



BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION and ELECTIONS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



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CANVASS HEARING AND BOARD MEETING VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM JUNE 16, 2016 10:00 AM

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER, WILLIAM SEVERNS – VICE-CHAIRMAN
- OATH ADMINISTERED TO THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE BOARD AND THE SECRETARY
- CANVASS HEARING
- ADJOURNMENT OF CANVASS HEARING

- BOARD MEETING
 - CALL TO ORDER, WILLIAM SEVERNS – VICE-CHAIRMAN
 - PUBLIC COMMENTS (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)
 - BOARD MEETING MINUTES
 - May 5, 2016
 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - NEW BUSINESS
 - DIRECTOR’S REPORT
 - CLOSING COMMENTS
 - ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Executive Conference Room, 100 Ribaut Road
- ADJOURNMENT OF BOARD MEETING



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**Minutes from the June 16, 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

William Severns, Vice-Chairman
William Bronson
Dean Hewitt

Philip Jones
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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Tyrone Clifford, Chairman
Beverly Dore
Bruce Massey

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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

PUBLIC PRESENT

Blaine Lotz, Beaufort County Democratic Party Chairman
Donald Lucas, Poll Clerk for Hilton Head 2C
William Smith, Candidate for County Council District 3

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 2866 on the provisional ballot box. There were twenty-three provisional ballots inside.

<u>Ref #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Counted</u>	<u>Not Counted</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Passed / Not Passed</u>
01	Sandra M. Ruppert	X		Failsafe	Passed – Unanimously
02	Walter F. Wilkins		X	Failsafe	Passed – Unanimously
03	Patricia Ann Cook	X		Failsafe	Passed – 1 No 2 Abstained
04	Katrell Bruku-Pali		X	Failsafe	Passed – 4 No 2 Abstained
05	Diane M. Molsberry		X	Failsafe	Passed – Unanimously
06	Craig Karafa		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
07	Kari L. Grunder		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
08	Sandra Allison	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
09	Roberta H. Kyles	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
10	Anne P. Leigh	X		Provisional	Passed – 1 Opposed
11	Elizabeth H. Roff	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
12	Blake L. Hampton		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
13	Dorothy B. Cowles	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
14	Pamela J Shackle	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
15	Nancy E. Heberling		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
16	Virginia B. Heidrich	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
17	Audrey M. Bennett	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
18	Kathleen Griffin	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
19	William J. Breighner		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
20	Jonathan M. Guise		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
21	James J. Hines	X		Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
22	Joan Harned		X	Provisional	Passed – Unanimously
23	Larry Leonard		X	Provisional	Passed – 1 Opposed

Mr. William Smith, candidate for County Council District 3, petitioned to the Board, the County Council District 3 election results. Mr. Smith read to the Board various discrepancies that he stated happened on election day, June 14, 2016.

1. Voters for the Coosaw School and other precincts in the area were not well informed that their precinct had temporarily moved and thus caused confusion and anguish over not knowing the correct place to be.
2. A poll worker at the Gloria Polls community center was verbally advertising for the other candidate. Mr. Smith stated he did not hear this himself, but various voters had stopped him and informed him of the situation.
3. Inquired why Lady's Island 1B (Scott Community Center) election results was delayed so long on election night.

Mr. Severns thanked Mr. Smith for taking the time to come to the hearing and inform the Board of any issues that happened during the election.

Mrs. Smalls informed Mr. Smith the process to petition the results of the County Council District 3 seat, requires a request to be submitted in writing by June 20, 2016 before noon to the county political party's executive committee (SC Section 7-17-520 and 7-17-560). The protest hearing would then be heard by the county political party's executive committee by June 23, 2016 (SC Section 7-17-530 and 7-17-570).

The Canvass Hearing was paused to tabulate the results and the Board Meeting started at 11:15 a.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Mr. Clifford asked if there were any additions or changes to the Board minutes from May 5, 2016.

Mr. Williams motioned to accept the minutes from May 5, 2016. It was seconded by Mr. Hewitt. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Clifford inquired if there was any Unfinished Business.

Mr. Rowe stated the operation manual will be revised and will be sent to the Board members for review and voting.

Committee Reports

Mr. Clifford inquired if there was any Committee Reports.

Mr. Hewitt stated there was nothing for the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Smalls said the budget was approved at the same level as last year.

Mr. Severns reported on the Facilities Committee.

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

Mrs. Smalls informed the Board school board candidates are no longer required to submit petitions to file. They now have until August 15, 2016 prior to noon to file. There is no fee associated with the seat.

Mrs. Smalls reminded the Board, since the votes for the SC House District 122 was less than one-percent, a recount was to be automatically conducted. The State Election Commission would have to order the recount since the SC House District 122 seat is a multi-county race. It is anticipated the recount would be held at 3 pm tomorrow, Friday, June 17, 2016. (Mr. Massey, Mr. Rowe, Mr. Severns, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Williams noted they would attend the recount.)

Mrs. Smalls informed the Board of the new 2016 Chevy Suburban the office purchased to replace the van currently in use.

A rental truck was obtained to transport equipment around the county for the June 14, 2016 primary. Unfortunately, the truck sustained some damage while in use, and the office was looking into the insurance policy then would advise the Board of any updates.

Mr. Severns stated he got several complaints concerning the Bluffton Library schedule. The poll worker briefing was scheduled for 10 am to noon, however personnel was not able to get into the conference room until after 10 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Clifford announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 2:00 pm in the Executive Conference Room, 100 Ribaut Road.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:50 am and the Canvass Hearing reconvened.

It was motioned by Mr. Williams to accept the Beaufort County results as certified for the June 14, 2016 Statewide Primary Election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bronson. It was voted upon and passed unanimously.

*{Secretarial Note: SC House District 121, SC House District 122, and US Congressional District 1 results and winners were for the Beaufort County area **only**. Those seats are multi-county and the statewide results could indicate a different winner from the county results.}*

Democratic

- SC House District 121:
Michael F. Rivers, Sr.
- SC House District 122:
Shedron Williams
- County Council District 3:
York L. Glover

Republican

- US Congressional District 1:
Mark Sanford
- Solicitor:
Duffie Stone
- County Council District 7:
Michael E. Covert

The Canvass Hearing was adjourned at noon.