

# Sumter County Board of Elections Called Meeting January 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore at 4:30 pm.

## **II. Roll Call**

**a) Board Members:** Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore, Vice-Chairman Carson Walker, Rhonda Reddick, Marty McDonald, and Dr. Valerie Roberts.

**b) County Attorney:** Kimberly Reid

**c) Staff:** Randy Howard, Lois Phillips

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

Rhonda Reddick moved to adopt the agenda.

Dr. Valerie Roberts seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

## **IV. Executive Session**

Carson Walker moved to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After the Executive Session,

Marty McDonald made a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive Session.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Marty McDonald moved to dismiss Addie Bryant, based on the evidence presented to the Board during the Executive Session.

Rhonda Reddick and Dr. Valerie Roberts seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Attorney Kim Reid advised that this situation be treated with confidentiality.

Discussion followed about the need to create some process and procedure standards, for the Board of Elections and the Elections Office. This will help everyone proceed with integrity and clarity as we work together as a team. Samples and ideas can be obtained from other similar sized boards, templates can be found, and it should be looked at from a legal compliance as well.

## **V. Board Members Comments**

Randy Howard gave an update on the Census redistricting. We are still awaiting decisions from the local boards. The State information is already in our system.

Attorney Kim Reid suggested that the local offices need to have it completed soon, or it may impair the elections. If the local offices do not quickly make their decisions, there may not be enough time to complete all the legal and administrative steps before the next election.

Chairman Dr. Latimore reminded everyone about cyber security within Elections.

Attorney Kim Reid said the Commissioners Board should be responding to her shortly about the proposal for board compensation.

Mr. Howard stated that he will get the expense forms together, and give them to the Board members for the upcoming training.

## **VI. Adjourn**

Carson Walker moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Valerie Roberts seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Phillips

January 26, 2022