



**York County
Voter Registration and Elections
Minutes
August 5, 2025**

**Board of Voter
Registration and
Elections of York
County - Regular
Meeting**

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

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Present: BVRE Chair Jonell Hagner, BVRE Vice-Chair Sadie Culp, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, Ken Love

Absent: James Mabrey

Staff present: Alan Helms, Rodney Allen, Alison Mallard

Oath of Office for newly appointed Board Member

Welcome Patricia Teter

Tabled pending information from the Governor's office

Public Forum Session (limited to thirty (30) minutes, two (2) minutes per person)

No visitors

Approval of Minutes

Monday, June 2, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Minutes from Monday, June 2, 2025 board meeting

Passed	Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Walter Dusky
SECOND:	Ken Love
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Sadie Culp, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, Ken Love
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	James Mabrey

Reports

Director's Report

Municipal Elections

- Staff met with city/town administrators this summer about upcoming election processes and election costs. Attendees were very receptive and appreciative of the information.
- Combined five additional precincts for the November municipal elections

- Baxter Hood is not currently available for election use: Manchester and Anderson Rd precincts will vote at First Baptist Church on Hood Center Drive in Rock Hill.
- Postcards will be mailed to ~5,000 households impacted by moved polling places.
- Early Voting sites are finalized: The Thread and Clinton College in Rock Hill; Carolina Cornerstone in Fort Mill, and the Fire Training Center in York.
- A Clover council member resigned mid-term and generated a Special Election. The timing allows it to be held in conjunction with the Tuesday, Nov. 4 municipal elections. Filing will occur Friday, Aug. 15 through Mon. Aug. 25
- Because of its voting method, Rock Hill will likely have a runoff on Tuesday, Nov. 18.
- New signage with consolidated messaging has been produced.

Operations

- Department budget distributed for review
- Purchased EasyVote software module for Poll Manager management
- Spartanburg County expecting county-wide runoff election in August and requested assistance with equipment swap. Two staff members will go there to help

Training

- A. Helms will graduate on Friday, Aug. 22 with his Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) certification.
- All staff members have completed SC Election Commission (SEC) training and are certified as Election Officials.
- All Board members except C. Livingston are SEC Certified. She is on-track to complete it much earlier than the deadline.
- A. Helms and R. Allen attended the mid-year SCARE conference. A topic of interest was guidance for staff training on handling difficult visitors in the office.
- R. Allen received materials for the Protest Workshop. Staff are considering inviting election officials from counties that have experienced protest hearings to attend and advise.

New Business

1. Officer nominations

J. Hagner requested nominations for the positions of 2025-2027 Chair and 2025-2027 Vice-chair.

K. Love nominated J. Hagner for Chair

Passed	Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0
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SECOND:	Camille Livingston

AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Sadie Culp, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, Ken Love
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	James Mabrey

S. Culp nominated W. Dusky for Vice-chair

Passed	Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0
MOVANT:	Sadie Culp
SECOND:	Camille Livingston
AYES:	Jonell Hagner, Sadie Culp, Walter Dusky, Camille Livingston, Ken Love
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	James Mabrey

2. Board calendar

A. Helms shared the efficiency of maintaining a consistent board calendar, allowing each meeting to have a clear purpose.

3. Bylaw review schedule

A. Helms reported that the Board Bylaws were last reviewed in November 2024. He suggested adhering to a consistent review schedule to ensure bylaws adequately represent the policies and procedures of the board.

4. Amendment to Bylaw & Board Policies - "Board policy on oral public comments"

Executive Summary: Proposed Amendment to Article III, Section 6 "Meetings and Board of Canvassers", Item 6.1 "Meetings". - Purpose is to establish a policy and method of approval for oral public comments in advance of Board meetings.

Proposed Board policy on oral public comments:

The Executive Director has the discretion, in consultation with the Board Chair, to approve requests to give oral public comments to the Board at a scheduled Board meeting. Public comment requests must be submitted and approved by the Executive Director at least 30 calendar days prior to the meeting at which the speaker wishes to speak. Please submit requests to provide public comments to elections@yorkcountysc.gov with the subject "Public Comment Request."

A. Helms requested amendment to current bylaws on the public-comment policy. Registration potential speakers to register to comment 14 days prior to meeting; limit comments to a single, stated topic; change time-limit to 10 minutes; prohibit comments related to personnel matters.

Board chair deferred this item until the next meeting. A. Helms to provide suggested verbiage at that meeting.

Other Business

Protest Hearing Workshop

A. Helms, vice-president of SCARE (South Carolina Association of Registration and Election officials), revised SCARE bylaws format to a more streamlined and readable document. He has been appointed to SCARE's Resolution & Bylaw Committee after presenting new format at the mid-year conference.

For 2025-2026, the quarterly stipend is \$625 from SEC + \$125 York County supplement for an annual total of \$3,000.

The South Carolina Attorney General approved 5-member county boards to send elections to SEC to certify.

Executive Session

Not required

Matters for consideration following Executive Session

Adjourn

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