SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES
Friday, August 28, 2026
11:00 AM

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Present: Robert Bolchoz, Chairman; Scott Moseley, Vice Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day, (via teleconference); Clifford Edler; 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 11:05 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. Vice Chairman Moseley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

- July 15, 2026, State Election Commission Meeting
- July 20, 2026, State Election Commission Meeting
- August 14, 2026, State Board of Canvassers Meeting

Chairman Bolchoz introduced the first item of business as approval of the meeting minutes from July 15, 2026, July 20, 2026, and August 14, 2026. With no changes, Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

Director Belangia provided information regarding the ongoing 7280 e-Pollbook updates, noting that replacements are necessary.

The State Election Commission will be hosting a workshop for Directors on September 15, 2026, and a workshop for County Staff on September 24, 2026.

The Senate District 15 Primary for the Democratic Party will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. York County will certify the results on Thursday, September 3, 2026, and the State Board of Canvassers will meet on Friday, September 4, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. to confirm certification.

The 2027-2028 Budget process has begun for all South Carolina agencies. Director Belangia indicated a need to request a proviso change to account for pay schedules for poll workers assisting during run-off elections. Chairman Bolchoz suggested e-Pollbook upgrades be presented during this budget as well as funds to pay the Gold-Level Warranty Coverage invoice from ES&S.

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

COMMISSIONERS

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Executive Session

Discussion of 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*; *SCRP v. Bolchoz et al.*; *Grant et al. v. Belangia et al.*; *Ford v. SCRP and SEC*, *Neilson v. South Carolina Republican Party et al.*; and any pending or potential litigation related to partisan primaries and the 2026 elections, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2); and discussion of, and receipt of legal advice regarding, investigations, investigative requests, or investigative proceedings pertaining to allegations of criminal misconduct, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2), (4).

No action was taken during executive session.

Action Items

Adjournment

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