

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA

January 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

1122 Lady Street, Suite 500
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2019 (SEC)

New Business:

Election Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System

Old Business:

Preparations for 2020 Presidential Preference Primary
Charleston County Consolidation of Polling Places
Information Technology Security Update
Legal Update

Eugene Baten v. Henry McMaster, et al.
S.C. Democratic Party v. SEC

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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**STATE ELECTION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

1122 Lady Street, 5th Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Mr. Clifford J. Edler, Mr. Harold E. Faust (via teleconference), Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Harrison Brant, General Counsel; Barbara Pittelli, Fiscal Tech

Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

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Approval of Minutes

The first item of business was the approval of minutes for the meeting held on December 18, 2019 (SEC). Mr. Edler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Moseley. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business

The first and only item of new business was the Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System. Ms. Andino explained this is the Windows 10 update for the Electionware workstations. This will allow Expressvotes to display more columns and candidates, and DS200s to sort write-ins by precinct. She advised that since this update has been certified by a federally accredited testing laboratory, the next step is to conduct state level certification. Testing will be performed by agency staff between now and the Presidential Preference Primary, followed by state certification. Scheduled updates to the system may take place after June primaries and runoffs.

Old Business

The first item of old business was preparations for the Presidential Preference Primaries (PPPs). Ms. Andino reported that the agency recently held a statewide PPP training workshop that was attended by forty-five of the forty-six counties. She advised today is the last day to mail UOCAVA ballots. Going forward, she explained that these ballots will be mailed no later than the next business day after the request is received. Ms. Andino also reported that election definitions, the software that is used to set up ballots, have been provided to all counties with the exception of Richland County which

has not yet provided the agency with its list of precincts. Ms. Andino advised the Democratic Party initially certified fourteen candidates, but two names were recently removed at the party's request. She also advised that if there are future withdrawals, the name will remain on the ballot on election day, and polling locations will be provided with posters notifying voters of the candidates who have withdrawn. She reminded the board the PPP will be held on February 29, 2020, with state certification on March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

The next item of old business was the deconsolidation of polling places in Charleston County. Ms. Andino advised the County continues to search for and determine suitable polling locations to cut down on consolidation. She also advised that while consolidation of precincts is not allowed except under certain conditions for most elections, consolidation is encouraged for the PPP.

Information technology security update was the next item. Ms. Andino reported the SEC will receive \$6.7 million and a matching \$1.3 million from a bill passed by Congress for election security. She advised that the FBI, SLED and CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) were recently hosted at the SEC for a demonstration of the new voting system and to participate in a tabletop exercise. She also advised that the election security planning snapshot poster is being finalized. This poster is intended to serve as a guide for the counties and will contain safeguards, threat mitigation, election initiatives, and check boxes. The posters will also be displayed in the state and county election offices to reassure voters. Ms. Andino reported the Department of Homeland Security scans have detected no new vulnerabilities. She advised one vulnerability was detected and mitigated since the last commission meeting.

The last item was legal updates. Mr. Brant reported no changes in the case of Baten v. McMaster, et al. In the case of SC Democratic Party v. SEC, he reminded the Commission that the Attorney General's Office is representing the SEC. He advised that this case involves a challenge to this state's requirement that individuals registering to vote provide their full Social Security Number (SSN). Ms. Andino explained South Carolina's longstanding practice of collecting SSNs as directed by state law predates the Privacy Act of 1974 and was thus grandfathered in under the Act.

Mr. Wells reminded the members the next State Election Commission meeting will be on February 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Moseley, seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA

February 19, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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Approval of Minutes: January 15, 2019 (SEC)

New Business:

Harold E. Faust – Recognition of Service to Agency
Statements of Economic Interests

Old Business:

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Preparations for 2020 Presidential Preference Primary
Charleston County Consolidation of Polling Places
Information Technology Security Update
Legal Update
Eugene Baten v. Henry McMaster, et al.
S.C. Democratic Party v. SEC

Next Meeting(s):

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SBC)
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Harrison Brant, General Counsel; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator; Joanne Day, League of Women Voters

Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

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New Business

The first item of new business was the recognition of Harold E. Faust for his service to the agency. Ms. Andino stated that Mr. Faust was appointed to the Commission on March 4, 2019. During his tenure, Mr. Faust helped the Commission achieve a number of significant milestones including the selection of the new statewide voting system. Sadly, Mr. Faust passed away recently. Chairman Wells stated he was special to all of us and that we have lost a friend.

The next item of new business was a reminder to the board members to submit their Statements of Economic Interests to the State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2020.

