

Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Berkeley County Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Berkeley County was held in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building on July 6, 2023, at 10:00 am.

Board Members Present

Leon Brown, Truman Metts, Pam Lamb, Don Saturday, Don Rose, Frances Taylor

Let the record show there is a quorum.

Previous Meeting Minutes

I ask for approval of the minutes for May 4, 2023. I'm asking for a motion to approve.

Frances Taylor makes the motion to approve as submitted or changes needed.

Motion to accept by Frances Taylor and a second by Pam Lamb. Any discussions on that or any changes?

All in favor said I, no objections. Minutes are accepted.

Director's Report

At the request of the SC State House of Representatives, the SEC has completed the compliance audit of the Berkeley County office and board. They are all online at scvotes.gov under audits for 2023, you will find the requests, objectives, summary final report, a board and office correction action plan. There were several topics that were covered, but like I said everything from the audit is on the scvotes.gov webpage under audits for the year of 2023. Under New Business the board will go over more of the corrective action plan. We do have a plan in place for all the recommendations that has been approved by the audit division director for any items that need to be corrected.

The SEC commission has done a voter registration purge statewide for voters that has not voted in any general election since November 6, 2018. Those voters were mailed a confirmation card they have 90 days to respond to the confirmation card. 167207 voters were affected statewide and in Berkeley County we have 9085 voter that will receive this card. If they do not respond within the 90 days, they will be put into an inactive failed to respond status. They will remain on the voter registration role if they appear at the polling location in the next two general election cycles. They will have to do as any other voter on election day and present their photo ID to cast their vote. We have been working on return mailings from the voter registration cards being mailed out prior to the general election 2022 for all voters within the county so they would be aware of the updates to their districts from the redistricting. We have 10227 voters that have been placed as inactive moved status as their voter registration card was returned to us as being undeliverable. What we do when they are returned to us undeliverable, we submit their names to the SEC for them to place in inactive status as they are the only entity that can make a voter inactive. From the beginning of 2023 up to this date we have added 2635 new voters into the county a total of 16978 has been made inactive by the SEC. That includes the inactive moved that may have been now deceased and those that have moved to another state and registered to vote in that state.

There have been some changes into the municipal elections. Town of Summerville had their filing date from August 9th until September 8th, but they have a new ordinance. Opening date for filing will remain Wednesday August 9th at 8:30 am but they will now close Thursday August 24th at 12:00pm. And that is for the Town of Summerville candidates filing for the election with them. They file with the Town of Summerville Municipal Clerk. The municipal election will be held on November 7, 2023.

The City of Charleston will hold their election that day as well, filing for the city of Charleston is done with their legal department and their dates have not changed. The City of Charleston has asked for an early voting center to be held on Daniel Island. The board had voted earlier that we would only open the Moncks Corner office, but Daniel Island is such a distance from us the City of Charleston pays for the election, certifies their election and they did request that a location be on Daniel Island. Daniel Island Library now has expanded their parking where voters will have enough space to park at that entity. So early voting for The City of Charleston along with the voter registration office will be at the Daniel Island Library. Early Voting will begin on October 23rd at 8:30 am through November 3rd at 5:00 pm, the daily hours are 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, there are no weekend hours for Municipal elections. So, Monday through Friday 8:30-5:00 for early voting at the Daniel Island Library and the Berkeley County voter registration office right next door here.

That concludes the directors report, do any board members have any questions?

Don, any board members, speak up.

Any Questions?

Mrs. Taylor asked if there was only going to be two locations for early voting.

Director Brown responded with yes, as they are Municipal elections, The city of Charleston, Town of Summerville, Town of Moncks Corner, and Town of Jamestown.

Don asked if there were any other questions.

Mrs. Lamb asked the other elections will all be on November 7th?

Director Brown responded, all elections are on November 7th.

Mrs. Lamb asked if the August date was for filing?

Director Brown responded, yes that was for filing. Their filing date has changed from our previous meeting. Their town just recently passed an ordinance to change the dates of filing, so that was to update the filing dates. It was correct in the previous meeting, but they just passed this ordinance.

