June 3, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

Adjourn

Passed	Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	James Mabrey
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, James Mabrey
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Ken Love
RECUSED:	None

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