



Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

- The meeting was called to order by Chair, Thomas Russo.
- Member Jason Lee gave the prayer.
- Member Lee Daugherty led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Director, Julian Young called the roll for the Board. **Attending:** Thomas Russo, Betty Dowling, Helen Dimery, Brenda Montgomery, Jason Lee, Lee Daugherty. **Absent:** Charlie Blake, Jr.
Staff – **Attending:** Julian M. Young, Bertha Scott, Terry James, Ja'Quez Brayboy, Catherine Savage, Judy Liberty, Karen Hertzog. **Absent:** Wayne Coleman.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous Board meeting, held on February 17, 2026. Vice Chair Dowling made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the corrected date of the Town of Olanta Special Election of May 5, 2026, not April 2nd as mentioned at the February meeting. Member Montgomery seconded the motion and the amendment was unanimously approved by the Board. Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Member Dimery made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The Board voted and unanimously approved the minutes as amended.
- Director & Staff Reports:
 - Deputy Director, Bertha Scott
 - Reported on reimbursements from the municipality's elections. The City of Florence, Johnsonville Schools, and the City of Johnsonville have paid the Florence County General Treasury for their elections.
 - Terry James
 - The staff received CPR / AED training from Florence County.
 - Attended meeting with Christy Burch & Brandon Vance of the Emergency Management Dept. along with Julian and Bertha in developing a safety plan for workers during elections.
 - In contact with USDA for future parking arrangements.

- Future plans to partner with local agencies to increase number of registered voters.
- o Ja'Quez Brayboy
 - Chamber of Commerce member report.
 - Researching local partnership opportunities to increase number of registered voters.
 - Outreach opportunities to FMU and FDT.
- o Catherine Savage
 - Filing for the Statewide Primary and General Elections opened March 16th, 2026.
 - Webinar for Candidate Filing, Zoom on AI and Cybersecurity.
 - Absentee requests – 36 to date.
 - Florence School District 2 election on March 19, 2026.
- o Judy Liberty
 - Interviewing clerks in the near future for the Statewide Primary in June.
 - In need of clerks.
- o Karen Hertzog
 - Reported on new voter registrations received via online, DSS, DMV, and in office – 413.
 - Changes to registrations received via online, DSS, DMV and in office - 2386.
- o Director, Julian Young
 - Municipality election updates.
 - Reserved 2 billboards for upcoming statewide elections.
- Old Business: No old business to report.
- New Business: Chairman Russo announced the next Board Meeting will be held on April 21, 2026.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn. Member Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Montgomery and passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Hertzog

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: April 21, 2026