

**Sumter County Board of Elections and Voter Registration
Regular Meeting
December 13, 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, Carson Walker, Rhonda Reddick, Dr. Valerie Roberts, and Dennis Taylor.

b) Attorney: Hayden Hooks

c) Staff: Randy Howard, Julia Sims

III. Motion to Adopt the Minutes

Carson Walker made a motion to adopt the minutes.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

IV. Agenda

Mr. Howard apologized and advised no agenda for this meeting as his schedule did not permit. Dr. Latimore stated that was one of the items she wanted to discuss at this meeting. She stated she feels the minutes should be available in the 5 days based on the 5day bi-laws and an agenda should be available for review prior to the meeting.

VII. iPad

Dr. Latimore stated she had spoken with Ms. Volley and Matthew who is looking into the best option and price for the 6 needed for the board members and Mr. Howard. She stated they would be an asset because they would save paper and time.

VIII. Gavreo

Registration for the GAVREO 2023 annual conference is now open. The conference is to be held **February 12 – 15, 2023** at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Jekyll Island, GA. Mr. Howard advised he would handle the registration, booklet, and informational material but the board member would have to set up their own room and board. He stated travel from Jekyll Island to Brunswick was being worked on for approval. He emphasized the importance of turning the motel tax form in up front. He also stated if anyone needed a check up front and could get the total expenses amount, it's possible he could get payroll to cut an early check.

IX. Comments

Dr. Latimore asked for comments. Mr. Walker stated he thinks the IT and the Poll Workers did an excellent job this election. He stated he visited Andersonville and few others.

X. Certification of the Election

Meetings for the certification of the elections is usually held in the mornings. Dr. Latimore asked if the meetings can be changed to a time that will allow more of the board members to be present. Mr. Howard advised he did not have a problem with changing the time as long as the Secretary of State Office is not needed for anything.

XI. Update on Poll Pads and Audits

Mr. Howard advised there are 27 polls pads ready to be delivered to Lee County. Weslyn will be here on Thursday. Mr. Howard will be taking the Poll Pads after Wesland verify they are ready.

Mr. Howard advised the audit will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 9:00 o'clock. Everything is ready to go. There will be a democratic and republican monitor at the audit.

XII. Internet

Impluse – when the new poll pads come in and we have an election, Mr. Howard will be able to monitor the activity. Mr. Howard stated this concerns him because we have always told the voter's we do not use internet. He wants open and honest elections. He is also concerned about some of the locations for using the poll pads as to whether they will have service.

XIII. Court Case

Mr. Howard and Attorney Hayden Hooks attended a hearing with the State in Atlanta on today, December 13, 2022 in reference to a complaint made by the supposedly poll watcher from South Carolina, during the 2020 election which involved Andersonville and Airports precincts. The ladies arrived at the Airport and misrepresented themselves as election officials and was allowed to enter the voting area. The Airport will be getting a letter of concern. Attorney Hooks gave a summary of the hearing which she thinks went well for us. Mr. Howard stated he learned a lot. He states the Secretary of State doesn't want us having elections in the same location as a candidate is housed. Mayor and City elections should not be held in their building. He also stated if a complainant refuses to reveal him or herself and not be willing to testify; their complaint will be dismissed.

XIV. Adjourn

Dr. Latimore stated since Carson Walker had already made comments earlier she would ask that to meeting be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Rhonda Reddick.

Dennis Taylor seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.