



# BERKELEY COUNTY

## Voter Registration and Elections

### Berkeley County Board of Canvassers

#### Agenda

November 9, 2023

- Certification of the Town of Moncks Corner General Election held Tuesday, November 7, 2023. [Link](#)

Don Saturday stated let the record show, we have a quorum today. So, before we commence with the certification process, each of the Board members acting as a board of Canvassers. We will be sworn in and I'll ask as I read it that you state your name and say, "I do solemnly swear" and raise your right hand as I read that off to you. I will call you by name and you will affirm the oath. Is everybody ok with that? This is the board of canvassers oath of office. I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified according to the constitution of this state and to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed and that I will to the best of my ability discharge the duties there of and preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of this state and of the United States, so help me God, so let me start at the end.

Don Saturday: Reverend Brown do you solemnly?

Reverend Brown: I do solemnly swear.

Turman Metts: I do solemnly swear.

Pam Lamb: I do solemnly swear.

Francis Taylor: I do solemnly affirm.

Lee Dixon: I do solemnly swear.

Darel Trout: I do solemnly swear.

Chris Davenport: I do solemnly swear.

Don Saturday: I am going to ask the secretary, Ms. Pam Lamb to administer the oath to me.

Pam Lamb: Mr. Chairman, I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified according to the constitution of this state and to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected or appointed and that I will to the best of my ability discharge the duties there of and preserve, protect, and defend the constitution of this state and of the United States, so help me God. Do you solemnly swear Mr. Chairman?

Don Saturday: I do solemnly swear.

Don Saturday: Ok, very good so in the future each board of canvassers will be taking that oath, so get used to hearing it. Ok I am going to turn the hearing over to the Director to walk us through the election verification, certification.

Director Brown: You each have a copy of the unofficial results from Tuesday nights election, in addition there has been 1 absentee Ballot received by the Voter registration office where the voter did not sign the oath. State laws states that the vote cannot be counted if the voter did not sign the oath. Board

Don Saturday: So, you are asking whether or not we accept that vote or decline that vote?

Director Brown: Yes sir, that is correct.

Don Saturday: Those in favor of counting that vote say, aye.

No response from board.

Don Saturday: Those in favor or denying that vote say, I deny.

Board unanimously declined to count that vote.

- Hear any Failsafe/Provisional ballots cast in this election.

Director Brown: We have one Provisional Ballot from the Moncks Corner Town where the voter went to the DMV and processed the change of address there. That was completed there on 9-14-2023, but it was not processed. When we investigated the voter's intent at the DMV, they did check yes on 9-14-2023 which was before the registration deadline for this election. The office would like for you to accept this because this was not a voter error, this was an error at the DMV. The individual did check that they want to update their voter registration information.

Don Saturday: The Director recommends we do count that vote. They did follow the law of meeting the minimum 30-day prior registration, so those in favor of counting the vote say, aye.

Aye

Those against counting the vote?

Aye was unanimous, vote will be counted.

Don Saturday: We will take a brief pause to enter that into record.

- Recess to count any Failsafe/Provisional ballots cast.

Don Saturday: It takes a few minutes to update the total votes, so give us a few more minutes.

- Board will reconvene at the call of the Chairperson to certify Official Results.

Don Saturday: Berkeley County Board of Canvassers is now back in session. We have the additional votes added to the original and those members have an opportunity to review the changes. At this time, I will entertain a motion to accept the votes as official. Who would like to make that motion.

Don Saturday: Board Member Trout makes the motion and Reverend Brown is making the second on that. All those in favor of making these official votes say, aye.

Aye

Don Saturday: Any objections? Motion carried. We now have an official Vote and winners. Director Brown did you want to reprint.

Director Brown: Would you please change unofficial total to official?

Don Saturday: Those we want copies of the official votes they are available. Is that right Director Brown.

Director Brown: They will be available they are also posted on scvotes.gov and it will be posted on the Berkeley County web page as well.

Don Saturday: So, if you can access that would be better but we will try to accommodate you with copies if necessary. Director Brown, have you completed the remainder of tasks necessary to conclude the canvassing? If so, please pass those down so that each Board Member can initial off that have seen those., that you have performed all necessary tasks. Following the review of that, the last remaining item that we have is to schedule remaining dates that we will be meeting as Board of Canvassers, and we will do that before we adjourn the meeting. Director Brown will provide us with the dates known Elections, subject to change, if there is a special Election to be held. Otherwise, those that are on the books for 2024 so to speak we will book those meetings today. We are considering for Board of Canvassers we have typically a smaller crowd it is necessary to hold these certifications at 10:00am by State law and we think we can accomplish that and allow public to attend in our office next to the DMV. We have a common area we can put out chairs so we think we can accommodate everyone who wants to observe that process. I do believe we can Live Stream as well, is that correct, Director Brown? From our office?

Ed Mus from IT Department stated only can do it here.

Don Saturday: Well, it will be recorded minutes. You can certainly read the minutes or attend. We think it is easier logistically because all the equipment, printer and so forth are in the Election office it is just being a little more accommodating for our staff. We would appreciate you all's understanding of that. Board meetings, when we go into the regular Board Meeting, we will address changes there, but not until the January meeting will we book the rest of the year. I am going to encourage we hold those meetings in the evenings. Of course, they will be held here and live streamed. Anyway, just some side notes while we are waiting.

Don Saturday: Does everyone have a copy of the suggested Board of Canvassers? Do I have a motion to accept these meetings, dates, and times? May I have a motion to that effect?

Don Saturday: Board Member Trout makes a motion to move to accept these dates and Board member Lamb seconds the motion. All in favor say, Aye.

Aye

Don Saturday: these will be the published meeting times unless someone objects, we will hold those in our office in the common area. Any objection to that? Any other business needs to be brought before the Board of Canvassers? If not, I will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Items may be added as necessary.

No other business needed to be discussed.

- Truman Metts recommends motion to Adjourn, and motion seconded by Ms. Taylor

Submitted by: Christine Swanson



