

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION  
AGENDA  
January 18, 2017  
10:00 am**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**THE MEETING OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION IS BEING HELD  
PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL  
REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.**

Approval of Minutes: November 16, 2016 (SEC and SBC)

New Business:

COMMISSIONERS

BILLY WAY, JR.  
Chairperson

ES&S Certification of Unity 4.0.0.3v4 and Unity 3.4.1.4  
ES&S Engineering Change Orders  
Legislative Matters

MARK A. BENSON

YN BOWERS

Old Business:

E. ALLEN DAWSON

Information Technology Security Update  
US Dept. of Homeland Security

NICOLE SPAIN WHITE

Legal Update

MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

- Project Vote Letter
- Guess v. State Election Commission, et.al. (Richland County Council District 10)
- Ahmad, et.al. v. Greenville County Board of Registration and Elections and SEC

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Next Meeting(s):

P.O. Box 5987  
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February 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Present:** Billy Way, Jr., Chairman; Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference); Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson (via teleconference); Ms. Nicole White; (via teleconference)

**Others Present:** Marci Andino, Executive Director; Kristina Catoe, Staff Attorney; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

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**MARCI ANDINO**  
Executive Director

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Chairman Way called the meeting to order and asked if all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated that the notices had been posted.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Way stated that the first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the November 16, 2016 (SBC) meeting. Mr. Benson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. White. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairman Way explained that the SEC minutes from the November 16, 2016 were being amended to include that Ms. Kim Murphy, a member of the public, had been permitted to address the commission regarding the county boundaries that affected her voter registration. Mr. Benson moved to approve the amended minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowers. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**New Business**

The first item under new business was the ES&S Certification of Unity 4.0.0.3 and Unity 3.4.1.4. version 4 releases and approval of engineering change orders (ECO). Ms. Andino advised that ECO's are routine updates to the election system. A motion to certify the ES&S engineering change orders was made by Mr. Dawson and seconded by Ms. Bowers.

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The next item under new business was legislative matters. Ms. Andino informed the commission that the legislative session is in its second week and that this is the first year of a two year session. She stated that a number of election related bills such as early voting, voting by mail, write-in presidential and vice presidential candidates, same day registration, candidate filing and changes to absentee voting have been introduced.

Ms. Andino also informed the commissioners that budget hearings are underway. She stated that the Governor's budget included \$7.5 million for the voting system refresh and \$5 million for the replacement fund for a new voting system. She also reported that the House Ways and Means subcommittee met on January 17<sup>th</sup> and the State Election Commission's budget request was well received. She further reported that the Senate will conduct budget hearings in the coming weeks.

Ms. Andino reported that the SEC will be undergoing a study by the Legislative Oversight Committee. She stated that the purpose of the study is to ensure agencies are as effective as possible through processes which eliminate waste and efficiently deploy resources.

#### **Old Business**

The first item under old business was an information technology/security update. Ms. Andino stated that the Agency continues to implement remediation recommendations which were identified as necessary during the vulnerability assessment. Ms. Andino also informed the commissioners that the US Department of Homeland Security has designated election systems as a critical infrastructure sector. She stated that this would make it easier to receive support from the federal government for vulnerability scans, training and other support if requested by the Agency.

Regarding legal updates, Ms. Andino reported progress continues to be made in regard to the Project Vote letter. She also reported that in reference to the Guess v. State Election Commission, et.al, a summary judgement has been granted. She reported that the Greenville case has been settled and Greenville County is no longer using questionnaires when registering students.

Chairman Way reminded everyone that the next SEC meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016 at 10:00 am.

With no further business to be discussed, Mr. Benson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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New Business:

COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

MARK A. BENSON

JOHN BOWERS

E. ALLEN DAWSON

NICOLE SPAIN WHITE

Special Elections:

State House District 84 – Aiken County  
State Senate District 3 – Anderson County  
State House District 70 – Richland and Sumter Counties

Old Business:

Status of Legislative Oversight Committee Study  
Legislative Update  
Budget Update  
Information Technology Security Update  
Legal Update

- Project Vote Letter

MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

Next Meeting:

March 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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**MARCI ANDINO**  
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**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Way stated that the first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2017 (SEC) meeting. Mr. Benson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. White. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Ms. Andino explained that the agenda was revised to include special elections to fill recent vacancies. She informed the commission that there will be special elections for State House District 84 in Aiken County and State Senate District 3 in Anderson County. Ms. Andino stated that for both special elections, primaries will be held on April 11, with possible runoffs on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the special elections will be held on May 30. Ms. Andino stated that State House District 70 in Richland and Sumter Counties will also have a special election with the primary held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the possible runoff on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the special election on June 20<sup>th</sup>. She also advised that other special elections may be announced soon.

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## **Old Business**

The first item under old business was the status of the House Legislative Oversight Committee study. Ms. Andino reminded the commission that the State Election Commission is being studied by the House Legislative Oversight Committee. She stated that agencies will be studied every seven years and that this is the SEC's first time going through this process. She also informed the commissioners that a preliminary meeting was held with staff of the Legislative Oversight Committee which included introductions and a brief outline of the study. Ms. Andino further explained that as part of the process, there is a public comment period which involves an online survey provided to the public on the Legislative Oversight Committee's website for assessing the agency. She advised that emails which include a link to the survey have been sent to those who have interactions with the agency, such as past and present commissioners, employees, county boards, other agencies, vendors and customers. Ms. Andino also informed the commissioners that the SEC has received documents to complete about the agency regarding the history, function and budget of the SEC.

The next item under old business was legislative matters. Ms. Andino informed the commissioners that the agency is following Senate Bill 107, concerning the joint election of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Regarding the budget, she informed the commissioners that the agency has attended budget subcommittee meetings in both the Senate and the House. She also advised that this is the last week the House Ways and Means subcommittee will have the budget and it will then go to the full House Ways and Means committee next week. In addition to the agency's operating budget, funds have been requested to refresh the statewide voting system.

The next item under old business was an information technology security update. Ms. Andino advised that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is continuing to perform weekly scans of the agency's public facing website; the latest scan found no vulnerabilities. She reminded the commission when the first scan was performed, 67 vulnerabilities had been found and the number was reduced to two vulnerabilities prior to the 2016 General Election. She also stated that the agency continues to remediate based on the vulnerability assessment conducted last fall. She also reminded the commissioners that funds for security have been included in the SEC's 2017-18 budget request.

Ms. Andino stated that there were no changes to report on the project vote letter.

Chairman Way reminded everyone that the next SEC meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at 10:00 am.

With no further business to be discussed, Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daylin Silber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Daylin Silber

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**March 15, 2017**

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New Business:

COMMISSIONERS

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Chairperson

MARK A. BENSON

MADILYN BOWERS

E. ALLEN DAWSON

NICOLE SPAIN WHITE

Special Elections - Congressional District 5  
State House of Representatives District 48  
State House of Representatives District 70  
SC/NC Boundary

Old Business:

MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

Status of Legislative Oversight Committee Study  
Legislative Update  
Budget Update  
Information Technology Security Update  
Legal Update  
• Project Vote Letter

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April 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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**Others Present:** Marci Andino, Executive Director; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

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**MARCI ANDINO**  
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**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Way stated that the first item of business was the approval of the minutes from the February 15, 2017 (SEC) meeting. Ms. Bowers moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. White. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

Ms. Andino informed the commission that special elections will be held for U. S. Congressional District 5 encompassing 11 counties, House District 48 in York County and House District 70 in Richland and Sumter Counties. Ms. Andino also advised that an updated calendar containing the dates for State Board of Canvassers meetings will be forthcoming.

The next item of new business was the South Carolina/North Carolina boundary dispute. Ms. Andino informed the commission that the boundary dispute has been settled and 13 South Carolina addresses and 6 North Carolina addresses were impacted. She also advised that the SEC is awaiting notification from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and that the impacted voters will then be notified.

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## **Old Business**

The first item under old business was the status of the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) study. Ms. Andino informed the commission that the public comment period of the study has been closed and that a public input meeting was held on March 8th, with one member of the public testifying. She also informed the commission that four meetings with the State Election Commission have been scheduled, to be held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup>. She also explained that the SEC is in the process of completing documents that must be submitted to the HLOC by March 31.

The next item under old business was the legislative update. Ms. Andino advised that House Bill 3685, would adjust the special election calendar. Ms. Andino also advised that Senate Bill 107 concerning the joint election of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor is in the Constitutional Law Subcommittee.

Regarding the budget, Ms. Andino informed the commissioners that the House version of the 2017-18 budget has been passed. She also informed the commission that \$201,000 in recurring funds to support the supervisory responsibility of the agency was included in the SEC's budget. Ms. Andino further informed the commission that the funds for the voting system refresh were not included in the House's version of the budget, but there is a possibility that the funds may be included before a final budget is passed.

The next item under old business was an information technology security update. Ms. Andino advised that audits of the Voter Registration and Election System Management (VREMS) users and their privileges have been performed. She also advised that procedures for changing the code on the SEC's office doors' key pads have been established. Ms. Andino further advised that Soteria, the company that conducted the vulnerability assessment and remediation, has completed the follow up scans on VREMS and the network and confirmed that the remediation of the vulnerabilities was successful. She also advised that the vulnerabilities identified in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's weekly scans have been mitigated, and that two members of our staff have begun Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Cyber Security training.

Ms. Andino stated that there were no changes to report on the Project Vote letter.

Chairman Way reminded everyone that the next SEC meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017 at 10:00 am.

With no further business to be discussed, Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted, Daylin Silber 

**STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS**  
**AGENDA**  
**April 14, 2017**  
**10:00 am**

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COMMISSIONERS

BILLY WAY, JR.  
Chairperson

MARK A. BENSON

MARYLYN BOWERS

E. ALLEN DAWSON

NICOLE SPAIN WHITE

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MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

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New Business:

Certification of the results of the Special Primaries for State Senate District 3 held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Anderson County

Certification of the results of the Special Primaries for State House of Representatives District 84 held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Aiken County

Items may be added as necessary.

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**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Chairman; Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference); Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); Ms. Nicole White (via teleconference) and Mr. E. Allen Dawson (via teleconference)

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Ms. Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

**THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS WAS HELD PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE.**

Mr. Way called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order and asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated that they had been posted.

Mr. Way stated that the purpose of the meeting was to certify the results of Special Primaries held on April 11, 2017. A motion was made to certify the State Senate District 3 Special Republican Primary held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Anderson County by Mr. Benson, seconded by Ms. White. The motion was approved unanimously. The results were certified.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson to order a runoff election, since no candidate received more than 50% of the vote. The runoff election will take place on April 25, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dawson. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson to certify the results of the Special Republican Primary for State House of Representatives District 84 held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in Aiken County.

There being no further business, Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. White. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Daylin Silber,  
Administrative Coordinator

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