

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 17, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor  
Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day; Mr. Clifford Edler; Ms. Linda McCall; Mr. Scott Moseley

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Chris Whitmire, Deputy Executive Director; Thomas W. Nicholson, General Counsel; Barbara Pittelli, Administrative Coordinator; five members of the public

**COMMISSIONERS**

JOHN WELLS  
Chairman

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

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.

**Approval of Minutes**

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the July 20, 2022 (SEC) meeting, and the August 12, 2022 (SEC) meeting. A motion to approve both sets of minutes was made by Mr. Moseley, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**New Business**

HOWARD M. KNAPP  
Executive Director

The first item under new business was the S.C. Constitutional Ballot Commission meeting. Mr. Knapp stated the commission is comprised of the Attorney General, Code Commissioner of the Legislative Council, and himself. He advised the purpose of the meeting was to approve explanatory wording for constitutional ballot questions. The two questions on the ballot this November are:

- (1) Increase the General Reserve Fund.
- (2) Allow the Capital Reserve Fund to be used to offset mid-year budget cuts, if necessary.

The second item of new business was the candidate certification deadline and UOCAVA deadline. Mr. Knapp advised the deadline for parties to certify their candidates for the November ballot was August 15, 2022, at 12:00 noon and the deadline to mail ballots to UOCAVA voters is September 24, 2022.

The next item under new business was the general election training workshop. Mr. Knapp stated the agency is hosting a training workshop on September 14, 2022, for county election officials.

The last item under new business was the launch of the new SCvotes.gov website. Mr. Knapp advised the new website, which will be easier to navigate, will launch on Monday, August 22, 2022.

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## **Old Business**

Statewide standardized procedures update was the first item under old business. Mr. Knapp stated SEC staff was meeting today to finalize changes to the voter registration section, which will be completed and published by August 31, 2022.

The second item under old business was the election infrastructure security update. 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 next item under old business was the audit of the Aiken County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. Mr. Knapp stated the report will be transmitted to the Aiken County legislative delegation by the end of the week and that once the delegation has it, he will send it to the Commission.

The last item under old business was the legal updates of:

S.C. NAACP, et al v. Alexander, et al

Osborne, et al v. S.C. State Election Commission, et al

Curry v. S.C. State Election Commission

Other items as needed

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to go into executive session to receive and discuss legal advice. Ms. Day made said motion, seconded by Mr. Edler. 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 the next SEC meeting would be September 21, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pittelli