

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023

*Alphia Dunbar, Commissioner
Carleton Vaughn, Commissioner
Ben Watson, Commissioner*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Municipal Election Commission meeting of April 12, 2023, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairperson Ben Watson at 2:02 p.m. in the Conference Room on the third floor of the Municipal Center.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting was posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

Present were Commissioners Alphia Dunbar, Carleton Vaughn, and Ben Watson. Also, in attendance was Jamie Paul, City Clerk.

ITEM 3: Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2023

The minutes of the Municipal Election Commission of March 14, 2023, were approved as submitted by general consent.

ITEM 4: Review General Election Timeline

Commissioners, GIS Analyst, and City Clerk discussed the General Election timeline in detail. (See Attachment #4)

ITEM 5: Distribution of Precinct Signs

Clerk Paul provided an example of the precinct sign to be posted at each polling location. (See Attachment #5) She noted that she will distribute with assistance from another department to post the day before the election. She added that Aiken County will be posting "Voting Precincts has Changed" signs at all of the polling locations that are not being used from the November election and that those signs would direct them to the correct polling location.

ITEM 6: Next Steps

a. Review Election Night Process

MEC and Clerk discussed the election night process that when the polls close GIS Analyst Kevin Whaley will be ready to input in tape totals printed from the ballot machines from each polling location that the Public Safety Officers deliver to the Community Center. The MEC and Clerk will read the numbers to Mr. Whaley while candidates, family members, and residents watch a live feed on a large screen of the vote totals. They agreed to meet at the Community Center around 6:00pm. In addition, the MEC broke up the polling locations where they would stop in throughout the day to check in with the Poll Clerks/Managers and see if they need any assistance with anything.

Discussion ensued relating to election day, voting machines, and ballot markings.

b. Review Canvassing and Certification Hearing

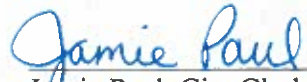
Clerk Paul highlighted on the process of the canvassing and certification hearing. She clarified that they would review any provisional ballots received from election day as well as certifying the vote numbers with Aiken and Edgefield County reports. She clarified that the certification of the election will be at the May 1, 2023 Council meeting for Council exception.

ITEM 7: Adjournment

There being no further business, the commission adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Approved this 3rd day of
May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Paul, City Clerk

TIMELINE - GENERAL ELECTION - APRIL 25, 2023

(Last Tuesday in April)

90 Days January 25, 2023, Wednesday
 75 Days February 9, 2023, Thursday
 60 Days February 24, 2023, Friday

DATE	ACTION
Mon., Oct. 3, 2022	Ordinance establishing Election dates, 1st reading
Mon., Oct. 17, 2022	Ordinance establishing Election dates, 2nd reading
Tues., Oct. 24, 2022	Mail copy of Ordinance to Republican Party and Democratic Party- the next day after meeting
Tues., Nov. 29, 2022	MEC Meeting - Oath of Office for new Commissioners; Partner w/ Aiken Co. for a portion of Election
Wed., Nov. 30, 2022	Send Notice of Election Dates to NA STAR to publish the next WED - see next line for 2025 DATES
Wed., Dec., 11, 2022	Publish the Notice of Election Dates the following week after Council Meeting (NA STAR); put on website
Mon., Dec. 12, 2022	Entry into Party Primaries/Conventions
Mon., Dec. 19, 2022	Close of entry into Party Primaries/Conventions (1 week for filing) (at least 45 days prior to Primary to allow for overseas military absentee ballots)
Wed., Jan. 18, 2023	MEC Meeting-Election Timeline; Finalize Election Public Notice
Wed., Jan. 31, 2023	MEC Meeting-Election Timeline; Finalize Election Public Notice; Review Election App with K. Whaley
Tues., Feb. 7, 2023	Primary Election Date (Tuesday date)
Tues., Feb. 7, 2023	Party Convention deadline
Wed., Feb. 1, 2023	Send Notice to NA STAR to publish the next WED
Wed., Feb. 8, 2023	Publish 1st Election Notice - (NA STAR); Post on website
Wed., Feb. 8, 2023	Deadline for Nominating Petition to MEC - Noon (75 days or more before Election)
Tues., Feb. 21, 2023	Primary Election Run-Off ; if needed (2 weeks after Primary/ 3 days before MEC Certification)
Wed., Feb. 15, 2023	Send Notice to NA STAR to publish the next WED
Wed., Feb. 22, 2023	Publish 2nd Election Notice -2 weeks after 1st (NA STAR); Post on website
Fri., Feb. 24, 2023	Deadline for Party Certification to MEC - Noon (no later than 60 days prior to Election)
Mon., Feb. 27, 2023	Deadline for MEC Certification to Council (Letter signed by MEC) - <i>will deliver to City Clerk prior to Friday, 2/24</i>
Tues., Mar. 14, 2023	MEC Meeting-Election Timeline; Finalize Election Public Notice; Review Election App with K. Whaley
Wed., Apr. 5, 2023	Absolute date for candidates to file Campaign Disclosure form pre-election (20 days prior to Election) or State will disqualify candidates. (This is the candidates' responsibility.)
Wed., Apr. 5, 2023	Send Notice to NA STAR to publish the next WED
M-Fri, Apr. 10-21, 2023	Early Voting ; 8:30 am-5:00 pm; Aiken & Edgefield County Municipal Buildings
Wed., Apr. 12, 2023	MEC Meeting-Distribute Precinct Signs
Wed., Apr. 12, 2023	Publish 3rd Election Notice - week prior to Election (NA Star); Post on website. ALSO - Contact Judge Murphy about swearing in candidates on May 1, 2023
Mon., Apr. 24, 2023	Post Precinct Signs; Post Election App on Social Media; "Deliver "Public Safety Pick-up Cards" to PS
Tues., Apr. 25, 2023	General Election (with a run-off, if necessary, on May 9, 2023)
Thurs., Apr. 27, 2023	MEC Hearing on contested ballots (11:00 am)
Fri., Apr. 28, 2023	Official Results delivered to City Clerk (Letter signed by MEC)
Mon., May 1, 2023	Certification of Official Results at City Council Meeting; Council Acceptance by Motion; Swearing in of Candidates; Elect Mayor Pro Tempore (when applicable)
Mon., May 1, 2023	Email "Successful Candidates" form to State Ethics Commission (no later than 5 days after election)



2023 General Election

April 25, 2023

7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Today's Polling Location

is:

Grace Fellowship Church

507 W. Five Notch Road

FOR

Precincts:

Fox Creek #58

Fox Creek #73

North Augusta #68

North Augusta #85

Merriwether #1

Questions? Call Aiken County Board of Registration &
Elections at (803) 642-2028