

**Berkeley County Board of Elections & Voter Registration**  
**Minutes — March 10, 2022 Meeting**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Berkeley County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was held in the office of Berkeley County Elections and Voter Registration on Thursday March 10, 2022. Chairman Don Saturday called the meeting to order following the certification meeting of the Board of Canvassers.

**Commissioners Present**

Don Saturday, Don Rose, Darel Trout, Frances Taylor, Leon Brown and new Commissioners, Truman Metts and Ralph Rohrsen. Pam Lamb was absent due to work commitments. Let the record show there is a quorum.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the January 13, 2022, meeting were approved.

**Director's Report**

1. The budget workshop for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, was held and the request for funding for two satellite locations for the General Election was made.
2. Statehouse Bill H.4919 for election changes is in the Statehouse and has a version in the SC Senate. Some of the points include doing away with the 30 day absentee in person voting in exchange for having 2 weeks of "Early" voting for everyone. It could include some Saturday hours, possibly 8:00AM – 6:00pm. State funding for this is still unclear but could require as many as 7 locations due to the size of the county and the number of registered voters with 4 workers per site, as recommended by the SEC. In larger precincts this will be inadequate staffing.
3. Redistricting is continuing. Every person in the county is in at least one new district. There is no information on school districts at this time. Filing opens at noon March 16<sup>th</sup> and closes at noon on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Filing fees are paid with money orders or cashier's checks.
4. Voter notifications have been sent out concerning the location changes for 4 precincts. Daniel Island 1 and 2 have moved to the new Recreation Center. The Carnes Crossroads 2 precinct voted at the Fire Station on Myers Rd is moving to The International Church on US 17A.
5. Municipal elections will be held in Bonneau on May 10<sup>th</sup> and Jamestown has a Special election on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Both towns have their own Election Commissions for the certification of elections.
6. Goose Creek municipal elections will be moving to November during odd number years beginning in 2023. Those now serving will have an extra year added to their current terms as part of the transition. Those elected in 2020 will serve through 2025 and those elected in 2022 will have a term until 2027.

**Old Business**

1. Frances Taylor brought up that the new Board Members could not vote to approve the minutes for the meeting when they were not yet serving. A motion was made that the vote be retaken to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**New Business**

None

**Public Comments**

1. League of Women Voters – Laurie Steinke asked for the spelling of the two new Board members, Ralph Rohrsen and Truman Metts.
2. Terry Hardesty was recognized but had no comments.

**Next Meeting**

Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 following the Board of Canvassers meeting at 10:am.

**Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.