

# Minutes

## Monthly Meeting

Georgetown County Board of Voter Registration and Elections

303 North Hazard Street

Georgetown, South Carolina

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Call to Order at 5:30PM Ronald Byrd – Chairperson

Board Members Present: Elliot Jay Sherman, Mark Avant, Ronald Byrd, Harold Jean Brown–Williams, Walter Wilkinson and Cynthia Phillips

Board Members Absent: Linda Woodbury-Vereen, Linda Gale Greene and Mary Joyce Holmes

Staff in attendance: Director Aphra McCrea

Silent Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance – Board

Public Input:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Canvass Meeting were presented. Walter Wilkinson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mark Avant seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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Director's Report

The Director provided voter registration updates, including a review of the 2026 election calendar and the offices to appear on the General Election ballot. The Director also distributed the remaining FY26 budget for Board review.

The Director announced that Board of Elections applications will open in April and reminded Board members that the annual Statement of Economic Interests forms

are due by March 30. The Director informed the Board that the pilot program, *Board Member Learning Lab*, is scheduled for February 10.

Additionally, the Director shared that the South Carolina Election Commission will host the *Duties of the Board* training in Georgetown County during the first quarter. The Director reminded the Board that voters in Murrells Inlet 1 have begun receiving new voter registration cards reflecting a change in polling location. The Director also noted that discussions have occurred regarding the possible incorporation of a new municipality.

#### Closing Comments & Announcements

Board Members expressed enthusiasm about attending the South Carolina Association of Registration and Elections conference.

#### Executive Session

None

#### Adjournment

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Harold Jean Brown-Williams at 5:56PM. Seconded by Elliot Jay Sherman. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Aphra McCrea, Director