

# Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026  
4:00 p.m. ET, Room 118A, Courthouse

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Jane Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners David Bradshaw, Bill Gallaher, Marion Stanford and Bear Stephenson were present along with Administrator Stephens, Chief Deputy Kim Eby, Deputy Rivers Rogers and Deputy Shawn Rogers. Also attending was State Election Commissioner Secondra Meadows and members of the public.

A motion was made by Bradshaw to approve the agenda. Gallaher seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Bradshaw to approve the minutes from 10/16/25 meeting. Gallaher seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The board conducted the quarterly inspection of voter registration forms. 55 forms were inspected with no deficiencies found.

There were public comments made by Robert Walker.

Commissioner Stanford gave a report about the ETACEO Winter Seminar that she attended in December along with the office staff. She said that the seminar was a good opportunity to get law updates and also a good chance to network with other counties.

Commissioner Stanford said that she felt that having email addresses for each commissioner is important.

Administrator Stephens presented Chair Miller and Commissioner Gallaher with certificates for 10 years of service on the Election Commission.

Stephens introduced new Deputy, Rivers Rogers, to the Commission. He also said that he had hired a part time Deputy, Archie Liggett, who was not able to attend the meeting.

Stephens distributed current candidate lists for the upcoming 2026 elections. So far 43 candidates for May, 14 for August and 2 for November have picked up petitions.

Stephens introduced Republican Machine Technician candidate, Ed Landers, to the board. Ed is a retired pipe fitter and long-time Anderson County resident. He currently drives a bus part time. A motion was made by Gallaher to hire Landers. Bradshaw seconded the motion. All three Republican Commissioners voted in favor.

Stephens said that Harp Enterprises will be here on April 2, 2026 to train the new technicians and set the machines for the May election. He also said that there are two potential candidates for Democratic Machine Technicians. They will be attending the February Election Commission meeting.

Stephens informed the Commission that all three school systems in Anderson County will be closed on Election Day for all three Elections in 2026.

Stephens told the Commission that Deputy Shawn Rogers had attended the latest Veteran's Breakfast and received several Poll Worker applications from those attending. The office staff has also sent out letters and surveys to the available Poll Worker list and had already received back responses from 1/3 of those sent. There is still a need for more workers across the county. Bradshaw asked about the requirement to work the entire Early Voting period. Stanford said it would be good to use Early Voting as a training tool for poll workers.

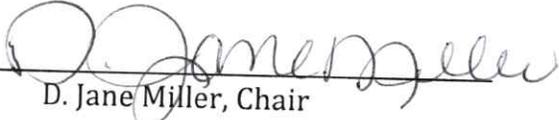
Stephens said that there is a process for persons with rejected voter registration application to appeal to the Election Commission.

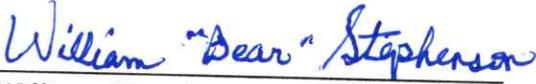
The board had been given the annual Sexual Harassment training slide deck and completed the form to send to the Election Coordinator's office.

Commissioner Bradshaw informed the board that he now has a work conflict with meeting on the third Thursday of the month. After some discussion the board decided to move future meetings to the second Thursday of the month.

The next meeting will be February 12, 2026.

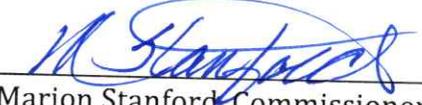
A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stephenson with a second by Bradshaw. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

  
D. Jane Miller, Chair

  
William "Bear" Stephenson, Secretary

  
David Bradshaw, Commissioner

  
William T. Gallaher, Commissioner

  
Marion Stanford, Commissioner