

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2023
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

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

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Shannan Woovis, Executive Assistant; Thomas Lundeen, Program Manager; Paige Salonich, Training Director; Jenny McGill, Public Outreach Coordinator; 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. Director 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 August 16, 2023 (SEC) meeting and the September 8, 2023 (SBC) meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Moseley, seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

New Business

HOWARD M. KNAPP
Executive Director

The first item under new business was the 2022-2023 State Election Commission Accountability Report. The agency management team completed the report and submitted on Friday, September 15, 2023. This is a standard report required by all state agencies to provide various data and measurements from the previous year. The report will be posted on scvotes.gov once compiled by the Department of Administration.

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The SEC 2024-2025 Budget Request was the second item under new business. This request will allow SEC to focus on retaining and recruiting qualified staff, increasing poll worker pay and increasing county board member pay. This report will be forwarded to the Commissioners later this week.

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The third item discussed under new business was the Agency Head Planning document. This document is due on October 12, 2023, and requires oversight from the Commissioners prior to being submitted.

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Discussions related to training initiatives was the final item under new business. The agency is planning to partner with the state parties to conduct multiple poll watcher training sessions for their

party and candidate watchers. Both parties have voiced support for the initiative and Director Knapp stated the agency hopes to start soon.

Old Business

The SEC continues to work with it's federal, state and private security partners to protect South Carolina's election infrastructure. In doing so, the agency has upgraded it's security system and is meeting with state law enforcement to plan for responses to threats and harrassment of SEC staff.

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 Mr. Edler. The motion passed unanimously.

No votes were taken during executive session. Mr. Moseley made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon returning to open session, Chairman Wells reminded the Commissioners the next SBC meeting would be October 20, 2023, at 11:00a.m. With no further business to discuss, Mr. Edler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moseley. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannan Woovis