

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

10:00 AM

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 (via teleconference)

Others Present: Conway Belangia, Executive Director; Jenny Wooten, Chief of Staff; Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel; Shannan Woovis Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Chairman Bolchoz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 confirmed there were no additions to the proposed agenda. Commissioner Edler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- May 20, 2026, State Election Commission Meeting
- June 12, 2026, State Board of Canvassers Meeting
- June 26, 2026, State Board of Canvassers Meeting

Chairman Bolchoz introduced the first item of business as approval of the meeting minutes from May 20, 2026, June 12, 2026, and June 26, 2026. With no changes, Commissioner Day seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

Thomas Nicholson, General Counsel, gave an update on the letter sent by the U.S. Department of Justice. The State Election Commission will be requesting an extension, with the unforeseen passing of Senator Lindsey Graham.

Director Belangia described the process of the upcoming U.S. Senate Special Republican Party Primary, referring to the dates presented to the commissioners. Concerns related to UOCAVA guidelines have been directed to the U.S. Department of Justice; decision to be posted on scVOTES.gov. With many counties using public schools as polling precincts, options for alternative locations were discussed.

Chairman Bolchoz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter executive session, seconded by Commissioner Day.

Executive Session

Discussion of, and receipt of legal advice regarding, pending and potential litigation, including *Public Interest Legal Foundation, Inc. v. Belangia*; *NAACP v. Wilson et al.*; *Reel v. S.C. Election Commission*; *Salonich v. S.C. Election Commission*; and any litigation related to the 2026 elections, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).

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No action was taken during executive session.

Action Items

Counsel presented Resolution 2026-02, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COOPERATION WITH INVESTIGATIVE REQUESTS AND ADDRESSING RELATED ISSUES, of the South Carolina State Election Commission. This resolution was adopted by Chairman Bolchoz and witnessed by Director Belangia.

Adjournment

With no further discussions, Chairman Bolchoz moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Day, followed by unanimous consent.