

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA

February 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2021 (SEC)

New Business:

Reapportionment

Old Business:

COMMISSIONERS

JOHN WELLS
Chairperson

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Statements of Economic Interest
Agency Goals for 2021 Update
Legislative/Budget Update
Election Infrastructure Security Update
Legal Update
League of Women Voters, et al. v. Marci Andino, et al.

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021
10:00 a.m.

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Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Ms. Joanne Day; Mr. Clifford J. Edler; Ms. Linda McCall; Mr. Scott Moseley (all commissioners joined via teleconference)

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Harrison Brant, General Counsel; Howard Knapp, Director of Voter Services; Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information; Barbara Pittelli, Fiscal Tech

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Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2021 (SEC). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCall, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MARCI ANDINO
Executive Director

New Business

The only item of new business was reapportionment. Ms. Andino noted that following the census that is conducted every ten years, election districts are reapportioned to ensure they are similar in the number of citizens represented. Ms. Andino advised the detailed data used to reapportion all election districts will not be available until after September 30, 2021, which is later than usual. She stated the late notification will result in a short time frame for both the General Assembly to pass legislation for new district lines and the county election boards, with assistance from the State Election Commission, to reassign voters into those new districts before March 2022 candidate filing.

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Old Business

The first item under old business was the Statement of Economic Interests. Ms. Andino reminded the board members they need to be filed electronically by March 30, 2021.

The next item under old business was an update on agency goals for 2021. Ms. Andino stated the goals are ongoing.

The legislative and budget update was the next item of old business. Ms. Andino advised that the following election-related bills have been introduced:

- H 3262, requiring all candidates from each party to pay a filing fee
- H 3263, requiring state executive committees to hear primary protests for county and less than county officers
- H 3264, eliminating the that a party's county committee publish certain notices regarding county conventions
- S 499, providing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House the right to intervene and have standing in election-related actions.

Ms. Andino informed the Commission that there were no budget updates.

The next order of old business was the Election Infrastructure Security Update. Ms. Andino advised that the agency continues to work with state and federal law enforcement and intelligence partners and DHS scans show no vulnerabilities. She also advised the Department of Homeland Security will conduct security assessments to monitor county compliance.

The last order of old business was the legal updates. Mr. Brant advised there is no update in the *League of Women Voters et al v. Marci Andino et al*.

Chairman Wells reminded the board members the next meeting will be held on March 17, 2021.

With no further business, Ms. Moseley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Pittelli