

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

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

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Chris Whitmire, Deputy Executive Director; Sharese Johnson, Administrative Coordinator; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; 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 December 21, 2022 (SEC) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCall, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

HOWARD M. KNAPP
Executive Director

New Business

The first item under new business was the agency budget update. Mr. Knapp stated the governor released his executive budget and recommended funding for the agency first and third priorities. As a reminder, the agency first priority is the establishment of the training division and additional IT staff to support the statewide voting system. The third was the state match for the federal HAVA grant the agency received last year. Mr. Knapp will be attending the House ways and Budget meeting scheduled for the week of January 23, 2023.

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Old Business

The first item under old business is the Agency Year-End. As discussed last meeting the agency published its inaugural annual report for agency activities in 2022. A PDF of the report can be found on the Election Commission's website for anyone to review. The last 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, 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 with no further business to discuss, Ms. McCall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moseley. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharese Johnson