

# Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting January 4, 2022 at 4:30 pm

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore at 4:33 pm.

## **II. Roll Call**

**a) Board Members:** Vice Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore, Rhonda Reddick, Carson Walker, and newly elected member Dr. Valerie Roberts. Marty McDonald was absent.

**b) County Attorney:** Kimberly Reid did not attend as she was ill.

**c) Staff:** Randy Howard, Julia Sims

## **III. Election of New Officers for 2022**

Mr. Howard gave Dr. Roberts a warm welcome and informed the board she had been sworn in by Judge Stephanie Bennet around 3:30 p.m., therefore, she was an official board member. He stated this is a new year, and therefore new officers were to be elected. A chairperson, co-chairperson and secretary was up for election.

Ms. Reddick nominated Dr. Latimore to be the chairperson for 2022.

Mr. Walker seconded the motion.

The motion was passed, and Dr. Latimore is the chairperson for 2022.

Dr. Latimore assumed her duties and called for a nomination for co-chair.

Mr. Walker nominated himself.

Motion carried, and Mr. Walker is co-chairperson.

Ms. Reddick nominated Mr. Howard as secretary.

Mr. Walker seconded.

The motion carried, and Mr. Howard will resume his duties as secretary.

## **IV. Motion to Adopt the Agenda**

Dr. Roberts made a motion to adopt the agenda.

Ms. Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

## **V. Motion to Approve the Minutes of December 7, 2021**

Ms. Reddick made a motion to adopt the minutes.

Mr. Walker seconded.

Motion carried.

## **VI. Welcome New Board Member Dr. Valerie Roberts**

Dr. Latimore stated Mr. Howard had given Dr. Roberts a brief warm welcome but she wanted the board member to give her a warm welcome along with a brief introduction of themselves.

After all board members spoke, Dr. Roberts thanked everyone for making her feel welcome. She feels good about her venture on the board.

## **VII. Redistricting for Upcoming Primary Election, May 24, 2022**

Mr. Howard advised the board that the hold up for beginning redistricting in Sumter County is the Board of Commissioners. They have not decided whether to approve the maps as drawn. Once they give him the okay, the election office would get started with making the necessary changes. He has discussed it with them, and is just waiting for the okay.

## **VIII. County Commissioner District #3 Special Election, March 15, 2022.**

Mr. Howard advised there are possibly 4 or 5 persons to be qualifying for this seat beginning Monday, January 10, thru Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 12:00 noon. As soon as he gets the paperwork in order, he will be sending it up to the State for approval, and then ballots will be ordered.

## **IX. Training – Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials – Athens, Georgia, March 20-23, 2022.**

Mr. Howard stated he doesn't have very much on the training, but as he gets more information, he will share it. He advised Dr. Roberts he would be sharing with her what he has now.

## **X. Easy Vote Training – February 3, 2022 – South Georgia Technical College**

Mr. Howard explained this training would be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Greg Whiten will be conducting the training. The morning will be for the training and the afternoon will be a hands on session for anyone who may need additional help.

## **XI. Board Members Comments**

No comments from the board members

## **XII. Adjourn**

Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting,  
Ms. Reddick seconded.  
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julia Sims  
January 6, 2022