

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 18, 2023  
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; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Shannan Woovis, Executive Assistant; Thomas Lundeen, Program Manager; Jenny McGill, Public Outreach Coordinator; Sydni Edwards, Outreach Coordinator.

**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 September 20, 2023 (SEC) meeting and the September 21, 2023 (SBC) meeting. After an amendment with corrections to the September 20, 2023 (SEC) minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. McCall, seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. A motion to approve the September 21, 2023 (SBC) minutes was made by Ms. Day, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

HOWARD M. KNAPP  
Executive Director

**New Business**

The first item under new business was the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) dates for both the Democratic and Republican parties in 2024.

**The Democratic Party PPP**

- Early voting:
  - Monday, January 22, 2024, through Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:30am until 6:00pm.
  - Monday, January 29, 2024, through Friday, February 2, 2024, 8:30am until 6:00pm.
  - No early voting on Sunday, January 28, 2024.
- PPP Day:
  - Saturday, February 3, 2024, 7:00am until 7:00pm.

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#### The Republican Party PPP

- Early voting:
  - Monday, February 12, 2024, through Saturday, February 17, 2024, 8:30am until 6:00pm.
  - Tuesday, February 20, 2024, through Thursday, February 22, 2024, 8:30am until 6:00pm.
  - No early voting on Monday, February 19, 2024, Friday, February 23, 2024, or Sunday, February 28, 2024.
- PPP Day:
  - Saturday, February 24, 2024, 7:00am until 7:00pm.

There are three issues which need immediate attention for county boards to remain in compliance: boards should consist of 5 to 9 members, members must attend 3 meetings in a row, and board members must comply with statutorily mandated statewide training and certification programs. In support of the county boards, communication to the county delegations about appointments is now a priority. Additionally, asking county board chairs to notify the Governor and SEC about member attendance would reinforce compliancy. As the training program continues to expand, publishing names of all board members, term dates and status of compliance with training requirements will be available on [scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov).

On November 27, 2023, there will be a tabletop exercise (TTX) with SEC, Department of Homeland Security, and the State Law Enforcement Division. There will be a statewide training workshop on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, with SEC and all poll workers.

There will be over 180 municipal elections on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, most of which are provided technical and operational support by the SEC, including election night reporting.

#### **Old Business**

The SEC Budget Request for FY 2024-2025 was presented to the Governor's staff on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The budget was well received, which included a few questions about poll workers.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

No votes were taken during executive session. Ms. McCall 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 27, 2023, at 3:00p.m. and next SEC meeting would be on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. With no further business to discuss, Mr. Edler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannan Woovis