Don, do we have any questions of the Director?

Old Business

Don, we have no old business pending or carried over from the previous meetings, so we are going to move into new business.

New Business

Don Saturday

We will discuss some of the issues dealing with the audit, let me point out that it was stated by the executive director of the SEC that the audit found no fraud and I want to point that out. There are some issues that we must correct, and we are doing that. There were some corrective actions requested of the board as well of the directors' audit office. I have submitted the corrective action for the board. I had seven items that were recommended for corrective action. One was to provide advanced public notice of meetings, as there was a time where they were not posted in a timely manner. I have assured the SEC that we will comply with all requirements in that sense. We have also failed to schedule our meetings in a year in advance, today we are going to schedule our meetings that will take us out through January. Our meeting in January we will schedule for the entire year. Beginning in September we will begin to livestream. That will take place in our September meeting so if you can't physically be here, you can certainly see it through livestream. That information will be forth coming at that time. That is one of the corrective actions to schedule our meetings in advance so you can set your schedule to attend our meetings. Also, one of the items mentioned was that some of our minutes were not as descriptive as they should be. We don't have trained secretaries on the board, I appoint a member of the board to be our secretary. Mrs. Pam Lamb, I think and thought, and still do a very credible job even though she has had no formal training in being a secretary. So, some of the motions, seconds, and votes while it was done verbally during the meeting, we did not produce that to writing. The county council, I am proud to say, they have created a position called a support specialist, which will be a trained secretary that will take minutes for all boards and commissions in Berkeley County. That person is yet to be hired. It has been funded as I understand it, so probably beginning in September we will have someone that will transcribe our minutes appropriately. So, that is good news moving forward. That should satisfy to properly note motions, votes and approvals and that sort of thing. We've been asked to be a little more descriptive in our agendas to let you know what we are likely to talk about or what we are going to talk about. It's been pointed out that we should not bring up any items for discussion during our board meetings that hasn't been put on an agenda, so you know in advance. We will be taking that corrective action. So much of this is redundant in terms of minutes taken and posting so we will be doing that in a timely manner. That is the corrective actions the board has been asked to take. Also, we haven't been stating the name of our board properly as it's been pointed out, we are the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Berkeley County and not in any other form. You will us refer to it as that as it may be different of what you have heard in the past. Also, we are no longer recognized as commissioners, we are board members. It may take us a while to get used to that. We were told we are no longer commissioners.

As far as the office corrective action, there were 22 items that our director has addressed and submitted and has been approved by the SEC as corrective action items moving forward.

Director Brown, is there anything on that you would like to address?

Director Brown

The main emphasis was in our training, and we will be more detailed in the information provided to us by the SEC. They also informed us they will be updating the training manuals that they provide for us because we always use the manuals provided by them. We don't make up our own manuals in training, we follow protocol as provided to us following all the policy and procedures they have in place, and they are having to update some of them as well. We were only following what they were doing, once they update that information provided to us, we will provide it to all our poll workers as well.

Don Saturday, does any board member have any questions regarding the audit?

Frances Taylor

In the audit there were accusations made of technicians working that weren't trained. And that some of the workers were paid and they didn't work. Would you clarify that?

Director Brown

There were no workers that were paid that did not attend training and worked on election day. We had one PLT that had to leave training, training was almost completed, he had a family emergency, he left and did not sign the sign in sheet for that day. He did receive training for the general election, and he had also received training for the primary election because he worked both of those elections in 2022, he just left out before he could sign the log that he had attended the training class. Every PLT that worked was trained properly using the manual provided by the SEC. They trained, they worked, they were paid. Also, we are missing from the audit, we have sign in logs. We have sign in sheets and sign out sheets for training classes that are normally held right here in this same room. One day training log has been misplaced, you cannot be assigned to a location to work until training is complete. No one is assigned until training is complete than you are assigned to either your home precinct or nearby precinct. We have some wonderful workers that will work anywhere in the county no matter where they live. We have some people from Cross that are willing to go to Daniel Island. When we have people right in a community that may not want to work, we have someone within the county that will go anywhere in the county, also some adjoining counties. We do have some workers that live in Charleston or Dorchester County that work for us. They must attend that training to be assigned. No training, no assignment, and then you are paid after working. But there is a sign in sheet that is missing from our training in October of 2022.

