

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

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

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

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Chris Whitmire, Deputy Executive Director; Thomas W. Nicholson, General Counsel; Barbara Pittelli, Administrative Coordinator; Sharese Johnson, Administrative Coordinator; Trent Anderson, Legislative Audit Council; Chris Shefelton, Legislative Audit Council; two 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.

Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the October 19, 2022 (SEC) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Day, seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

The single item under new business was the November 8, 2022, General Election debriefing. Mr. Knapp stated of the 3,379,089 eligible voters, 1,718,626 cast votes which represented a statewide participation rate of 50.86%. He further stated the total of early voting and absentee votes before election day was 619,563 or 36.0% of the total votes cast.

Old Business

Agency FY 2023-2024 budget request update was the first item under old business. Mr. Knapp advised there was no update on the agency's request.

The second item under old business was the election infrastructure security update. Mr. Knapp stated the agency continues to work with its federal, state, and private security partners to protect South Carolina's election infrastructure.

Executive Session

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to go into executive session to receive and discuss legal advice. Ms. McCall made said motion, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion passed unanimously.

Zigmantanis, et al v. McMaster, et al
Osborne, et al v. S.C. State Election Commission, et al
SC Safe Elections, et al v. SC State Election Commission, et al
S.C. NAACP, et al v. Alexander, et al
Curry v. S.C. State Election Commission
Other items as needed

No votes were taken during executive session.

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Wells reminded the Commissioners the next SBC meeting would be November 17, 2022, and the next SEC meeting would be December 21, 2022

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Pittelli