

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Ms. Linda McCall; Ms. JoAnn Day; Mr. Clifford Edler (via teleconference); Mr. Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Thomas W. Nicholson, General Counsel; Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information and Training; Barbara Pittelli, Administrative Coordinator; Trent Anderson, Legislative Audit Council; three members of the public.

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

New Business

The first item under new business was the State Election Commission Election Integrity booklet. Mr. Knapp advised the State Election Commission (SEC) created a booklet that outlines how the agency keeps elections secure. The booklet addresses the statewide voting system, voter list maintenance processes and election crimes in the state. He further advised the booklet was made available to the Governor and the General Assembly, and that a PDF version is on the SEC website.

Legislative update was the next item under new business. Mr. Knapp informed the Commissioners bill H.4919 passed the House unanimously and has been assigned to Senate Judiciary, no subcommittee hearing has been scheduled yet. Mr. Knapp stated bill H.3444 also passed the House and is in the Senate Judiciary committee awaiting a subcommittee hearing.

The last item under new business was the candidate filing period. Mr. Knapp advised the filing period was opening that day, March 16th, at noon and will close March 30th at noon.

Old Business

Statement of Economic Interests was the first item under old business. Mr. Knapp advised the reports are due by noon on March 30, 2022.

Redistricting/Reapportionment was the next item under old business. Mr. Knapp advised the counties had been moving voters and sending those moves to the SEC for review with a deadline for doing so of March 10, 2022. He further advised the SEC was waiting on two counties and if those

were completed on that day then SC House, SC Senate and Congressional redistricting would be completed that same week.

The next item under old business was the FY2022/23 budget request. Mr. Knapp stated both the House Ways and Means Subcommittee and full Committee recommended funding the entire State Election Commission budget request. He also stated the House voted unanimously to support the agency's budget request and that the Senate Finance Subcommittee hearing held on March 10th went well.

The election infrastructure security update was the next item under old business. Mr. Knapp advised the agency continues to work with it's federal, state and private security partners to secure the state's election infrastructure.

The last item under old business was the legal updates of; S.C. NAACP, et al v. Governor Henry McMaster, et al; Scharr, et al v. Whitmire, et al, and Osborne, et al v. S.C. State Election Commission, et al. Chairman Wells asked for a motion to go into executive session to receive and discuss legal advice. Ms. Day made said motion, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion passed by unanimous vote and the board went into executive session. No votes were taken during executive session.

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Wells reminded the Commissioners there would be an SBC meeting on March 25, 2022, and the next SEC meeting would be on April 20, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pittelli