

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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

Others Present: Bailey Avrett, Digital Designer; Madelyn Chavis, Senior Paralegal; Sharese Johnson, HR Coordinator; Thomas Lundeen, Program Manager Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Paige Salonich, Training Director.

**COMMISSIONERS**

JOHN WELLS  
Chairman

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Salonich 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 18, 2023 (SEC) meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Day to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion passed by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Ms. McCall to approve the minutes for the October 27, 2023, and November 10, 2023, SBC meetings, seconded by Ms. Day. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

HOWARD M. KNAPP  
Executive Director

**New Business**

~~The first item under new business~~ was the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Tabletop Exercise, which will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, and jointly hosted by the State Election Commission (SEC), State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and members of the Department of Homeland Security. This exercise will include state and county elections officials along with law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

The Presidential Preference Primary Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, and will be hosted by the State Election Commission for county directors and their staff. This workshop is formatted to prepare county staff on all election processes before, during and after the PPPs.

Ms. Salonich commented on the South Carolina Municipal Elections, which were held on November 7, 2023. Of the, estimated, 180 municipal elections, 6.07% of South Carolina registered voters participated.

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**Old Business**

The SEC 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. Day 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 SEC meeting would be on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 10: 00a.m, and the next SBC meeting would be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 3:00p.m. to certify the S.C. Senate District 19 special election. With no further business to discuss, Ms. Day made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McCall. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannan Woovis