



Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2026

- Chairman Thomas Russo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Vice Chair Betty Dowling gave the prayer.
- Member Charlie Blake, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Director Julian M. Young call the roll: **Attending** - Thomas Russo, Betty Dowling, Helen Dimery, Charlie Blake, Jr., Brenda Montgomery, Dr. Jason Lee, Lee Daugherty. Staff: **Attending** - Julian Young, Bertha Scott, Wayne Coleman, Terry James, Ja'Quez Brayboy, Catherine Savage, Judy Liberty, Karen Hertzog.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the April 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Member Lee Daugherty made a motion to accept the minutes from April 21, 2026, the motion was seconded by Member Blake. The motion passed unanimously.
- Staff & Director reports:
 - o Deneiva Wilson: Working on a project to register students to vote. Accepting monetary donations to purchase presentation accessories, shirts, handouts, etc., to support this project.
 - o Bertha Scott – Training workers for June Primary. Suggested Board members wear ID Badges when visiting precincts during elections. Member Dowling suggested providing a booklet with pictures of clerks for the Board. Member Daugherty asked Director Young to research other county boards in regards to identifying themselves during elections.
 - o Wayne Coleman: Training and preparing for June Primary. Ordered & received Emergency Ballots. Data received for City of Johnsonville Special Election; currently testing ballots.
 - o Ja'Quez Brayboy: Will be in charge of the PLT's (Polling Location Technician) for June Primary. SEC provided 10 PLT bags with some supplies. Place 500 ft. signs for clerks.

- o Judy Liberty: Training poll workers.
- o Catherine Savage: Processing Absentee Ballots.
- o Karen Hertzog: Precinct bag preparation.
- o Terry James: PLT's will be wearing specific safety vests provided by the State Election Commission. PLT's will be taking roll call at each precinct. Early Voting machines are ready. Looking into CPR training for all clerks.
- o Director Young: Conducted meeting with City Mayors regarding cost of conducting municipal elections and their monetary responsibility. Ja'Quez Brayboy graduated from the Chamber of Commerce Leadership program. Redistricting House Bill H5683 and H5684.
- Member Montgomery asked permission to make a motion for Executive Session regarding a personnel matter. Chairman Russo gave permission for the motion. Member Blake seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. At 7:37 p.m., Chairman Russo asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Member Dimery, seconded by Member Lee and passed unanimously by the Board.
- Chairman Russo announced the next Board Meeting will be on July 21, 2026.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Lee made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Montgomery and passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Hertzog

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: July 21, 2026