

**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**  
2221 Devine Street, Suite 105  
Columbia, South Carolina 29205

January 16, 2013  
10:00 a.m.

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Jr., Chairman; and Ms. Nicole S. White; Ms. Marilyn Bowers; (via teleconference); and Mr. Allen Dawson; (via teleconference)

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; and Ms. Janet Reynolds, Director of Administration; Mr. Chris Whitmire; Director of Public Information & Training; and Ms. Vickie Canada, Administrative Coordinator;

**THE MEETING OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION WAS HELD PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE.**

Chairman Way called the meeting to order and asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated that the required notice was posted.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**BILLY WAY, JR.**  
Chairman

**MARK A. BENSON**

**MARILYN BOWERS**

**E. ALLEN DAWSON**

**NICOLE SPAIN WHITE**

**MARCI ANDINO**  
Executive Director

**Approval of Minutes**

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from several meetings. Approval of minutes:

**SEC**

August 15, 2012  
September 19, 2012  
October 17, 2012  
November 14, 2012  
December 17, 2012

**SBC**

October 5, 2012  
November 14, 2012  
November 14, 2012  
November 16, 2012  
November 19, 2012  
November 27, 2012  
December 4, 2012  
December 17, 2012

Ms. White made a motion to approve all of the above referenced minutes, Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. All minutes were approved.

**New Business**

The first item of new business was the US House District 1 special election. Ms. Andino stated that following the resignation of Senator Jim DeMint, Governor Haley has appointed Congressman Tim Scott to the Senate seat. Ms. Andino stated that a special election would now be required to fill the vacancy in the Congressional District 1, which includes Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester counties.

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The next item of business, Ms. Andino advised the commissioners that a list of the upcoming special primaries, runoffs and elections for 2013 is available on the agency's website at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org). Ms. Andino further stated that the State Board of Canvassers would need to meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> to certify the results of the May 7<sup>th</sup> election.

Ms. Andino advised the commissioners that the SEC was originally under the Secretary of State's Office but was made an Independent agency in 1969 to allow the agency to operate in a bi-partisan manner. Ms. Andino stated that under Bill H3197 the agency would be taking a step backward, as it would be under the direction of an elected official with party affiliations. All of the commissioners stated that they agreed that the agency should remain independent. Ms. Andino stated that she would keep the commissioners updated on H3197.

Ms. Andino reminded the commissioners that the new Photo ID law went into effect on January 1, 2013. Ms. Andino stated that SEC mailed postcards to approximately 200,000 people who do not have a voter registration card or a DMV issued photo ID. The postcards describe the new requirements of the Photo ID law. Approximately 90% of the cards have been returned to the SEC as undeliverable. Ms. Andino stated that the major focus of training in the counties would be based on the new Photo ID requirements.

The next item of new business was a report from an audit conducted by the State Auditor's Office on the SEC's agreed upon procedures. The audit review's procedures followed by the SEC in the administrative operations of the agency. Ms. Andino asked Ms. Janet Reynolds, Director of Administration for the agency to advise the commissioners on the report. Ms. Reynolds stated that there were several minor findings. The findings were that the return checks account, was not zeroed out at the end of the year. Costs associated with development and implementation of software for the new voter registration and election management system (VREMS) was not capitalized, and two reporting packages required adjustments. Ms. Reynolds further stated that steps have been taken to prevent the same finding in future audits.

The next item of business on the agenda was Ms. Andino advised the commissioners that a preliminary report on the problems that occurred in Richland County during the 2012 General Election should be available later in the week.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Way stated that he would not be available for this meeting. Ms. White agreed to chair the meeting in Mr. Way's absence.

Ms. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Vickie Canada,  
Administrative Coordinator

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**January 25, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mrs. Nicole S. White, Acting Chairman, Ms. Marilyn Bowers,  
Mr. Allen Dawson, (via teleconference); Mr. Mark Benson.

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Ms. Janet Reynolds,  
Director of Administration; Mr. Chris Whitmire; Director of  
Public Information & Training; and Mr. Howard Snider,  
Director of Voter Services

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MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

Ms. White called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order in Chairman Way's absence. Ms. White asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Andino stated the notice was posted.

Ms. White stated the first item of business was the certification of the Republican Primary for State House of Representatives District 17 in Greenville County held on January 22, 2013. Ms. White presented the results as follows:

Candidate	Total	Percent
Mike Burns RUNOFF	1,117	50.0%
Roy Harmon	143	6.4%
Tom Kolarik	75	3.4%
Chris Sullivan RUNOFF	876	39.2%
Randall Young	24	1.1%

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Ms. Bowers made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion, and the results were certified. Ms. Andino stated that a runoff would be necessary. Mr. Dawson made a motion to order the House of Representatives District 17 runoff to be held on February 5, 2013. The House of Representatives District 17 runoff was ordered.

