

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS SPECIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES 03-02-2021**

Former Chairman Bill Freytag called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The Roll Call was as follows: Bill Freytag, present, Joseph H. Mudra, present, Lydia Reid, present, and Megan Whatman, present. Also present at this meeting were Paulette Hankins and Jane Zimmermann, Staff Members Debbie Obenour, Carrie Hill, John Makley, Daniel O'Brien and Diana Naumoff. Shomore Deniro, Liaison from the Secretary of State's Office was present for a portion of the meeting, as was guest Betty Preston. Mr. Freytag stated that the purpose of the meeting was the bi-annual reorganization of the board as required in R.C. 3501.09.

The first order of business was the selection of a temporary Chairman. Joseph H. Mudra nominated Bill Freytag as the temporary Chair. The motion was seconded by Lydia Reid and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0. Temporary Chairman Bill Freytag asked for nominations for Director. Mr. Mudra nominated Paulette Hankins to be the Director. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reid and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0. Temporary Chairman Bill Freytag asked for nominations for Deputy Director. Megan Whatman nominated Jane Zimmermann for the Deputy Director position. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reid and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the Chairman. Mrs. Whatman nominated Bill Freytag to be the Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mudra and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0. Chairman Freytag then read the oath of office to Director Hankins who positively affirmed to fulfil the duties as stated. Deputy Director Zimmermann was then read the oath by the Chairman, and she swore that she would fulfil the duties as stated in the document. The board members congratulated the Directors and thanked them for their work.

Next, Chairman Freytag asked for a motion to approve the appointment of the full-time staff members, Debbie Obenour, Carrie Hill, John Makley, Daniel O'Brien and permanent part-time staff member Diana Naumoff. Mr. Mudra offered a motion to this effect. The motion was seconded by board member Whatman and passed unanimously by voice vote 4-0.

Chairman Freytag read the oath to Debbie Obenour as an Election Specialist V/IT Support, Carrie Hill, Election Specialist II, John Makley, Voting Equipment Supervisor, Daniel O'Brien, Election Specialist 1 and Diana Naumoff, Election Specialist I. All five staff members affirmed that they would uphold the requirements as stated in the document. The board members congratulated the Staff Members and thanked them for their work.

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Mudra made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Whatman, and passed by voice vote 4-0. Chairman Freytag adjourned the meeting at 3:13 P.M.

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Bill Freytag

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Joseph H. Mudra

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Lydia J. Reid

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Megan Whatman

Attest:

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Paulette Hankins

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Jane Zimmermann