Old Business

The first item of old business was the Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System. Ms. Andino advised there will be an additional update to the system, EVS 6.1.1.0, which will be available in May or June and will increase performance and reliability of the system. In order to complete both updates at the same time, the EVS 6.1.0.0 update will be postponed until the 6.1.1.0 update is released sometime after the June primaries and runoffs.

The first item of old business was preparations for the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary (PPP). Ms. Andino stated the SEC continues to support the counties. She advised that although there are seven candidates left, 12 will be on the ballot as several dropped out after the ballots were built. However, posters informing voters about which candidates are no longer running will be provided to the counties for placement at polling locations. She also informed the board members approximately 20,000 absentee ballots have been issued so far and absentee voting is taking place in all counties. The SEC will be reporting totals by county and precinct as well as by congressional districts. She informed the members there will be a forum, as it is done during every election, where counties report updates at various times of the day during election day. Counties will post updates once all polling locations are open at 7:00 am, then another around noon and one late in the day.

The next item of old business was the deconsolidation of polling places in Charleston County. Ms. Andino reported there are no changes at this time regarding this matter.

Information technology security update was the next item. Ms. Andino reported the annual code review for the Voter Registration Election Management System (VREMS) has been completed and is now in the remediation phase. She also reported that penetration testing of VREMS, the network, and websites is underway. Ms. Andino stated there will be a foreign influence threat briefing by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) tomorrow. She also stated a meeting with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been held to discuss election preparations. Ms. Andino informed the board a county administration network fell victim to a ransomware attack and it is being investigated by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the FBI. She also provided a copy of an Op Ed published today regarding election security, written by U.S. Attorney General William Barr, FBI Director Christopher Wray, Acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, and Act Director of National Security Joseph Maguire.¹

The last item was legal updates. Mr. Brant reported no changes in the case of Baten v. McMaster, et al. In the case of SC Democratic Party v. SEC, he advised that the Attorney General's Office expressed a change in opinion regarding the statutory requirement for a full social security number on voter registration applications. The plaintiffs filed an unopposed motion to dismiss the case and require the acceptance of by-mail registration forms containing only the last four digits of the registrant's social security number. On January 24, 2020, the Court issued an Order imposing this requirement.

¹ Copy available online at <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/02/19/protect-our-elections-attorney-general-barr-fbi-director-wray-column/4779980002/>.

Mr. Wells reminded the members there will be a State Board of Canvassers meeting on March 6, 2020, and the next State Election Commission meeting will be on March 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Moseley and seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daylin Silber", with a stylized, cursive script.

Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CANDIDATES

February 29, 2020

~~Michael Bennet~~ WITHDREW

Joseph R. Biden

~~Cory Booker~~ WITHDREW

Pete Buttigieg

~~John K. Delaney~~ WITHDREW

Tulsi Gabbard

Amy Klobuchar

~~Deval Patrick~~ WITHDREW

Bernie Sanders

Tom Steyer

Elizabeth Warren

~~Andrew Yang~~ WITHDREW

every vote matters.
every vote counts.

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William Barr, Christopher Wray, Chad Wolf, Christopher Krebs and Joseph Maguire

Election season is in full swing, and Americans have already begun to cast their votes in the 2020 presidential primaries. As we exercise this precious right, we must be mindful that foreign interference and malign influence in our elections are still threats to our democracy.

Combating these threats requires a whole-of-society approach that deserves the attention of all Americans. While these threats to our elections are perennial, our efforts to defend our democracy are unwavering. As leaders of our government, we are committed to defending our democracy, but we need your help, too.

Safeguarding the sanctity of your vote is paramount. States have made significant progress since 2016, but as long as the threat remains, there is work to be done. We have yet to identify any activity designed to prevent voting or change votes. However, we remain watchful of any malicious activities from cybercriminals and from foreign actors like Russia, China and Iran.

We are on guard against attacks

The states' autonomy over elections makes our elections more resilient. The diversity of election systems among the states, multiple checks and redundancies in those systems and post-election auditing all make it extraordinarily difficult for foreign adversaries to disrupt or change vote tallies.

States have plans in place, like provisional ballots, to enable a reliable election to proceed in the case that interference does occur. While the states have primary responsibility for administering elections under our Constitution, our agencies continue to provide them with support by identifying best practices for voting systems, sharing threat information and offering services and resources.

Several of our agencies are working directly with campaigns and candidates to educate them about ways to help keep their networks secure. We are mobilized and working with states to identify cybersecurity threats to their own systems and to campaigns, and we are better able to warn them about threats today than ever before.

You can play an important role, too:

► First, you can participate in the process. All Americans should be undeterred by concerns of attempted foreign interference and have full confidence that a vote cast is a vote counted. The best way to understand how your elections are secured is to engage with your state and local officials, or to volunteer to serve as a poll-worker and help support the election process yourself. Don't fall prey to disinformation about your election — such as when, where or how to vote — from untrusted sources. State and local government websites are the authoritative sources for this information.

