

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

2:00 PM

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Present: Robert Bolchoz, Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day; Mr. Clifford Edler; Mr. Scott Moseley; Ms. Angela Stringer

Others Present: Jenny Wooten, Interim Director; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Elizabeth Harrell, Executive Assistant; TJ Lundeen, Director of Public Information

Call to Order

Chairman Bolchoz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., noting a quorum was present. and advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda

The Chairman asked if there were any additions to the proposed agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes:

February 18, 2026, State Election Commission Regular Meeting

Chairman Bolchoz introduced the first item of business as approval of the February 18, 2026, meeting minutes. Interim Director Wooten noted a scrivener's error in the February 18, 2026, minutes. Upon motion by Commissioner Edler and seconded by Commissioner Stringer, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

March 9, 2026, State Election Commission Special Meeting

With no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner Edler, the March 9, 2026, special meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Election Infrastructure Security update

Interim Director Wooten informed the Commission 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.

State Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest filings

Wooten gave a reminder that State Ethics Commission Statement of Economic Interest filings were due by 12:00 p.m. on March 30, 2026.

2026 candidate filing update

Wooten informed the Commission that candidate filing for the Primary Election started on Monday, March 16, at 12:00 p.m. and has gone smoothly so far. The State Election Commission has filed 50 candidates thus far; statewide there have been over 400 filings. The candidate filing period closes on March 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

LAC Audit Assessment

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Wooten reported that she is reviewing the audit, noting that 30 of the 70 recommendations relate to the General Assembly, with some already enacted and others to be addressed in future meetings.

The Chairman requested that the remaining 40 recommendations be itemized and sent to the Commission.

Commissioner Day asked whether the recommendations were submitted to the General Assembly. Wooten stated she was unsure of the process but noted the audit was completed in 2024 and is publicly available. Counsel stated that they would confirm whether the General Assembly received the recommendations.

Agency vehicle fleet update

LaToria Williams, Director of Administration and Finance, explained that initial vehicle purchases were for area representatives, with additional larger vehicles acquired as the agency expanded to support team travel with equipment. The most recent five vehicles were purchased to replace older models through standard procurement.

Trevin Holland outlined the vehicle check-out process, including a front desk sign-in/sign-out log and a separate binder maintained by Williams for certain vehicles. Logs are collected monthly.

Williams confirmed parking spaces are invoiced monthly at \$90 per space. The Chairman requested staff explore alternative parking options to reduce costs.

Holland noted vehicle usage is sporadic, often for week-long periods across divisions, and suggested retiring older models in favor of newer ones.

Commissioner Moseley inquired about gas cards, and Holland confirmed they are assigned to vehicles, not individuals.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Moseley and seconded by Commissioner Stringer, the Commission entered executive session by unanimous voice vote.

Upon entering open session, the Chairman noted that no action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Bolchoz opened the floor for any additional discussion.

With no further discussion before the Commission, upon motion by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner Stringer, the meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.