

Dorchester County Board of Elections and Registration

February 15, 2018

Observer: Vicki Westberg

Meeting Highlights

Meeting called to order at 4:47 PM.

Previous meeting minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Director Todd Billman reported the following:

Board member yearly ethics submissions must be completed by the end of March. If not, there is a minimum late fee of \$100 with daily fines after that. Todd will have a link to the website set up by Tuesday.

The S.C.A.R.E. Conference was deemed a success with 40 counties represented, good legislative attendance and lots of new faces. Todd will pass on the following recommendations from the Board members: Keep all presenters in the same room to avoid wasting time moving groups from one break out room to another and schedule speakers back to back and limit talks to 20 minutes which would allow opportunity for more presenters.

Todd researched two new absentee locations for June 4-8th and October 2 - November 2nd primary and general elections. Must have wi-fi connection. Possible locations include New Spring Church for North Charleston and Seacoast Church for Summerville. Outreach and Education: School Book awards will take place in 6 elementary schools this spring allowing students to learn about the voting process by voting for best book using actual voting machines. Books used in this event will be considered for the prestigious SC Book Award. Additional adult and high school outreach will stop by May and resume in July/August.

The June primary date may be pushed back due to governor and lieutenant governor being on the ballot at the same time. Senate Bill 985 is still in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Todd will post on the website as soon as a decision is made as a date change will significantly impact all aspects of election planning & execution.

The Public Information Office recommends that County Council make recommendations to fill empty Board of Elections seats. Todd will contact Rep Chris Murphy and Sen Sean Bennett to find out more. A decision to choose a vice chair is tabled until the next meeting & after Todd speaks with Rep Murphy and Sen Bennett.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.