

Sumter County Board of Elections Meeting May 4, 2021 at 4:30 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Gaston at 4:30 pm.

II. Roll Call

a) Board Members: Chairman James Gaston, Dr. Shirley Latimore, Rhonda Reddick, Carson Walker, and Marty McDonald

b) County Attorney: Kimberly Reid

c) Staff: Randy Howard, Lois Phillips

d) HR Office: Susan Merritt

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Marty McDonald made a motion to adopt the agenda.

Carson Walker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

IV. Motion to Approve the Minutes of April 6, 2021

Marty McDonald made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 6, 2021.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

V. Executive Session with Susan Merritt of the Sumter County Human Resource Office

At this point, an **Executive Session** was called.

Carson Walker made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

After the **Executive Session**,

Dr. Shirley Latimore made a motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VI. Discussion of the New Voting Laws

Randy Howard provided everyone with a copy of the new voting laws. Discussion followed on how the various aspects of the law will apply to Sumter County.

VII. E-SPLOST Resolution for the Sumter County School Board Election

Kim Reid asked the board to approve the Certification of Election Results page from the Board of Education's Resolution document. This certification page includes the final tally from the E-SPLOST election in March, 2021. This will administratively wrap up the certification of said election.

Carson Walker made a motion to approve the Certification of the Election results for the E-SPLOST election.

Marty McDonald seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

VIII. Public Comment Policy and Resolution to Adopt

Kim Reid gave an overview of the Public Comment Policy and Resolution documents. Discussion followed to clarify some of the wording in the Public Comment Policy document.

Kim Reid will make the discussed changes and send out the revised policy to the Board.

Marty McDonald made a motion to accept the revised Public Comment Policy.

Rhonda Reddick seconded the motion.

Chairman Gaston commented that the public should be informed of this policy through various media outlets.

Motion carried.

All Board Members agreed that this policy is effective immediately.

IX. Website for Election Office Discussion

Randy stated that, after no results from discussions with the county, we still do not have a website that we can update. He will speak with a gentleman who can help set one up for us, one which we will have ready and updatable access.

X. Internet and Email Discussion with Pineland Internet

Randy Howard met with an internet provider. They will talk with our existing email provider and discuss setting up a backup system, and will get back to us with a proposal.

XI. Budget Discussion

Randy Howard handed out the Expenditure Report to each Board Member for their information. He has asked for computer access to the finance system, so that he can allocate expenses to the proper categories for a more accurate budget statement. Discussion followed.

XII. Board Member Comments

No comments were made by the Members of the Board.

XII. Adjourn

Marty McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Carson Walker seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Phillips
May 5, 2021

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