Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2026

- Chairman Thomas Russo called the meeting to order at 6: p.m.
- Member Charlie Blake, Jr. gave the prayer.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Jason Lee.
- Director Julian 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 Young. Absent: 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 August 18, 2026. Member Daugherty made a motion to approve the minutes for August and Member Blake seconded the motion. The Board Meeting minutes from August 18, 2026 were approved unanimously by the Board.
- Director Young reported on the dates for Early Voting beginning August 19th-21st, 2026 for the US Senate Republican Primary Run-Off; construction to end October. Staff and Board members attended the SCARE conference in Charleston on September 9th-11th, 2026. Annual Staff Assessment through VREMS successfully completed.

- Staff reports read by Director Young:
  Catherine Savage – Absentee Ballots, 324 requested as of 9/14/2026. UOCAVA – 18 will be sent out. Continue to process requests for Absentee Ballots for the November 3rd election.
  Bertha Scott – Need to train 400 workers for General Election. Clerk Training begins September 22, 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. Special training for Candidates on Sept. 21, 2026.
  Judy Liberty – 64 precincts, 420 workers needed for election.
  Ja'Quez Brayboy – SCARE conference.
  Terry James – scanner repair is complete, preparing for election.
  Member Dimery asked how many machines were repaired, have we addressed any precinct issues, and the total of new applications and inactive voters.
  Chairman Russo asked if schools are aligned and ready. Director Young assured the schools are ready. He also reported the fire houses are not equipped with AC.
  Chairman Russo mentioned the schools are not in session on November 3rd.
  Member Dimery mentioned the protocol when clerks are late returning to office after election (for security). Director Young stated that we will start calling the clerk after a certain amount of time.
- Old Business – None
- New Business – the next Board Meeting will be held on October 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Member Daugherty, and seconded by Member Blake. The motion passed unanimously to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Hertzog **Approved by the Board:** October 20, 2026