SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10:00 AM

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Present: Scott Moseley, Vice Chairman; Ms. JoAnne Day; Clifford Edler; Ms. Angela Stringer

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

Thomas Limehouse, Attorney (teleconference); Sara Parrish, Attorney (teleconference)

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Call to Order

Vice Chairman Moseley called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He noted that a quorum was present and confirmed that notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda

The Vice Chairman confirmed that there were no additions to the proposed agenda. Commissioner Day seconded the motion to adopt the agenda, which passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The following meeting minutes were presented for approval:

- August 28, 2026 – State Election Commission Meeting
- August 28, 2026 – State Board of Canvassers Meeting
- September 4, 2026 – State Board of Canvassers Meeting

Vice Chairman Moseley introduced the approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2026, State Election Commission meeting and the August 28, 2026, and September 4, 2026, State Board of Canvassers meetings. There being no corrections or changes, Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

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Director Belangia provided an overview of the SEC's 2027-2028 Budget Request, which was presented to the Governor's Office on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. The presentation included proposed changes to Provisos 102.2, 102.6, and 102.7.

Director Belangia reported that early voting for the November 3, 2026, South Carolina General Election began on Monday, October 19, 2026, and would continue through Saturday, October 31, 2026. He also addressed concerns regarding miscommunication involving ballot styles and the electronic pollbooks in Dorchester County.

Chief of Staff Wooten provided comments regarding the Accountability Report and the anticipated timeline for its delivery to the Commission.

Vice Chairman Moseley made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter Executive Session. Commissioner Edler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Executive Session

The Commission entered Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

- Discussion of agency security personnel and protocols, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(3).
- 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*; *SCRP v. Bolchoz et al.*; *Grant et al. v. Belangia et al.*; *Ford v. SCRP and SEC*; *ACLU v. SEC*; and pending or potential litigation related to the 2026 elections, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).
- 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) and (4).

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Moseley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stringer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next Meetings:

- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 – State Board of Canvassers
- Wednesday, November 18, 2026 – State Election Commission