Don Saturday

In respect to your questions regarding our polling location technician, the audit pointed out there were 16, and records only show that 14 were assigned and worked. I don't think there was a question about training. The director, that's her responsibility to appoint, assign, and see that they are trained, all the PLTs. She submitted a list of PLTs to be assigned, total of 15, 15 submitted mileage logs showing they were out and about at different precincts, and they were paid for their time. The auditor wouldn't give me the name of the other PLT. I have identified 15, the director said there are only 15. I have emailed

the director of audit Mrs. Phillips, given her the names of the 15 we show, trained, and assigned to work on election day, and asked her for the name of the 16th. She is out of her office until the 10th. I will follow up on that. I have talked to our HR director regarding these issues, and they will be looking into it as well. It is our intent to not pay anyone that has not trained or assigned, period. Our director has assured us that has not been the case. She stated they were trained, assigned, worked, and got paid. More information may come out of that as HR said they will be looking into it as well.

Ms. Brown

May I add, in addition to HR our finance department has been notified as well. They printed a report of every worker that was paid for working the general election with the amounts of their checks. That checks that their report balances with what we sent in for reimbursement, and the people on that list have all trained, worked, and were paid.

Don, Mrs. Taylor do you have any other questions?

Any other board members have any other questions regarding the audit?

We are going to do everything we can to improve, we would like to have perfect elections but as you know things happen during elections with equipment and things. Sometimes things don't act or perform as we anticipate so sometimes, we must make changes on the fly. Our intent is to make sure we have honest and fair elections, everybody that is legally registered to vote is given the opportunity to vote during the legal hours of our elections. We are going to see that happens and I think our board is dedicated for that purpose. We appreciate your support, and we will work with you as well and will keep you informed of what we are doing.

This time we are going to talk about our future meetings as I said earlier, we will schedule our future meetings that will take us out through January and at that point we will do all of 2024 at that meeting. Any recommendations on our next meeting? I think Director Brown had mentioned earlier that September 14th would be a good day to talk about poll workers for the municipal election and an appropriate time to approve the workers. Any one out that that hasn't signed up to be a poll worker, we need help. It's a long day, some people might think it doesn't pay well enough for your time, but we can always use people willing to be trained and work as poll workers. I do encourage you to notify our office and tell them you'd like to be a poll worker in any of our elections. In September it was requested by Darel Trout that we try to have evening meetings. I would like to recommend that our September 14th meeting be held in the evening, I am suggesting 6:00. I am going to put that forth as a motion.

Truman Metts seconded it.

Don, any discussions?

All in favor said I and no objections.

That will be our first meeting in the evening, and we will also begin live streaming in September.

Recommendations for another meeting following our September, we must certify the municipal election in November and that's done the Thursday following the election so typically we are required as Board of Canvassers to meet and certify those elections and that's done at 10:00am the Thursday following the November 7th meeting so that will be on November 9th. I am going to recommend that we also following

the Board of Canvassers certification meeting we will have our regular board meeting which will be approximately 10:30am on the 9th.

Don motioned

Frances Taylor seconded it.

Any discussing?

Ms. Brown

The board of canvassers board meeting, should that be live streamed as well?

Don Saturday

I don't see any reason why we shouldn't live stream that. Anyone object to that? We will live stream that as well. I think it's a good idea.

So, November 9th will be our Board of canvassers meeting and followed by the regular board meeting of registration and elections.

Any recommendations for a meeting after November in the year of 2023 or do we want to go into January?

Director Brown

Before you move onto your January meeting. I would just like to add, in the month of November if any of the municipalities have a runoff election that runoff would be on the 21st of November and certification would be that Wednesday the following day at 10:00 am. On Wednesday being that Thursday will be thanksgiving. So just to keep in mind if we have a runoff, we will have to meet as board of canvassers on the 22nd of November at 10:00 am.

