



**Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING 10:00 a.m.**  
**Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Spartanburg County**  
May 14, 2020

- I. Welcome, call to order and Pledge of Allegiance and Oath** *Chair Byerly called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Board present: Byerly, Broyles, Church, Johnson and Thompson Board absent: Watson Staff present: Laye*
- II. Review of March 5, 2020 Board meeting minutes; April meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 health crisis** *There being no corrections to the March minutes, they were accepted as presented upon unanimous approval of Board*
- III. Public notice** *No member of public attended.*
- IV. Old Business - none**
- V. New Business**
  - a. COVID-19 training – *Laye advised Board that all poll workers are required to take the COVID training, either online or in-person. Laye stated that he will conduct this training at all poll manager and clerk training sessions. Completion of the course will result in an additional \$15 pay to each worker. Also, for working the election all will be paid an additional \$15 for the election day.*
  - b. Combined precincts – *Byerly confirmed that Laye had sent to each Board member a listing of these precincts and that there were no additional combinations.*
  - c. Precincts with no DEM ballots – *Laye advised Board that 62 of the 98 precincts had no DEM ballot as DEM candidates were either unopposed or there was no candidate.*
  - d. In-person absentee voting – *process changed whereby voters do not have to place their marked paper ballot in a ballot herein envelope rather they could take it straight to the DS200 scanner. This is in recognition of the fact that a voter cannot be challenged after they have cast their vote. This was a good change.*
  - e. Mailed absentee voting – *Laye advised Board that the General Assembly this week passed legislation which allows absentee mailed-in ballots to begin being processed at 9:00 a.m. the day before the election. This process was only to make sure the voter's signature and that of a witness was on the outside envelope. Board could then remove the ballot herein envelope and place it in a sealed ballot box to be opened and tallied at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the election. This will speed up this process on election day. Byerly informed Board that she and Church had recruited some folks to help with this process. Byerly will keep up with the*

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*estimated totals of returned ballots to decide about numbers of folks to help. In the interim, Board should plan to work on Jun 8 and Jun 9 at :00 a.m. for the absentee process*

- f. Poll manager training May 27, 28 and 10:00 and 2:00 each day –*Board was invited to attend if they so wish.*
- g. Clerk training June 4, 5, 6 (only 8:30 and 11:30) and Jun 8 at 8:30; 11:30 and 2:30
- h. Potential runoff(s) – County Council 1, County Council 4 – *IN response to a question Laye advised that there were 21 precincts in Dist 1 and 19 in Dist 4 Runoff would be held on June 23 with certification on June 25*

**VI. Adjourn – next Board Meeting June 11 at 10:00 a.m. to combine with Board of Canvassers for the June 9 Primary** *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*

Henry M Laye, III  
Director

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