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**Minutes of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration**

**Zoom Meeting**

**September 3, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

**In Attendance**

**Board Members**

1. Dr. Charles P. Austin, Sr. - Chair
2. Dr. Duncan A. Buell- Vice Chair
3. Mrs. Anjanette D. President
4. Mrs. Yolanda Y. Taylor

**Staff Members**

Mr. Terry Graham, Sr.

Mrs. Rebecca Brown

Ms. Sheron Harris

Ms. Elaine Pilot

Ms. Michelle D. Harrington

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Richland County Board of Elections & Voter Registration was called to order on September 3, 2020 with Chair Dr. Austin presiding.

**Moment of Meditation**

Dr. Austin called for a Moment of Meditation.

**Adoption of Agenda & Minutes**

Dr. Buell moved that we approve the agenda. Mrs. Taylor seconded. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Director Report**

**These precincts are always combined:**

(124) Ward 24 and (125) Ward 25

(444) Hunting Creek and (459) McEntire

(466) Oak Pointe 1 and (467) Oak Pointe 2

(469) Oakwood and (506) Trenholm Road – Waiting to hear from N. Trenholm Church

(478) Pine Grove and (510) Walden

(479) Pine Lakes 1 and (481) Pinewood

(491) Riversprings 1 & (493) Riversprings 3

**Precincts being combined for this election:**

(450) Kingswood and (513) Whitewell – Right Direction Christian Center not available for (513) Whitewell - Combined voters 4,803 (Combined since 2019)

(485) Rice Creek 1 and (509) Valley State Park – Vive Church is not available for (485) Rice Creek 1 – Combined voters 5,179 (Been combined since February) If we find another location for Rice Creek prior to November, they will no longer be combined.

**Permanent Moves:**

(126) Ward 26 Hampton Park is available – Send Cards – Moved back from Thompson to Hampton Park. HP was original voting location – Does not need approval

(409) Bookman is moving to Oak Grove Baptist – Needs approval and permanent move cards

**Permanent Moves and combined for this election:**

(400) Arcadia and (416) Cooper – (400) Arcadia is moving from Forest Lake Park Gym to Forest Lake Elementary permanently and needs approval and St. Michael’s All Angels Episcopal is not available for (416) Cooper – Combined voters 2,826. Arcadia will get permanent move cards and Cooper will get temporary moved cards.

Temporary Move:

(408) Blythewood 3 - Temp move Westwood HS – Does not need approval b/c its temporary – Will be sent letters

***Pending:***

(492) Riversprings 2 - Waiting for Seacoast. If available, this will be a permanent move and voters will be notified and will need approval. Becky will call Kennerly again and if we can get it, we will not need to send a notice or get approval

(500) South Beltline – Have not heard back from Sherwood Forrest – If we cannot get in touch, see if someone can reach out Midlands Tech.

(411) Brandon 2 – Southeast Library – Have not heard back (Can send to Brandon 1)

(101) Ward 1 – Waiting for Lourie Sr. Center

**Department Reports**

**Precinct Update:**

New Poll Workers

Sent to HR: 457 (this week)

New Applications this week: 280 (all have been contacted via phone or email)

Still processing paperwork for close to 200 that will be sent to HR by Friday.

No shows:

September 8

Workers assigned, training will be Thursday evening/Friday morning, supplies distributed Friday and Saturday.

Facilities secured

November 3**:**

Survey of active workers: 1139 yes

Assignments are being made this week

Training – still trying to locate outside locations for training (36 confirmed training times at 2020 Hampton St),

Zoom option and online training will be available

Polling Locations – Update attached

**Absentee Update**

I have included in this email the numbers for both elections.

Democratic County Council District 9 Special Election

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| Ballots Mailed | 239 |
| Ballots Emailed | 28 |
| In Person Voting | 40 |

Statewide General Election

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| Application Requested | Over 40,000 |
| Application Returned | Over 26,000 |

We have trained over 50 election workers for the absentee satellite locations this week.

**Voter Registration**

Voter Registration has picked up with on line registration, DMV registrations and the mail in applications, which now requires working overtime. There has been about a 10% increase

**Outreach**

       The report is regarding voter outreach thus far. The total number of confirmed voter education events for this month so far is eight and these events are:

1. Virtual Absentee Education for Gill Creek Baptist Church
2. Virtual Voter Outreach Training for Vote Like a Boss
3. Virtual Voter Outreach Training for the Richland County Library System
4. Virtual Voter Outreach Training for Delta Sigma Theta
5. Virtual Voter Outreach Training for Carolina for All
6. Virtual Voter Outreach Training for Delta Sigma Theta
7. Voter Education Outreach with Bible Way Church
8. Virtual Voter Education Outreach for AA History and Cultural Events Committee Richland Library System

Dates are in order of the events taking place:

1. September 1
2. September 2
3. September 4
4. September 8
5. September 15
6. September 18
7. September 22
8. September 24

The unconfirmed events thus far are scheduled for

1. September 16
2. September 17

We currently have two events that are in probable status and once the request forms are returned, they will be switched over to confirmed event status. In addition, we have one possible event that may occur before the end of the month, but I am waiting for a response from the person in order to switch the event to probable status.

Election Systems

﻿-delivery for council nine is underway and should be complete no later than Friday

-I have four plt’s and one alternate

- current plan is to leave machines in their location and reprogram on site for the runoff

**Public Comments-**

There were no public comments.

**Future Agenda Items**

Please direct any new business to Ms. Harrington

**Board and Director Comments**

No Comments

**Adjournment** Mrs. President moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Taylor seconded. With no further business, the meeting adjourned

**Submitted by:** Ms. Michelle D. Harrington, Administrative Coordinator