There being no further business, Ms. White moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Administrative Coordinator

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**February 8, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Jr.; Ms. Marilyn Bowers, (via teleconference); Ms. Nicole Spain White, (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson, (via teleconference); and Mr. Mark Benson, (via teleconference)

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; and Ms. Vickie Canada, Administrative Coordinator

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Mr. Way called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order. Mr. Way asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Andino stated the notice was posted.

Mr. Way stated the first item of business was the certification of the Runoff for State House of Representatives District 17 Greenville County held on February 5, 2013. Mr. Way presented the results as follows:

Candidate	Total	Percent
Mike Burns	1,385	54.98%
Chris Sullivan	1,134	45.02%

MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

Ms. Bowers made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Ms. White seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

There being no further business, Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

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**March 15, 2013**  
**3:00 pm**

Present: Mr. Billy Way, Jr.; Ms. Marilyn Bowers, (via teleconference);  
and Mr. Mark Benson, (via teleconference)

Others Present: Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Mr. Chris Whitmire;  
Director of Public Information & Training; and Ms. Vickie  
Canada, Administrative Coordinator

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Mr. Way called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to  
order. Mr. Way asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required  
by the Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Andino stated the notice was  
posted.

Mr. Way stated the first item of business was the certification of State House of  
Representatives District 17 Special Election held on March 12, 2013 in Greenville County.  
Mr. Way presented the results as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Mike Burns	805	98.2%
Write-in	15	1.8%

Ms. Bowers made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Mr. Benson  
seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

There being no further business, Mr. Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and  
Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the  
meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Canada,  
Administrative Coordinator

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**March 22, 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Jr. Chairman; Ms. Nicole S. White; Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson (via teleconference); and Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference).

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Mr. Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information & Training; and Ms. Vickie Canada, Administrative Coordinator.

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Chairman Way called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order. Mr. Way asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated the notice was posted.

Chairman Way stated the first item of business was the certification of the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Democratic and Republican Primaries held in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester Counties on March 19, 2013. Chairman Way presented the results as follows:

**U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Democratic Primary.**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Beaufort</b>	<b>Berkeley</b>	<b>Charleston</b>	<b>Colleton</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Elizabeth Colbert Busch <b>WINNER</b>	3,278	2,043	8,596	25	1,860	15,802	95.86%
Ben Frasier	202	108	286	0	86	682	4.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,480</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>8,882</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>16,484</b>	

**MARCI ANDINO**  
Executive Director

Mr. Dawson made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

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U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Republican Primary.

Candidate	Beaufort	Berkeley	Charleston	Colleton	Dorchester	Total	Percent
Keith Blandford	27	30	110	2	26	195	0.36%
Curtis Bostic	970	1,789	2,876	16	1,517	7,168	13.33%
Ric Bryant	6	25	46	0	10	87	0.16%
Larry Grooms	442	3,076	2,288	57	810	6,673	12.40%
Jonathan Hoffman	53	37	237	0	33	360	0.67%
Jeff King	14	79	51	0	67	211	0.39%
John Kuhn	1,178	507	1,320	14	460	3,479	6.47%
Tim Larkin	13	218	94	1	67	393	0.73%
Chip Limehouse	579	358	1,997	16	329	3,279	6.10%
Peter McCoy	70	73	655	0	69	867	1.61%
Elizabeth Moffly	143	81	217	3	86	530	0.99%
Ray Nash	480	436	601	1	990	2,508	4.66%
Andy Patrick	3,645	41	68	1	28	3,783	7.03%
Shawn Pinkston	13	56	64	2	19	154	0.29%
Mark Sanford	3,571	3,927	8,998	92	3,266	19,854	36.91%
Teddy Turner	918	445	2,428	25	436	4,252	7.90%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,122</b>	<b>11,178</b>	<b>22,050</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>8,213</b>	<b>53,793</b>	

Ms. Bowers made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Mr. Benson seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

Chairman Way stated that the State law requires when the difference between any candidate is 1% or less of the total votes cast for all candidates for that office, a recount is mandatory. Ms. Andino stated that the counties were on notice of the recount

Ms. Spain made a motion to recess the meeting until 3:00 p.m. so counties could conduct the mandatory recount. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting recessed.

The meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Way stated that the mandatory recount of the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Republican Primary held on March 19, 2013 in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, and Dorchester Counties had been completed and he presented the results as follows:

Candidate	Beaufort	Berkeley	Charleston	Colleton	Dorchester	Total	Percent
Keith Blandford	27	30	110	2	26	195	0.36%
Curtis Bostic RUNOFF	970	1,789	2,876	16	1,517	7,168	13.33%
Ric Bryant	6	25	46	0	10	87	0.16%
Larry Grooms	442	3,077	2,288	57	810	6,674	12.41%
Jonathan Hoffman	53	37	237	0	33	360	0.67%
Jeff King	14	79	51	0	67	211	0.39%
John Kuhn	1,178	507	1,320	14	460	3,479	6.47%
Tim Larkin	13	218	94	1	67	393	0.73%
Chip Limehouse	579	358	1,997	16	329	3,279	6.10%
Peter McCoy	70	73	655	0	69	867	1.61%
Elizabeth Moffly	143	81	217	3	86	530	0.99%
Ray Nash	480	436	601	1	990	2,508	4.66%
Andy Patrick	3,645	41	68	1	28	3,783	7.03%
Shawn Pinkston	13	56	64	2	19	154	0.29%
Mark Sanford RUNOFF	3,571	3,927	8,998	92	3,266	19,854	36.91%
Teddy Turner	918	445	2,428	25	436	4,252	7.90%
TOTAL	12,122	11,179	22,050	230	8,213	53,794	

Mr. Dawson made a motion to certify the results and order a runoff between Curtis Bostic and Mark Sanford. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

Ms. Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Vickie Canada,  
Administrative Coordinator

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**March 22, 2013**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Billy Way, Jr. Chairman; Ms. Nicole S. White (via teleconference); Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson (via teleconference); and Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference).

Others Present: Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Mr. Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information & Training; and Ms. Vickie Canada, Administrative Coordinator.

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Chairman Way called the meeting to order. He asked if all notices were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Ms. Andino stated that the required notice was posted.

Chairman Way stated the first item of business was approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

SEC  
January 16, 2013

SBC  
January 25, 2013  
February 8, 2013  
March 15, 2013

Ms. White made a motion to approve all of the above referenced minutes. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes approved.

New Business:

Ms. Andino stated that the SEC has been working with the Attorney Generals Office and the Dept. of Justice to establish special procedures for military & overseas voters in the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 special election. A special procedure is necessary because the deadline to transmit ballots to military & overseas voters occurs prior to the Republican primary runoff.

Old Business:

Ms. Andino stated that the Legislative Audit Council has completed the audit of the statewide voting system. The report becomes public on March 27, 2013 and a copy will be mailed to the commissioners.

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Ms. Andino updated the commissioners on the SEC's 2014 budget request. The House approved amounts for voting machines and additional laptops for the Electronic Voter Registration List (EVRL). She stated that the House did not include restoration of personal services and operating funds previously taken, in their budget recommendation.

Ms. Andino reported that the House and the Senate will be on furlough for the next two weeks. She also reported that the Judiciary Committee adjourned debate until the next meeting on bill H3197 which would place the SEC under the Secretary of State's office.

Ms. Andino advised the commissioners that the Training and Certification Program is being revised to increase the requirements for county directors. The requirements have increased from 7 to 12 classes, as well as one additional continuing education requirement per year. Class participants will be required to take a test in all core classes of the program and they must receive a minimum score of 80 to receive credit for the class. Beginning on July 1, 2013 the cost will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per class.

Chairman Way reminded the commissioners that the deadline for submitting the 2013 Statement of Economic Interests is April 15, 2013.

The next SEC meeting is April 17, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Spain moved to adjourn and Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Vickie Canada,  
Administrative Coordinator

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**April 5, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Jr. Chairman; Ms. Marilyn Bowers, (via teleconference); Mr. Mark Benson, (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson, (via teleconference); and Ms. Nicole S. White, (via teleconference).

**Others Present:** Mr. Howard Snider, Director of Voter Services; and Ms. Vickie Canada, Administrative Coordinator.

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Chairman Way called the meeting to order. Chairman Way asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Snider stated the notice was posted.

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NICOLE SPAIN WHITE

Chairman Way stated the first item of business was the certification of the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Republican Runoff held on April 2, 2013 in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton and Dorchester Counties. Chairman Way presented the results as follows:

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Mark Sanford, WINNER	26,127	56.59%
Curtis Bostic	20,044	43.41%

MARCI ANDINO  
Executive Director

Mr. Benson made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

There being no further business, Ms. White moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

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**May 10, 2013**  
**3:00 p.m.**

Present: Mr. Billy Way, Jr. Chairman; Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); and Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference); Mr. Allen Dawson (via teleconference) and Nicole Spain White (via teleconference).