Don Saturday

So, if that shall happen, we will give proper notice on that and we will meet as the board of canvassers at the appropriate time. So, tune in on that.

So, let's look into January which will be the following meeting month after November. Look at your calendar in January, does someone want to offer a date for that? My preference would be sometime in the first two weeks of January. I am looking at January the 11th, second Thursday. We can also have that in the evening as well, we do an many in the evening as we can. That would depend on the crowd, if we don't get much participation, we will probably go back to the daytime, but we will be responsive to what you want. If you like those evening meetings, I don't think the board really objects to being here at 6:00 in the evenings so we will continue that if you want it. So, let's look at January 11th, I am going to move that we meet on January 11th at 6:00 pm.

Don Motioned

Truman Metts seconded it.

Any discussion?

All approving said I and no objections.

Don Saturday

We have the remaining meetings that will take us out until we schedule 2024.

Pam Lamb

For the January meeting will we have the SEC calendar by then so we can balance our meetings with the elections?

Don Saturday

I would assume so. We have yet to have the republican presidential primary scheduled yet, so we don't really know when that's going to be.

The democratic primary will be scheduled when Director Brown?

Director Brown

February 3rd for the DPP. The state has not been notified by the republican party of their date for their presidential preference primary.

Don Saturday

On January 11th we will have time to discuss workers and training, is that correct?

Director Brown

We will. I am looking at the calendar, as far as early voting We don't know as the parties can chose their own dates, but no one has provided any early voting dates. We don't know if they will stick with the protocol that the general assembly has or if they're going to use their own dates. Hopefully by the November meeting we should know more about that, and we will follow suit from there.

Don Saturday

So, if we must reschedule the 11th to fit into poll worker training and that sort of thing, we will do that. But for the time being at this point, let's go with the January 11th. Does that do it for the scheduling of the meetings?

Public Comments

Public comments are welcome, the agenda states five minutes.

Please be on point and brief. If it something we talked about before in prior meetings don't bring it up again, if possible, but you are welcome to talk about what you want to talk about.

Representative Joe Jefferson

Mrs. Chairman thank you for all you do throughout the year.

I applaud

I want to thank you for the opportunity and thank all the board members for all the hard work you have been doing now and throughout the years and we appreciate that very much. I have one question and then would like to make a comment or two. You talked about the transcriber, is that position going to posted or will it be decided by those of you here?

Don Saturday

The county is hiring that individual and HR will handle that, so I am sure that it is going to be a posted position, open for applicants to apply. I am not sure when that is going to happen as it was recently approved by the county council to fund that. I was told it probably won't happen until late July at the earliest but am sure there will be a posting on it.

Joe Jefferson

Senator Grooms asked if there was anyway that fraud was done. Your response was no, I applaud that. That is very good to hear. We need to leave that alone. I have been in this business for 19 years and things have run rather smoothly all these years and I feel sure it will continue to run that way, so I want to applaud all the good work you are doing. Keep up the good work.

Don Saturday

Thank you very much and just to add to that as I stated to the delegation, I welcome this audit, compliance audits like I indicated it's like medicine, it doesn't always taste good, but it makes you better, it helps you. So, I think it's a good thing. We are the first county to undergo this compliance audit. We set that bar and we don't know where we stand yet and won't until other offices are audited. We hope we are among the best, but we are going to get even better. I just wanted to point that out.

Heather Hickman Berkeley County Resident

Thank yall so much for hearing us on the live stream and the evening meetings, I hope they are well attended, but I understand if they are not. I appreciate you all so much. I heard you are doing some follow up on those corrective actions, so that is awesome. I am also hearing the next meeting isn't until September, its July, I wish you would consider having a meeting sooner than that so we can hear how you are doing on the follow up. Once comes September you are going to be working hard to prepare for those municipal elections. So, if it can't be before then so be it but we would love to continue to hear about the follow up and thank you for the follow up you did today. Also heard this morning you said something about technical or power issues that could affect the elections and I don't remember the statement and I apologize. Probably restating the obvious but we could save money, time and complexity and training if we would move from machines to paper only ballots. I know that decision is probably not in your hands and probably in the hands of SEC but a thought to put it out there to keep it simple sweetheart, move to paper ballots.

