



# Beaufort County Council

Board of Elections & Registration  
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## Board of Elections and Registration Board Minutes

May 26, 2010

3:00 p.m.

102 Industrial Village Rd. Bldg #2  
Beaufort, SC

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Mrs. Marilyn Caprielian, Vice Chairman. Mrs. Caprielian asked Dr. Emile Bernard to lead the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Board Members Present:**

Marilyn Caprielian	Dean Hewitt	James Rowe	Emile Bernard
Rupert Williams	Ellen Bray (late arrival)		Hugh O'Kane

### **Staff Members Present:**

Scott Marshall, Executive Director  
Kris Weitz, Board Secretary

### **Public Present:**

Mr. Morris Campbell, Director, Beaufort County Community Services Division  
Ms. Sue Feitz (spelling on name is approximate), League of Women Voters

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Minutes from previous Board meeting were reviewed and discussed with non-substantive changes suggested. Minutes were accepted, as amended, in a unanimous vote.

Under unfinished business, discussion ensued over poll worker pay, specifically with regard to the amount that should be paid to poll workers for working in the runoff primary. Mr. Marshall said that he would find out from the South Carolina Election Commission the rate at which the county would be reimbursed by the state for runoff poll workers.

Under new business, Mr. Marshall provided the Executive Director's Report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Marshall stated that he was appreciative of

Board member attendance at some of the training sessions that have been conducted so far, and that he feels it lends credibility to the process.

Board members were given a precinct report which included suggested number of iVotronic machines to be placed at each polling location.

Discussion ensued over the proper distance from the polling location for petition signature seekers. Mr. Marshall stated that, while there is no specific law with regard to how close petition signature seekers can be from the entrance to the polling location, poll workers were being instructed in briefings to exercise the 200-foot rule in place for campaign literature. Mr. Marshall pointed out that, in some cases, these people may need to be within the 200 feet due to physical layout of the location and stressed that the key to success is to have the poll clerk establish a specified distance and maintain consistency so that all are afforded equal opportunity to gather signatures.

It was suggested to the Board by Mr. Marshall that the Board establish standard operating procedures (SOPs) so that there is a consistent approach to matters that routinely come before the Board. He also asked Board members to review current committee assignments, as he understood them, and to provide feedback with regard to their accuracy and/or relevance. He also said that he felt revising committees may be in order to more accurately reflect Board needs.

Mr. Marshall reported that he continues to act on the Board's behalf in pursuing a location south of the Broad River to establish registration and absentee polling services for voters. He said that he has plans to visit several locations in the coming weeks with Mr. Mark Roseneau, the county's facilities director.

Some discussion ensued regarding assignment of poll managers. Mr. Marshall acknowledged that Mrs. Vivian Dawson has been doing great work in helping to fill holes to round out the Board members' poll worker assignments. Mr. Hewitt asked if there would be any high school students working the election. Mr. Marshall responded that letters were sent to principals of all local high schools, however, the timing of the primary and runoff make it challenging to enlist the aid of students. He did point out, however, that we do have a few students who are scheduled to work.

The timing of future Board meetings was discussed. Mr. Marshall reminded Board members that even if we have no meetings during the summer months, that this time period would be well-utilized to focus on developing SOPs and reviewing committees.

No further discussion.

Mr. Clifford adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:20 p.m.