

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

10:00 AM

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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

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

Chairman Shedd confirmed with Director Knapp that there was a quorum present and 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:

May 21, 2025, State Election Commission Meeting

June 6, 2025, State Board of Canvassers Meeting

COMMISSIONERS

HON. DENNIS W. SHEDD
Chairman

JOANNE DAY

CLIFFORD J. EDLER

LINDA MCCALL

SCOTT MOSELEY

HOWARD M. KNAPP
Executive Director

Director Knapp introduced the past Commission and Board of Canvassers meeting minutes that have yet to be approved. On motion of Commissioner McCall, seconded by Commissioner Edler, both meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

Cross-State Voter Matching MOUs

Director Knapp shared an update that the SEC is now entering into agreements directly with other states to do list maintenance. To date, the SEC has entered into Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Georgia, Texas, Virginia, and Ohio. Additionally, North Carolina has expressed interest in pursuing similar agreements. Entering into these MOUs is beneficial for sharing voter registration data, and voter participation to ensure there is no double voting or double registration.

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Chairman Shedd asked how often voters vote in more than one state. Director Knapp shared that there was only one instance he knew of in recent history. That individual was caught due to information received in ERIC files and was referred to law enforcement.

SC Address Confidentiality Program

Director Knapp provided an update of the program and that the SEC is working with the Attorney General's Office to determine best practices and procedures for protecting program participants information. The program is scheduled to begin in October.

Statewide Training Update

Paige Salonich, Deputy Executive Director, provided a statewide training update and discussed the relaunch of a clerk training program in the fall to gear up for the statewide 2026 elections. The clerk training program is designed to give more hands on, intensive training for poll clerks. Salonich shared that the agency is working on the launch of the polling location technician training program, supported and funded by the S.C. General Assembly.

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A U.S. Citizen | S.C. Resident | 18 years or older

Old Business:

Confirmation Card Update

Director Knapp provided an update on the confirmation card mailing effort by the agency. The confirmation card mailing is a list maintenance effort. The agency sent out 191,009 this year. As of June 17, the agency received over 21,000 confirmation cards mailed back which is the most the agency has ever received.

Chairman Shedd asked what happens to the voters who do not respond to the confirmation card mailing but may show up at the polls at a later date to vote. Director Knapp shared that anyone who shows up at the polls would be able to vote upon showing their voter ID. Commissioner Moseley asked about what information the SEC receives from other agencies to check the voter rolls. Director Knapp explained that the agency receives information on deaths, driver's licenses returns, and other information to help keep the voter rolls up to date from multiple state and federal agencies. Chairman Shedd confirmed with Director Knapp that the agency is doing everything possible to make the voter rolls as accurate as the date it receives.

Regional Meetings of the Commission

Chairman Shedd shared that the Commission would like to explore holding regional meetings in Charleston, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, and Rock Hill. Chairman Shedd would like the public, in other areas of the state, to be able to attend Commission meetings.

Outreach

Chairman Shedd brought up the outreach to institutions of higher education and how the agency could begin doing outreach again to colleges and universities. The staff will put together an information packet for review at next meeting.

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

Curry v. SC State Election Commission

Executive Order Legal Update

Personnel Review

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

On motion of Commissioner Moseley, seconded by Commissioner McCall, the Commission entered executive session.

No action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Shedd adjourned the meeting.