Don Saturday

May I comment on that? From a board members perspective and one who has looked at ballots and counted them at 2:00 in the morning when we've been there all day, mental fatigue sets in, the accuracy, and I assure you that we do our best to look at a ballot and to call out the votes accurately but it's difficult to count the number of ballots by paper. These ballots can be scanned by machine, so you are still relying on still counting on a machine to count those ballots, unless you are relying on a human being to count each ballot by hand submitted by the voter. I'm telling you that is probably not the best option for you, but the state legislative choses our method of how elections are conducted and its their decision and only their decision to do it.

Heather Hickman

Yes, that is what I am suggesting that, and I have a proposal that can show you. The poll workers show up and work ten days of early voting, they show up early on election day and they are stuck there until machines are taken down, ballots reconciliation sheets completed, and everything's accounted for so that is a very long day. It's not my area, but I do wonder why we make one person do all that and why we don't hand that over. I've worked at Boeing for a lot of years, and we did shift work. We hand it over to the next person, I don't understand why we can't do that for poll workers. That's not my expertise so I trust you on that. Thank you very much for your time.

Mike Delainey Goose Creek

I am a proud conservative republican as we just celebrated our 247th birthday for our independence. And the founders put up a wonderful clause in that document that all men are created equal. They did that for a couple of reasons, number one is to stick a thumb in king Georges eye because they wanted to rebut. Secondly it was an article of our faith. The god of nature, the people of government the people chose their leaders by election. In Berkeley County we give that important job of you people sitting up here on the desk. So, it's harsh when former Berkeley County republicans put forth the report here about three months ago, state undercovers many more issues, and most of those issues could have been taken care of by just following the law. In my background I look at this and see an organization that has issues with professionalism, discipline, and with attention to detail. Last week several our political leaders gave in and noted there was no fraud. Some of my neighbors stated that no issues were uncovered that would change the result of the election. I believe the politicians and my neighbors are wrong. It is wrong and we should take up a new state of error, a zero tolerance for error. I know this attitude very well, I was on a submarine, part of the fight for freedom. We are responsible for a nuclear power plant. That's the world we live in. I know we probably have some people here that have been in combat, and they live in a world where we must live for zero tolerance for error. That car that you drive out there has been produced with the concept for zero tolerance for error. Some of you are going to go on vacation this year, that airplane has a zero tolerance for error. So, for people on the desk. I ask you that this must become the standard, this must become the mentality. Mr. Chairman, you have called the young lady on the end there Ms. Rosie on previous meeting. She is director Brown, that is professionalism, that is the detail you must have and start to hit, if you don't want to hit it that way, and if you are not willing to hit that way then it is time for you to resign your position. And to the politicians, if you aren't willing to deliver no tolerance than it is time to step down; And for the voters out there and if you tolerate anything that is exactly what you are going to get. You have a chance in two to four years to turned around to your politicians and say your fired.

Don Saturday

Mr. Delainey thank you for your service and your comments.

Okereta Ravenell Mills, Berkeley County resident

I am a proud Berkeley County resident of 56 years, and it is an honor to stand before the board this morning. I want to say that Director Brown is amazing for her impeccable service to the county. Her and I are proud graduates from Berkeley High School, she is my best friend. But, what I wanted to speak

about today is her impeccable service to Berkeley County and it is my honor to be able to do that today. When I describe Director Brown, her description integrity, accuracy, patriotism, fairness, and most of all dedication, I am honored to have her serve as our director. I have lived in three countries prior to now, and Director Brown has sent me a voter registration in each country and state that I have been in and working as a social worker for the Department of Defense for the military. She is an impeccable person she stands on integrity, she is a director, a person that is proud of her country, her parents and being the best county in the state of South Carolina. I just stand before you to talk about her service and how completely and implacably we are honored to have her serve as our director of voter registration. Thank you for giving me the item to speak with you about Director Brown.

