

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

10:00 AM

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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

Others Present: Howard Knapp, Executive Director; Paige Salonich, Deputy Directory; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Jenny Wooten, Chief of Staff; Elizabeth Harrell, Executive Assistant

Approval of Minutes:

February 19, 2025, State Election Commission Meeting
March 28, 2025, State Board of Canvassers Meeting
April 4, 2025, State Board of Canvassers Meeting

COMMISSIONERS

HON. DENNIS W. SHEDD
Chairman

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

With Chairman Shedd not in attendance, Commissioner Moseley presided over the meeting.

Commissioner Moseley confirmed that a quorum was present and introduced the past Commission and Board of Canvassers meeting minutes that need to be approved. Noting a scrivener's error, Commissioner Day motioned to amend the February 19, 2025, State Election Commission meeting minutes. The amendment was unanimously adopted. With no further discussion, Commissioner McCall moved to approve all the minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Day, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Legislative Updates

HOWARD M. KNAPP
Executive Director

Director Knapp explained that no major election bills were passed by the General Assembly and Legislative Session ended May 8. Director Knapp then gave an overview of H. 3557 (candidate filing), H. 3556 (authority of the State Executive Committee), and S. 38 (special elections). Commissioner Moseley and Director Knapp discussed the impact of S. 38 on costs.

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FY 2026 Budget Update

Director Knapp provided an update on the conference committee's review of the budget, highlighting which items received funding. Notably, the proposed increase in pay for poll workers and managers is the only item that may not be funded by the General Assembly for the FY2026 budget, pending final approval by the committee.

Confirmation Cards

Director Knapp explained voter registration confirmation cards and gave recent totals of how many were sent out.

SAVE Database Update

Director Knapp discussed the most recent letter sent to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") requesting their assistance in verifying citizenship for new South Carolina voters via the SAVE system. DHS didn't respond to the letter, but shortly after it was

transmitted, DHS announced they are granting access to the database for free and have invited South Carolina to pilot their batch processing function in the system.

Statewide Training Update

Director Knapp gave a statewide training update, discussing regional classes, class size, and recent purchases.

Old Business:

Election Infrastructure Security Update

Director Knapp explained that the SEC continues to work with our state and national law enforcement and security partners to ensure that elections are secure and accurate in South Carolina.

Executive session to receive legal updates and advice:

Public Interest Legal Foundation v. Howard M. Knapp

League of Women Voters v. Alexander, et al

Trudy Grant, et al v. Howard Knapp, et al

Booker v. McMaster, et al.

Curry v. SC State Election Commission

Arlo Contract

Any other matters, as needed, pursuant to S.C. Code of Laws §30-4-70

On motion of Commissioner Edler, seconded by Commissioner McCall, the Commission entered executive session. With advice from the general counsel of no news involving *League of Women Voters v. Alexandra, et al* Commission Day was advised that there was no need to recuse herself.

No action was taken during executive session.

Commissioner Moseley adjourned the meeting.