



## Florence County Voter Registration & elections

### Board Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2026

- The meeting was called to order by Chair, Thomas Russo at 6:00 p.m.
- Member Charlie Blake, Jr. gave the prayer.
- Member Brenda Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Director Julian M. Young called the roll for the Board - **Attending:** Thomas Russo, Betty Dowling, Helen Dimery, Charlie Blake, Jr., Brenda Montgomery, Dr. Jason Lee, Lee Daugherty. Staff - **Attending:** Julian M. 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 minutes from the Board Meeting held on March 17, 2026. Member Daugherty made the motion to approve the March 17, 2026 Board Meeting minutes; Member Montgomery seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Director & Staff Reports:
  - Karen Hertzog: reported on number of new voter registrations received via online, DSS, DMV and in office from March 17, 2026 through April 21, 2026 = 267. Changes to registrations received via online, DSS, DMV and in office = 1178.
  - Judy Liberty: Attended Primary Workshop conducted by the State Elections Commission. SEC is offering training for Certification of Clerks. Florence will be selecting clerks to attend the training. Sent letters to precincts verifying their availability this year for the Statewide Primary and General Elections.
  - Terry James: Print Elect updated the DS300's and 20 new Express Vote machines. Preparing voting equipment for Statewide Primary Election. Talking with the County regarding CPR training for Florence County precinct clerks.

- o Ja'Quez Brayboy: Attended the SEC Primary Workshop. Recently met with Florence County IT and GIS regarding webpage changes.
  - o Wayne Coleman: Town of Olanta Special Election is on May 5, 2026. City of Johnsonville Special Election will be held on June 23, 2026 with Early Voting June 8<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Johnsonville precinct address has been updated on website.
  - o Bertha Scott: Conducting clerk interviews. We will be training Early Voting workers for the Primary on April 30, 2026.
  - o Catherine Savage: Received 68 requests for absentee ballots. Mailing UOCAVA ballots by April 25, 2026.
  - o Julian Young: US Elections offering classes online - non-profit organization. They will come to your state and teach, train. Anyone can sign up for free Certification from EAC. Spoke to FMU students on elections. Meet twice monthly with contractors - slow process. Going to Johnsonville to speak with small town mayors regarding cost of elections.
- Old Business: None
  - New Business: Next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
  - Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Daugherty made a motion to adjourn, Member Blake seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Hertzog

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: May 19, 2026