

**Minutes of the Richland County
Board of Elections and Voter Registration
2020 Hampton Street
Thursday, June 7, 2012
5:30 p.m.**

Board Members Attending

Ms. M. Elizabeth Crum, Chair
Ms. Adell Adams
Ms. Elaine DuBose
Ms. Tina Herbert

Staff Attending

Ms. Lillian McBride, Executive Director
Mr. Garry Baum, Deputy Director
Ms. Amie Brunson

Call to Order

Ms. Crum called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present to allow the meeting to proceed.

Approval of Minutes

The Board members reviewed minutes from the meeting held on February 2, 2012. Ms. Herbert motioned to accept revised minutes. Seconded, and approved 4-0.

Unfinished Business

None indicated

New Business

- a. January 21 Republican Presidential Primary Board Comments
- b. Moving Blythewood, Eastover, and Columbia election dates
 - After discussion, the Board granted permission to Ms. McBride to proceed with requesting information and a decision regarding combining and moving all municipal elections to an odd year. Ms. DuBose moved, seconded by Ms. Herbert. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- c. Board Recommendation – use of voting machine when voter requests paper ballot
 - After discussion, the Board decided to allow voters the option of requesting a paper ballot when coming into the office to vote absentee. Ms. Herbert moved, seconded by Ms. DuBose. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- d. Campaign signs on private property
 - After discussion, the Board stated that this is a property owner issue and falls under no trespassing as opposed to an election issue.
- e. Failsafe Voting
 - Mr. Baum discussed with the Board issues that may arise due to Redistricting and how these issues may affect voters during the June 12th Primary Election.

- f. Collecting petition signatures at the polls
 - The 200 foot rule still applies and if petitioners are interfering with citizen's right to vote, it should be brought to the attention of the poll manager and then the Elections & Voter Registration office if needed.
- g. Other new business
 - Ms. McBride stated that she will provide the Board Members with a copy of FY2013 budget once finalized and received.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Next Meeting

The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 9:00am for the June primary opening of absentee envelopes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.