Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026

- Chairman Thomas Russo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Member Helen Dimery gave the prayer.
- Member Charlie Blake, Jr., 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, 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 on July 21, 2026. Member Dowling made a motion to approve the minutes for July and Member Blake seconded the motion. The Board Meeting minutes from July 21, 2026 were approved unanimously by the Board.
- Reports were given by the Director and staff:
  - Wayne Coleman: Filing for the November election was held August 3rd – 17th, getting equipment ready for the US Senate Special Republican Election Run-off on August 25th, 2026.
  - Terry James: Programming equipment for the run-off on August 25th, 2026. Answered questions from Member Dimery on truck rental issues. Chairman Russo complimented on coordination of sites before delivery of equipment.
  - Ja'Quez Brayboy: programming equipment with Wayne and Terry.
  - Bertha Scott: Currently answering all incident reports from June and August elections. Preparing paperwork for SCARE conference for attending Staff and Board members.
  - Catherine Savage: UOCAVA: sent 7 ballots; Absentee: sent 19 ballots.

- Judy Liberty: Working on list of Poll Managers for Early Voting and Election Day.
- Karen Hertzog: No report.
- Julian Young: During the previous election (US Senate Special Republican Election) held on August 11th, precincts located at schools were locked for the safety of the students. Voters had to knock on the door to be let in the schools for voting. It has been suggested by superiors that we find new precincts to replace those at the schools and churches.

- Old Business – nothing to report.
- New Business – The next Board Meeting will be held on September 15, 2026. Member Dowling asked permission to make a motion to go into Executive Session. Chairman Russo allowed the motion. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion did not pass.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Blake made the motion to adjourn, Member Dimery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Hertzog

Approved by the Board: September 15, 2026