

## **SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**Present:** Judge Dennis Shedd, Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day; Mr. Clifford Edler; Ms. Linda McCall; Mr. Scott Moseley

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

Chairman Shedd confirmed there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

### **Executive Session**

Chairman Shedd motioned to go into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Moseley. With a vocal vote of 4-1, the motion carried and the Commission entered executive session.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

HON. DENNIS W. SHEDD  
Chairman

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

SCOTT MOSELEY

### **Personnel Action**

Upon returning to open session, the Chairman stated that no action was taken during executive session.

A motion was made to remove the Executive Director and to hold a vote by show of hands. With a vote of 3-2, the motion carried.

Commissioner McCall departed the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Jenny Wooten  
Interim Director

Chairman Shedd moved to the next item of business: the appointment of an Interim Director. There being discussion over the potential candidates in the agency, Chairman Shedd stated that Jenny Wooten, Chief of Staff, should be considered for the position. Commissioner Day suggested Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel.

A motion was made to nominate Jenny Wooten as Interim Director, seconded by Commissioner Moseley.

With a vote of 3-0, as Commissioner Day abstained, Commissioner McCall was absent, and all others voted in favor, the motion carried.

Chairman Shedd instructed Interim Director Wooten that her first item of business was the internal investigation regarding the prior conduct of Paige Salonich and John Catalano.

### **Postponed Business**

The Commission agreed that the remaining items on the agenda would be postponed until the next State Election Commission meeting that is to be held on Wednesday, October 15, at 10:00am.

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### **Department of Justice Voter Data Agreement**

The Commission discussed ongoing litigation and communication with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning voter data and related Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs). The Commission discussed the need to seek an MOU with the DOJ to clarify the handling of voter data. Chairman Shedd clearly emphasized his and the Commission's commitment to protecting South Carolina voters' private information and ensuring any data requests from the DOJ are both appropriate and secure. Concern was expressed about reports that the DOJ may have shared data with other federal agencies and underscored the need for written assurance of confidentiality.

Upon taking questions from a reporter, the Commission assured the public that the data would not be shared if the DOJ did not guarantee confidentiality, and that the agreement would have to be directly between the SEC and the DOJ.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.