Others Present: Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director

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Mr. Way called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order. Mr. Way asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated the notice was posted.

Mr. Way stated the first item of business was the certification of the U.S. House District 1 Special Election held on May 7, 2013 in Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton and Dorchester Counties. Mr. Way presented the results as follows:

Candidate	Total	Percent
Mark Sanford, Republican	77,600	54.0%
Elizabeth Colbert Busch, Democratic	60,146	41.9%
Elizabeth Colbert Busch, Working Families	4,815	3.4%
Eugene Platt, Green	690	0.5%
Write-in	384	0.3%

Ms. White made a motion to certify the results as submitted. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion, and the results were certified.

There being no further business, Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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**May 15, 2013**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Mr. Billy Way, Jr., Chairman; Ms. Nicole S. White; Ms. Marilyn Bowers (via teleconference); Mr. Mark Benson (via teleconference); and Mr. E. Allen Dawson (via teleconference).

**Others Present:** Ms. Marci Andino, Executive Director; Mr. Howard Snider, Director of Voter Services; and Ms. Janet Reynolds, Director of Administration.

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Chairman Way called the meeting to order and asked if all notices of the meeting were posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Andino stated that the required notice had been posted.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. White made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/15/2013 and 4/17/2013 SBC meetings and the 5/10/2013 SEC meeting. Ms. Bowers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business**

The first item under new business was the Congressional District 1 election which was held on May 7, 2013. Ms. Andino stated that the Congressional District 1 election was the largest election held in the state since implementation of photo ID. She reported that there were very few requests for reasonable impediments during the election. She further stated that the certification of the winning candidate has been sent to the Secretary of State's office. Ms. Andino stated that there are currently no special elections scheduled for which the commission will need to certify, and the SEC can now return to the regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

Ms. Andino reported that the SEC had received a notable state document award from the South Carolina State Library. Ms. Andino stated that the SEC has received this document for the agency's SCVotes website for the last several years. She stated that Chris Whitmire, Howard Snider, and Brian Leach received the award on behalf of the agency last week. The commissioners congratulated Ms. Andino and staff on receiving the award.

**Old Business**

Under old business, the first item on the agenda was the legislative report. Ms. Andino updated the commissioners on the current status of Bill S.2 which moves candidate filing from the political parties and places the responsibility on the SEC and the county voter registration and election commissions. Under both versions of the bill, the SEC would collect filing fees from federal and state candidates and county offices would collect the filing fees for countywide and less than countywide offices. She stated that the House version of the bill combines all county registration board and election commission offices that are not

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currently combined. Ms. Andino stated she anticipates S. 2 will soon be addressed in conference committee.

Ms. Andino updated the commissioners on Bills S. 4 and H. 3176 which address early voting. She stated that both bills have passed the respective bodies where they were introduced and could be addressed in the House and Senate soon.

The next item on the agenda was the SEC's budget request for 2013-14. Ms. Andino stated that the Senate is now debating the budget. She stated that the House recommended the agency's requests of \$5M for funds to be used for a new statewide voting system when it becomes necessary to purchase a new system in 5 – 6 years. The House also recommended the agency's request for \$600k to purchase additional electronic voter registration laptops to be used in the precincts on election day. However, the Senate Finance Committee did not recommend either request. Ms. Andino stated that all members on the Senate Finance subcommittee for the SEC are new this year. She stated that the previous subcommittee asked the SEC to request the funds in preparation for a new system so that the agency will not be requesting the total amount when a new system is necessary. Ms. Andino stated that a conference committee will soon begin debate over the budget.

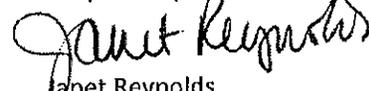
The next item on the agenda was agency projects. Ms. Andino informed the commissioners that the voter registration/election commission handbook is currently being updated. She also stated that the ballot standard policy is being reviewed. Ms. Andino stated that other technical manuals for the voting system are also being updated. She stated that the agency's Training and Certification Program is being revised to increase the number of required classes for the director's track and it will also increase the number of continuing education requirements from one to two. Additionally, tests will be required for all core classes and participants must score at least 80% on the test in order to receive credit for the class.

The last item on the agenda was an update on photo ID. Ms. Andino reported that the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ) sent observers to the polls for the Congressional District 1 election. She stated that no feedback has been received from DOJ in regard to the election. Ms. Andino reported that voter outreach efforts continue. She stated that the SEC has been traveling to different areas, especially in rural areas and in those areas where it has been identified that a large amount of people do not have a photo ID.

The next SEC meeting was scheduled for June 19th at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. White made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Bowers seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



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