► Second, we encourage candidates, election officials, technology companies and others involved in elections to report suspicious cyber activity to us. The FBI and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency have set up election-focused websites that host additional information about election security and provide avenues to report concerns.

Consume and share media with a critical eye

► Third, an informed and discerning public is a resilient public. As consumers of all types of media, you can help separate facts from falsehoods by seeking trustworthy sources for information and by evaluating what you read or watch with a critical eye. Some foreign governments have a track record of meddling in our affairs by attempting to shape public opinion and voter perceptions. Foreign actors have done this by hacking and dumping private campaign and candidate information on the internet and spreading disinformation and divisive messages on social media.

Often, we see foreign adversaries amplifying messages some Americans create and share with each other, in an effort to stoke hostility among us and make us appear more divided than we are. They seek to undermine our trust and confidence in each other, our democratic society and democracy itself.

To combat this threat, we continue to strengthen partnerships with technology and social media companies and share more information than ever before. Those companies are taking more responsibility for preventing foreign adversaries from weaponizing their platforms. Additionally, we must remain aware that foreign adversaries continue to spread disinformation to discredit politicians and views that are counter to their interests and ambitions.

We cannot prevent all disinformation, foreign propaganda or cyberattacks on our infrastructure. However, together, we can all help to mitigate these threats by exercising care when we share information and by maintaining good cyber hygiene to reduce the risks that malicious cyberattacks will succeed.

We can all play a role in sustaining our democracy and securing our elections from foreign interference. Americans can rest assured that our agencies' efforts to defend our republic are unwavering, and we will work diligently to secure our elections, both in 2020 and beyond.

William Barr is attorney general of the United States. Christopher Wray is director of the FBI. Chad Wolf is acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Christopher Krebs is director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Joseph Maguire is acting director of national intelligence.



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

March 4, 2019

The Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-3745

Dear Secretary Hammond,

I have appointed Mr. Harold Faust to the State Election Commission pursuant to Section 7-3-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT:

Term Commencing: 9/15/2016

Term Expiring: 9/15/2020

Seat: At-large

Vice: E. Allen Dawson

Home Information:

Mr. Harold Faust
2512 Exton Shore Drive
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Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster", is written over a horizontal line.

Henry McMaster

**STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells, Chairman; Mr. Clifford J. Edler (via teleconference),
Mr. Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Barbara Pittelli, Fiscal Tech; Daylin
Silber, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Wells called the meeting of the State Board of Canvassers (SBC) to order. Ms. Andino advised that all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Wells stated that the purpose of the meeting was the certification of the results of the Democratic Presidential Preference Primary held on Saturday, February 29, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Moseley to certify the results. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edler and then passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Edler and seconded by Mr. Moseley. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS

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Respectfully submitted,



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STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

AGENDA

March 6, 2020

10:00 am

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**THE MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS IS BEING HELD
PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ALL REQUIRED
NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.**

COMMISSIONERS

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Certification of Democratic Presidential Preference Primary held on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Items may be added as necessary.

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OATH OF STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

We, the State Board of Canvassers, hereby certify the following as the whole number of votes cast in the Democratic Presidential Primary of February 29, 2020.

Candidate	Total Votes	Percent
Michael Bennet – Withdrew	765	0.1%
Joseph R Biden	262,336	48.7%
Cory Booker – Withdrew	658	0.1%
Pete Buttigieg	44,217	8.2%
John K Delaney – Withdrew	352	0.1%
Tulsi Gabbard	6,813	1.3%
Amy Klobuchar	16,900	3.1%
Deval Patrick – Withdrew	288	0.1%
Bernie Sanders	106,605	19.8%
Tom Steyer	61,140	11.3%
Elizabeth Warren	38,120	7.1%
Andrew Yang – Withdrew	1,069	0.2%

John Wells, **Chairman**

Cliff Edler

Scott Moseley

STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Dated this 6th day of March 2020.

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10:00 a.m.

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New Business:

Impact of Coronavirus

Old Business:

Statements of Economic Interests

Election Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System

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Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Chris Whitmire, Director of Public Information; Howard M. Knapp, Director of Voter Services; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

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New Business

The only item of new business was the impact of coronavirus on elections. Ms. Andino stated the agency worked with the Governor's Office on the recent Order to postpone March and April elections while continuing with the March candidate filing period as scheduled. Discussions are ongoing as to the rescheduling of these postponed elections, and a decision regarding whether to conduct elections scheduled for May will be made at a later date. Ms. Andino explained the SEC is taking its own steps as an agency to mitigate the spread and impact of the virus. Agency staff who can work from home are being directed to do so, hand sanitizer is being provided in central locations, and notices regarding covid-19 and social distancing have been shared and posted at the office. Chairman Wells inquired as to the potential impact of the pandemic on the June primary elections. Ms. Andino stated the SEC will await the Governor's executive order or legislative action if changes are needed as the SEC has no authority to delay elections or alter the statutorily prescribed methods for conducting them.

