

**Sumter County Board of Elections and Voter Registration
Called Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:30 am**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore at 10:33 am.

II. Roll Call

- a) Board Members:** Chairman Dr. Shirley Latimore, Carson Walker and Rhonda Reddick.
Absent - Dr. Valerie Roberts
- b) Staff:** Randy Howard and Lois Phillips
- c) Technician:** Monty Sherman

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Carson Walker made a motion to adopt the agenda.
Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

IV. Review and Discussion of the Provisional Ballots for Approval or Disapproval

Mr. Howard explained that there was one provisional ballot from the Rec. Dept. at 6:49 pm on Election Day, June 21, 2022. The voter should have gone to Reese Park, but there wasn't enough time to get there. Discussion followed.

Rec Dept – 1 ballot presented
Carson Walker made a motion to approve the provisional ballot.
Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

V. Review the Election Results from the Unofficial Ballots

Mr. Howard gave a copy of the Unofficial Election Results to each board member to review.

There were no questions by the board members.

VI. Process the Provisional Ballot and Election Results to be made Official

The board members went to the Election Office to observe the processing of the provisional ballot and the completion of the Election Results.

When this procedure was finished, they returned to the called meeting.

VII. Vote to Certify the June 21, 2022 Run Off Election

Rhonda Reddick made a motion to certify the June 21, 2022 Runoff Election.

Carson Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VIII. Discussion of Required Certification Paperwork to be Signed and Delivered to Georgia Secretary of State

Mr. Howard stated that all the required election paperwork will be dropped off at the State Patrol office next week, where it will be secured until a courier will pick it up and deliver it to the Secretary of State's office.

The Board members were given the required Election Certification forms to sign.

IX. Executive Session

None needed

X. Board Member Comments

Carson Walker asked about the number of precinct cards that have been returned by mail.

Mr. Howard stated that the post office has said that many people move without notifying the post office. We have had over 2000 returned to our office. However, the Secretary of State's office will be sending out another notification of verification to those out of state and out of county voters.

Dr. Latimore said that overall things went well in the polling places during this election. There are a few things that need fine tuning, especially regarding signs.

Mr. Howard commented that we transport about 400 pieces of equipment to 11 precincts before an election. Usually that is able to be done a few days before the election because it takes about 1.5 days to get it all done. However, for this election, we had to transport everything on Monday, the day before the election. This created a time crunch to get all the signs posted and the early preparations completed by Monday evening. Mr. Howard would like to have all the signs available in a uniform size, laminated, and in one pouch which would be able to be posted easily in each precinct.

Mr. Howard also stated that he will be focusing on training of the poll workers before the next election. We have been inundated with elections one after another since 2019, and we finally now have some time to focus on training. It will be easier to do when all our equipment and items are in one facility.

Mr. Howard thanked the Board Members for going to the precincts on Election Day.

XI. Adjourn

Carson Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Phillips
June 29, 2022