

# SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

## SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 16, 2022 10:00 A.M.**

**Members present:** M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman; Patricia D. Collins, Secretary; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell; and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. **Members absent:** Commissioner Jeffery Hulse. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections and Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette P. Haw. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. and a quorum was present.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

### **II. APPROVE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, and the motion passed 4-0.

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. Discuss Annual High School Registration**

AOE stated that she had spoken to Beth Henry-Robertson at the State Election Office regarding high school registrations. Commissioners Shepherd and Collins had scheduled appointments to visit Gallatin Sr High and Hendersonville High School to hold voter registration drives for the soon to conclude Anne Dallas Dudley award for High School Registration participation. Beth Henry-Robertson confirmed that registrations made by Election Commissioners were considered in person, if the Commissioner verified the voter's photo identification, and noted "in person" and the id used (TDL, PP, etc.) to identify the voter. These drives will count towards the annual State requirement for the SCEC to visit each high school within the county each calendar year (not school year.) AOE stated that Beth Henry-Robertson added that it would be good practice for the SCEC to put into place a policy regarding commissioner voter drives. Motion by

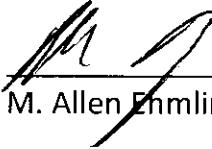
Chairman Ehmling and seconded by Commissioner Collins to place into policy for Commissioner Voter Registration drives to 1) notify the Election Office notice of where and when scheduled 2) promote OVR registration and 3) if a written registration application is accepted, the Commissioner is to make sure the voter seals the application, and return the application to the election office within 24 hours. The motion passed 4 – 0.

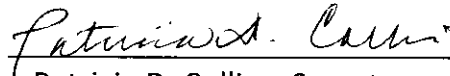
**B. Lock and Seal all Absentee and Provisional Ballot Bags**


The Commissioners present verified all assigned seal and lock numbers; locked and sealed the bags with said assigned seals and locks; and signed the certification documents.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections