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March 9, 2026

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

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

A quorum was established with all six board members present.

Martha Waller made the motion to approve the agenda. John Glasgow made the motion to approve the agenda for the March 9, 2026, board meeting. Doretha Simpson seconded. The motion was approved.

The agenda was adopted with no changes.

Doretha Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026, board meeting. John Glasgow seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Deputy Director Piester has taken the election equipment to the O'Neal Street Methodist Church to test whether the location will work for the Newberry Ward 4 Precinct. Deputy Director Piester said the area will work. The election board agreed to become the new Newberry Ward 4 Precinct.

Copies of the new By-Laws were not available so they will be reviewed at the April board meeting. They will be emailed to board members before the meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Voter Registration and Election office county budget has been submitted with increases to cover new requirements from the State Election Commission (SEC) and funds to allow all board members to attend the SCARE Conference in 2027 who desire to attend. Lever Farms donated a pickle box as a door prize for the 2026 SCARE convention that was a big hit with attendees asking questions about the farm.

Under new business, 2026 State Ethics filing is due March 30, 2026, at noon. All board members must file with the South Carolina Ethics Commission.

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 on March 31, 2026, at the Prosperity Depot from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Early voting runs March 16 – 27, 2026 at the election office from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Those who have filed for the position are El Murray Bookman, Eric D. Gallman, Kyle Kneece, Ethan McCullough and Terry J. Murphy. Election canvass and certification will occur at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the election office. There is much interest in this election with additional town members registering to vote.

Deputy Director Piester has used One Call Now and Sign-Up Genius, free programs from the SEC, for mass communication to poll workers and clerks who are able to sign up telling where they would like to work on election day. They were notified of the county supplement to poll worker pay through One Call Now and some workers have agreed to help because of the increase in pay. Deputy Director Piester has also called workers as well. Clerks and poll workers are still needed for the June 9, 2026, Democratic and Republican Primary Election.

The 2026 Training and Certification Program schedule was available for members to choose classes that they would like to attend.

There being no further business, John Glasgow John Glasgow made the motion to adjourn. Doretha Simpson Brenda Fulmer seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next scheduled board meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2026, at 1:00 pm.