Melody Goggin

Good morning, you all know me, but I am a lifelong resident of Berkeley County, and as of today I have 24 years in this office at voter registration. And as of the three directors I have had, she will always be Rosie to me, but Director Brown and I have been working together for 24 years. I want to answer about working shifts with poll workers to Heather. I wore many different hats in this office. I was the precinct coordinator for 7 years. In reference to what you said there is no way we can do that. The reason being is because if we split the shift, and I am working that morning, and if you don't come in and I leave nobody is going to be there. We cannot do that. I understand we have elderly people that are working for us and have been working for us many years, and in my opinion, there are some that should retire. But we as a group give them the benefit if the doubt because they know what they are doing. Some people may think they don't know what they are doing but they do know what they are doing. I have been a part of training them for seven years. I did everything I could to make them understand and tell them this is what must be done and why it is as important as it is. I really wanted to touch base with you on that, that is something that can not be done. Maybe more training classes with less people would be more efficient. That is something you guys as a board can discuss. I know it would be harder on Laura and Director Brown. It will be harder on them but we as an office are going to step up and help. We are an awesome team in our office, we stick together do we argue and fight yes, we do but the next day we are okay, it's just like family. I want to thank you for being my friend, my confidant, and my boss. I appreciate you.

Thank you

Ed Vice, Berkeley County Resident

I want to follow up with the delegation meeting that was held last week. I made a suggestion to talk about the inmates helping and how it was perceived, we will discuss that later. I don't see an issue with that because they were only in there for child support. Why don't we reach out to the high schools trying to get them involved in this, specifically the 11th and 12th graders, as they could be the replacement of having to go out and work the machines as in lifting and moving them. They have a future anywhere, so they really need to stop and learn about what it takes to run the country and the voting process. So that's what I wanted to plant the seed on, high schoolers, ROTC, and getting other groups involved. The pay for poll workers, what is that kind of pay?

Don Saturday

Director Brown, can you answer that?

Director Brown

Poll workers are paid \$60 for training and \$75 to work election day, that is reimbursed by the SEC to total \$135. Clerks receive an extra \$60 to pick up and drop off the equipment prior to the election and then on election night. Berkeley County supplements \$25 for each worker. So, the total for poll managers is \$160 and the person that is the poll clerk is \$220. And they must work the entire day. The SEC the way the schedule is set up you must work the entire day. That's why we don't split the day, they compensate us a set number of workers per locations, based on the number of registered voters in that location.

Ed Vice

And the time for volunteers to sign up and apply to work.

Director Brown

You can do that at any time, you must go to the Berkeley County website, careers, then poll worker.

Ed Vice

And we will see the training dates then?

Director Brown

No sir, until you finish the entire HR packet you won't get information on training. There are certain protocols that HR does before it is submitted to us. We send out letters at the beginning of the year to every worker. They reply yes, I want to work and no remove my name. Those that say they want to work we send them the election schedule. A lot of people are still working, and they must schedule those days off with their employer. Then we go into the training dates later. We must make sure we can use the facility here because we have no other place for training.

Bill Shelton Berkeley County Resident

I guess one of the things I am hearing in this report is that we are doing is to increase transparency. I think that is what democracy must have to survive. One of the questions that I had, what happened with the issue of taking the voting machines home?

Director Brown

That was the EPB, early voting continued until Saturday prior to the election. Poll clerks were picking up their materials on Friday, Saturday, and Monday. If you picked up your materials on Friday, you still had the continuation of voting through 6pm on Saturday. Your book would not be updated with everyone that voted at an early voting location if you picked it up on Friday. The SEC told all counties that anyone that picked up their equipment prior to Monday, would need to open their EPB and turn on their MiFi and allow that information to update as it updates in real time, prior to election day. So, when they opened their EPB on election day those voters that voted on Friday and Saturday would be recorded as having voted prior to election day so if they appeared at the pole at 7:01 election morning it would be recorded in the EPB that this person voted Saturday at 4:40pm.

Bill Shelton

So, you're saying they are letting them take the equipment home, is that your answer?

Director Brown

That is the protocol and what we have always done with the equipment.

Bill Shelton

That's no good, the only thing you are protecting us with is a seal and we had seals missing. And if a seal is discovered missing what is our procedure? Do we have a procedure on what to do?

Director Brown

Yes sir. All the seals are provided to the poll clerks, its not that the seal was missing, when they opened the equipment in the morning, they must verify the seals by the seal envelope, check them off and make sure it is the correct seal numbers that are on that envelope. They have seals that they are to apply during election day. There may have been someone that did not apply a seal, but these bins are also locked. There is not just a seal on them, they are locked and sealed.

Bill Shelton

What happens to those folks that discover a seal is missing?

Director Brown

The machine is locked and sealed. There are two mechanisms in place there.

Bill Shelton

What the young lady said about paper ballots, their signed, it's a concrete provider. These votes can be changed with a machine and you taking the machines homes its nonsense.

Director Brown

That is not the same machine sir.

Don Saturday

Excuse me sir, what you said is inaccurate, please let the Director set the record straight.

Director Brown

There are two different pieces of equipment you are talking about. The equipment they took home to update is the EPB, that is the machine that you present your ID, and you sign in stating you are that voter that is there to vote. That is the equipment that they took home with them. They are not taking home the ballot marking devices or DS200 scanners. The BMDs and DS200s are delivered to the polling location. No poll clerk takes those pieces out.

Don Saturday

Thank you, sir.

Do we have any other comments

Lee Dixon, Berkeley County Resident

I am a voter and a very concerned voter. I have been coming to these for several months listening to the comments and what you all have been saying. I want to make sure it's clear, several of my fellow residents have stood up and stated that they said they are concerned about Director Brown; I am most concerned about the board. I'll tell you one of the main reasons, you addressed seven items you are talking about corrective action from the audit today. Director Brown stated seventeen corrective items, but you only discussed one, sixteen were left unanswered. And this board, only one member asked questions. Is that acceptable? Seventeen items needing addressing and you address one, and no questions from this board. I don't understand. It's confusing to me, you have a responsibility to us as the voters to make sure we get it right. We need to raise the standards, and you're not going to raise the standards if you're not going to ask questions and give us the information to build our confidence as to what's going on. It's disappointing, you used terms like may have been, I believe, I think, done a good job in spite of. There's a mission of the SEC Board, the mission of the SEC every eligible citizen can register to vote, participate in fair and impartial elections, with the assurance that every vote will count, not just mine everyone who votes. You address one out of seventeen, it's time for you to step up and do your job.

Anna Vice, Berkeley County Resident

I just want to highlight a few things. I have lived in Moncks Corner all my life and am glad to be here and to see the work that is going on and hoping to get some results and they are taken care of. I believe when the auditor made his report. he highlights there is no perfect audit. We know we are all striving for perfection, and we must raise our standards. Even so with raising standards, audits with good corrective action provide us to continuously improve. I think that the whole idea is to continuously improve. Director Brown, you said you addressed the items for corrective action suggested and it was sent to the state office?

Director Brown

Yes ma'am, for every recommendation there was a corrective action plan put in place and submitted to the Director of audits at the SEC, who then approved all of the corrective action plan.

Anna Vice

So that has been approved?

Director Brown

Yes ma'am

Anna Vice

That is awesome. So, the next thing with that would be, if those corrective actions are approved and posted where anyone can read those actions as well? Will that be available for everyone to read?

Director Brown

Yes ma'am. They are all posted on the SEC website at Scvotes.gov.

Anna Vice

Good, I hope that will illuminate and clear things up a little more. Everyone can go online and read all of this and have more understanding. Thank you so much and we thank all of you for your work. We appreciate you.

Don Saturday

Any other comments from the public? Okay, thank you all for your comments, we do take them from the heart. We will continue to work with our director to make these elections accurate, fair, and honest.

Registered voters are allowed to vote. If any of you see any examples where someone was disenfranchised you can contact the office and we will look into it, or you can contact the SEC. Any other items to discuss today?

Motion to adjourn

Leon Brown

Frances Taylor seconded

All in favor said I and no objections

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting

September 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm