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February 9, 2026

The Newberry County Voter Registration and Elections Board met Monday, February 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the election office. Vice-Chairman Scott Cain called the meeting to order, and John Glasgow opened with prayer.

Board members present were Scott Cain, John Glasgow, Doretha Simpson and Martha Waller. Also, present was Deputy Director Danial Piester. Board members Brenda Fulmer and Henry Summer and Director Sheli Madray were absent for medical reasons.

A quorum was established with four board members present.

Martha Waller made the motion to approve the agenda. John Glasgow seconded. The agenda was adopted with no changes.

Doretha Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026, board meeting. John Glasgow seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Under old business, Deputy Director Piester has visited the facility and spoken to Pastor Ed Stallworth of O'Neal Street Methodist Church which could become the Newberry Ward 4 Precinct location. Deputy Director Piester would like to physically take the voting equipment to the location to ensure that the facility will work.

Director Madray, Deputy Director Piester, Scott Cain and Doretha Simpson attended the 49th Annual SCARE conference in Myrtle Beach January 27-30, 2026. All reported that it was a great, well-organized conference that was well attended by election officials from all over the state providing lots of election information. The election courses were exceptional. Since this year there were only enough funds in the budget for 2 board members to attend the conference, board members suggested that enough funds be put in the 2026-2027 election office budget for all board members who wish to attend as other counties have a much larger representation at the conference.

Under new business, there will be a special election in the town of Prosperity for the town council seat previously held by the newly elected Mayor Robert Martin. The election will occur March 31, 2026. Early voting runs March 16 – 27, 2026 at the election office from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Those candidates who have filed to run for the position are El Murray Bookman, Eric D. Gallman and Terry J. Murphy. Election canvass and certification will occur at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the election office.

Director Madray is currently working on the 2026-2027 Fiscal budget for the office.

The 2nd reading of the revised by-laws was reviewed.

There being no further business, Doretha Simpson made the motion to adjourn. John Glasgow seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm.