



BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION
and ELECTIONS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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**Minutes from the May 5, 2016 Canvass Hearing and Board
Meeting of the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of
Beaufort County
15 John Galt Rd, Beaufort, SC**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyrone S. Clifford, Chairman
William Severns, Vice-Chairman
Beverly Dore

Dean Hewitt
Bruce Massey
Rupert Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

William Bronson
Philip Jones
James Rowe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Marie S. Smalls, Director
Wendell Roberson, Sr., Deputy Director
Kristina Weitz, Secretary

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clifford called the canvass hearing to order at 10:00 am.

Mr. Clifford was sworn in by Mrs. Smalls, and then Mr. Clifford swore in the Board and Secretary then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CANVASS HEARING

Mrs. Smalls broke seal number 2883 on the provisional ballot box. There were three provisional ballots inside.

Ref #	<u>Name</u>	<u>Counted</u>	<u>Not Counted</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Passed / Not Passed</u>
01	Tracy Hawk	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
02	Erin Carmines	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
03	Kris Drobnick	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously

The Canvass Hearing was paused to tabulate the results then reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

It was motioned by Mrs. Dore to accept the results as certified and declare Mr. David Ames as the official winner for the Town of Hilton Head Ward 3 Special Election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Massey. It was voted upon and passed unanimously.

The Canvass Hearing was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. and the Board meeting was convened.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Clifford asked if there were any additions or changes to the Board minutes from February 4, 2016, and March 23, 2016.

Mrs. Dore motioned to accept the minutes from February 4, 2016. It was seconded by Mr. Hewitt. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Mr. Williams motioned to accept the minutes from March 23, 2016. It was seconded by Mr. Massey. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Clifford inquired if there was any Unfinished Business, hearing none; he moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clifford inquired if there was any New Business, hearing none; he turned the Board meeting over to Mrs. Smalls for the Director's Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Updates

Mrs. Smalls updated the Board on the following legislation:

Conceal Carry Weapon Permit – The Attorney General opinion allows a South Carolina conceal carry weapon permit to be used as a form of photo identification for voting, effective immediately.

Poll Worker Pay Increase – The State Election Commission has increased Poll Workers' Election Day pay to \$75. This funding was made available through a proviso in their current fiscal year budget. A breakdown of Poll Managers and Clerks compensation for the June 14th Primary.

<u>Poll Manager</u>	
Briefing	\$ 60.00
Election Day	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Total	135.00

Run-off (If necessary) \$135.00
Grand Total \$270.00

<u>Clerk</u>	
Briefing	\$ 60.00
Supply/Paperwork	\$ 60.00
Election Day	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
Sub Total (1)	\$195.00

Additional Training \$100.00
Sub Total (2) \$295.00

Run-off (If necessary) \$195.00
Grand Total \$490.00

Solicitation for Voting System – The State Election Commission announced the solicitation for bids was cancelled due to lack of funds in the budget. They are investigating the benefits of extending the current system versus leasing a newer system.

Election Updates 2016

Mrs. Smalls stated some precincts would not get a Democratic ballot. South Carolina is an open primary state, meaning South Carolina does not register by party. Signs will be placed out front and at the registration table saying there is not a Democratic ballot available.

There are six offices on the June ballots and seven ballot styles.

Democratic

- SC House District 121
- SC House District 122
- County Council District 3

Republican

- US Congressional District 1
- Solicitor
- County Council District 7

Not everyone will be able to vote in every race and some voters may not have a ballot at all; depending on which political party's primary the person chooses to vote.

Sample ballots are available on our website.

There is a potential for a run-off election on June 28, 2016. SC House District 122 (a multi-county seat) has four candidates. In Beaufort County, only two precincts would be involved in the run-off – Sheldon 1 and Sheldon 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Clifford announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for after the Canvass Hearing on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 10:00 am Voter Registration and Election Office

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.