

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

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

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Chris Whitmire, Deputy Executive Director; Barbara Pittelli, Administrative Coordinator; Sharese Johnson, Administrative Coordinator; Kim Murphy, Lexington County; two 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 November 16, 2022 (SEC) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Next, was the approval of minutes for the November 17, 2022 (SBC) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCall, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion was approved unanimously.

HOWARD M. KNAPP
Executive Director

New Business

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The first item under new business was the agency office lease. Mr. Knapp stated the agency renewed their lease in the building for seven years. As provided by law, the lease was reviewed and approved by both the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. He further stated the new lease will be up for renewal on April 30, 2030.

The second item of new business was the agency year-end report. Mr. Knapp advised, for the first time, the agency is publishing a year-end review of the agency's successes and challenges for the previous year. Mr. Knapp stated copies of the report will be given to the Commissioners, the Governor's office, as well as members of the General Assembly.

Old Business

The only 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.

Public Comments

Kim Murphy from Lexington County addressed the Commission concerning recounts and election operations in Lexington County.

Executive Session

Chairman Wells asked for a motion to go into executive session to receive and discuss legal advice, and to address a personnel matter.

Ms. Day made said motion, seconded by Ms. McCall. 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
Personnel Matters
Other items as needed

No votes were taken during executive session.

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Wells asked for a motion to reappoint Howard Knapp as Executive Director of the State Election Commission and to submit his name to the Senate for advice and consent. Ms. McCall made said motion, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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