

**Sumter County Board of Elections & Voter Registration
Regular Business Meeting
January 7, 2025 @ 4:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Latimore called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL:

A. Board Members Present: Dr. Shirley Latimore, Dr. Valerie Roberts, Carson Walker, Randy Howard, Dr. Shirley Green Reese via phone.

B. Staff Members: Mrs. Patterson, Supervisor

C. Attorney Hayden Hooks

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Howard to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dr. Roberts. All in favor

IV. Election of new officers for 2025:

Dr. Latimore open up the vote for new officers, nomination as follows.

Carson Walker nominated Randy Howard for Chairperson, seconded by Dr. Green Reese and Randy Howard voting for himself.

Dr. Roberts nominated Dr. Latimore and seconded by Dr. Latimore

Randy Howard voted as the new Chairperson for the Board of Elections

Dr. Green Reese nominated Dr. Roberts as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Randy Howard. Dr. Roberts nominated Dr. Latimore and Carson Walker nominated Dr. Reese Green. Dr. Roberts voted for Dr. Latimore; Dr. Latimore voted for herself; Dr. Green Reese voted for Dr. Latimore.

Dr. Shirley Latimore voted as the new Vice Chairperson for the Board of Elections

Vote for Secretary of the Board, Mr. Howard nominated Supervisor Patterson for secretary. All in favor by the board.

LaSandra Patterson, Secretary of the Board

Voting closed. Mr. Howard took charge as the new Chairperson and conducted the meeting.

V. Approval of the minutes from October 1st and December 3, 2024:

Motion by Mr. Walker to approve both minutes, seconded by Dr. Roberts. All in favor.

VI. 2025 Election Update:

Mrs. Patterson gave an update for registered voters as 19,625 for the new year. The City of Plains will be holding a Special Election on March 18th for City Council post 3 and perform all advertising and the Election office will conduct the Election.

- Qualifying will be held for 2 ½ days beginning on Feb 3rd -5th from 8:30 and ending at noon on the 5th.
- Advance voting will be Feb 24th – March 14th with 2 Saturday voting days from 9-5
- The City of Americus is going to advertise qualifying for the Mayor and 3 City Council seats to be held on the November 4th General Election.

VII. Expenditure Transaction Report:

Mr. Howard inquired about 2 items on the budget report.

VIII. Executive Session: None

IX. Board Members Remarks:

Dr. Latimore gave remarks that the by-laws need to be updated and to abide by the rules for absents, teleconference and doctor excuseds. Need to send out the bylaws to the board to review. Dr. Latimore brought to the attention of the board that if there is not a quorum in person a meeting could not be held, which was done at one of the previous meeting and that the by-laws need to be updated.

Dr. Roberts spoke about joining together to support the supervisor.

Mr. Walker asked about the annual training.

Dr. Green Reese states to contact her or any board member for help.

Mr. Howard thank Dr. Latimore for her service as the Chairperson.

X. Motion to Adjourn:

Mr. Howard motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Walker motion to adjourn and seconded by Dr. Roberts. Adjourned at 4:55 pm.