



Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2026

- Chairman Thomas Russo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Member Helen Dimery gave the prayer.
- Member Jason Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Deputy Director Bertha Scott called the roll: **Attending** – Thomas Russo, Betty Dowling, Helen Dimery, Charlie Blade, Jr., Brenda Montgomery, Jason Lee. **Absent** – Lee Daugherty.
Staff in attendance: Bertha Scott, Wayne Coleman, Terry James, Ja'Quez Brayboy, Catherine Savage, Judy Liberty, Karen Hertzog. **Absent** – Director Julian Young (NACO Conference).
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 19, 2026. Vice Chair Dowling made a motion to accept the Board Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2026; Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.
- Deputy Director Scott reported on the following:
 - Reimbursement for the June Primary election is due July 23rd.
 - One of our clerks in attendance, Kathryn Woods, just completed the State Certified Clerk Program.
 - Administrator of Lake City working with Wayne Coleman and the GIS department.
 - Preparing for the upcoming US Senate Special Republican Election on August 11th.
 - Chairman Russo asked how many Early Voting sites for this election.
 - We will have only one site, Election Central (Voter Registration office).
 - Vice Chair Dowling asked about combining precincts since a few precincts from the June Primary Run-off had a small number of voters.

- o Wayne Coleman responded that that was an option for this election. We needed to wait until we had clarification from all of the precincts that they were available for August. At this point, we are past the date to notify SEC on combining precincts.
- Vice Chair Dowling asked if we received incident reports from the June Primary.
 - o Deputy Scott responded that she and Catherine Savage have been writing letters in response to all incident reports.
- Member Dimery found the ID's for the Board were helpful to the clerks during the June Primary.
- Terry James reported on the difficulty of truck rental for the elections and the short time from an election to a run-off.
- o Training for Poll Workers will begin July 22nd.
- Old Business: Nothing to report.
- New Business:
 - o Chairman Russo presented Member Jason Lee with his certificate for completing the State Training and Certification program.
 - o Member Dimery made a motion to place pictures of each Board member in the Board room. Vice Chair Dowling seconded the motion. There was discussion that the pictures would be head shots and not a group picture. Member Dimery amended her motion to place a head shot picture of each Board Member in the Board room. Vice Chair Dowling seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously.
- Chairman Russo announced the next Board Meeting is August 18, 2026.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Dimery asked for the motion, it was seconded by Member Blake. The Board voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karen Hertzog

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: August 18, 2026