



Florence County Voter Registration & Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

- Chairman Thomas Russo called the meeting to order.
- The prayer was given by Chairman Russo.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Lee.
- Deputy Director, Bertha Scott, called the roll for the Board. **Attending:** Thomas Russo, Betty Dowling, Helen Dimery, Charlie Blake, Jr., Brenda Montgomery, Dr. Jason Lee, D. Lee Daugherty. **Staff: Attending:** Bertha Scott, Wayne Coleman, Terry James, JaQuez Brayboy, Karen Hertzog. **Absent:** Julian Young, Catherine Savage and Judy Liberty.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Member Dowling asked permission to make a motion to amend the agenda for the swearing in of new member D. Lee Daugherty. The motion was seconded by Member Dimery and passed unanimously.
- Chairman Russo gave the swearing in Constitutional Oath to new member D. Lee Daugherty.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last Board Meeting held November 18, 2025. A motion was made by Member Dowling, seconded by Member Blake. The November Board Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
- Deputy Director, Bertha Scott gave the Director's report. She spoke on the following:
 - o Voter Registration & Elections staff and four Board Members will attend the SCARE Conference week of January 26, 2026. Everyone, including Directors, will receive SEC credit for attending the SCARE Conference this year.

- o We have 3 new polling locations:
 - Florence Ward 14 precinct – new location is John Calvin Presbyterian Church. This replaces The Church at Sandhurst polling location.
 - Delmae 2 precinct – new location is Housing Authority of Florence which replaces the Delmae Elementary School polling location.
 - Salem precinct - new location is McAllister Mill Fire Station in Scranton which replaces Salem Free Will Baptist Church polling location.
- o Contractors are building a new learning center onto the back of Voter Registration & Elections building.
- o Staff members receiving training; Julian, Terry & JaQuez attended AI Boot Camp; Julian, Catherine & Judy attending conference this week on Ethics training.
- o Filing begins March 16th – 31st for June 2026 Statewide Primaries.
- o Contacting both political parties for workers will be forthcoming. Chairman Russo suggested workers have the option to work ½ days during elections.
- Old Business – none to report.
- New Business – The Board Meeting scheduled for February 17th is cancelled. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026.
- Chairman Russo asked for a motion for adjournment. Motion was made by Member Lee, seconded by Member Montgomery and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Hertzog

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: February 17, 2026