Old Business

The first item of old business was a reminder to the Commissioners to submit their Statements of Economic Interests to the State Ethics Commission by March 30, 2020.

The next item of old business was the Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System. Ms. Andino advised action on this item is being postponed at the request of the vendor until the next version is available.

The next item of old business was the deconsolidation of polling places in Charleston County. Ms. Andino reported there are no changes at this time regarding this matter.

Information technology security update was the next item. Ms. Andino advised all reasonable measures are being taken to protect the state's election infrastructure. She added the SEC is working with a private security firm to identify secure methods of allowing staff to work from home.

The last item was legal updates. Mr. Andino reported no changes in the Eugene Baten v. Henry McMaster, et al.

Mr. Wells reminded the members the next State Election Commission meeting will be on April 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Moseley and seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

AGENDA

April 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2020 (SEC)

New Business:

Special Election State House District 115
Statewide Primaries/Runoffs
CARES Act Award

Old Business:

Impact of Coronavirus
Election Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System
Charleston County Consolidation of Polling Places
Information Technology Security Update
Legal Update
Eugene Baten v. Henry McMaster, et al.

Next Meeting(s):

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)
Friday, June 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SBC)
Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (SEC)

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MEETING MINUTES

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Columbia, SC 29201

Present: Mr. John Wells (via teleconference), Chairman; Mr. Clifford J. Edler (via teleconference), Scott Moseley (via teleconference)

Others Present: Marci Andino, Executive Director; Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator

Chairman Wells called the meeting to order. Ms. Andino advised all notices of the meeting had been posted as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

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Approval of Minutes

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New Business

The first item of new business was the Special Election for State House District 115. Ms. Andino stated the special election will be held on August 11, 2020. Candidate filing will run from April 17 through April 25, and any necessary primaries and runoffs will be held on June 9 and June 23, respectively.

The next item of new business was the statewide primaries and runoffs. Ms. Andino advised the SEC is preparing for these elections as scheduled. She stated databases are being built and sent to the counties by the end of the week. Counties will then conduct testing and send ballots to military and overseas citizens before the April 25 deadline. She advised that the SEC is taking steps to protect the health of poll workers and voters. The SEC is working with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) to procure items such as masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and antibacterial wipes for all upcoming elections. She explained some training sessions for county election officials have been postponed and may have to be conducted via WebEx. The SEC and county election offices are taking steps to prepare for an unprecedented increase in requests for absentee by-mail ballots. She advised the counties have been notified by some poll workers and polling locations that they will not be available for upcoming elections due to concerns over the virus. While this could lead to a shortage of poll workers and

polling place locations, she is continuing to prepare for upcoming elections in accordance with state law.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES) Award was the next item of new business. Ms. Andino explained the SEC will receive \$6,348,028 to cover extra expenses to protect voters and election workers, with the state being responsible for 20% of those expenses. She advised the SEC plans to purchase high speed scanners with these funds, as well as cover expenses for sanitizing polling places, additional mailing costs related to increased absentee by mail, training for poll workers and rent for additional polling places.

Old Business

The first item of old business was the impact of coronavirus. Ms. Andino stated the Governor, through executive order, cancelled March and April elections. She also stated he has been advised there are elections on May 5 and May 12. Ms. Andino advised there have been an average of seven employees working at the SEC's office and every effort is being made for employees to work from home.

The next item of old business was the Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) Certification of EVS 6.1.0.0 Voting System. Ms. Andino advised action on this item is still pending and is being carried over to June or July.

The next item of old business was the deconsolidation of polling places in Charleston County. Ms. Andino reported there are no changes at this time regarding this matter.

Information technology security update was the next item. Ms. Andino advised the SEC is still working with our security partners. She also reported an increase in false information and phishing campaigns. She advised employees have been alerted and warned to take extra precautions.

The last item was legal updates. Mr. Andino reported no changes in the Eugene Baten v. Henry McMaster, et al.

Mr. Wells reminded the members the next State Election Commission meeting will be on May 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. and a State Board of Canvassers meeting on June 12, 2020 also at 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Moseley and seconded by Mr. Edler. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, 
Daylin Silber, Administrative Coordinator