

2026 CREDENTIALS & ELECTION COMMITTEE
FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2026, MEETING

The Credentials and Election Committee of Fairfield Electric Cooperative, Inc. met on Monday, March 9, 2026, at the cooperative headquarters in Blythewood, South Carolina at 11:00 a.m.

The following committee members were present:

Al Bozard, Ronald Jennings, Jim Stroman, Willie Belton, Samuel Henry, Jimmy Jackson, Thomas Martin, Frankie Wright, Jesse Risher, David Sims, Tommy Raines, John Trapp, J.C. Trapp, Keith Bailey, Creighton Taylor and Sheila Bracey.

William Coleman, Joseph B. (Ben) Connell, and Randy Frick were absent.

Attorney Jay Bender attended the meeting as legal counsel for the committee.

Erik Marsha welcomed committee members and Al Bozard gave the invocation.

Jay Bender reported the first order of business was to elect a chairperson and secretary. Thomas Martin nominated Al Bozard as Chairperson, with a second from Frankie Wright. Sheila Bracey nominated Jesse Risher as Chairperson, with a second from Willie Belton. Following a motion from Tommy Raines, seconded by Creighton Taylor, the motion carried, nominations for Chairperson were closed. Ballots were cast and votes were tabulated where a tie of 8-8 was the result. Upon motion made by Keith Bailey, seconded by Frankie Wright, motion carried, **Al Bozard and Jesse Risher were elected Co-Chairperson of the Credentials and Election Committee.**

Thereafter, Thomas Martin nominated Sheila Bracey as secretary, seconded by Frankie Wright. There being no further nominations, **Sheila Bracey was elected Committee Secretary.**

Upon motion made by Frankie Wright, seconded by Creighton Taylor, motion carried, the agenda of the March 9, 2026 Credentials and Election committee meeting was approved

Bylaw Section **3.06 Credentials & Election Committee**, specifically the jurisdiction of the committee, was discussed with committee members.

The committee reviewed and discussed the 9 single member districts and 2 Districts At-Large in accordance with Bylaws Section 4.05 Trustee Districts. The terms for the trustee districts and the districts up for re-election were discussed. A sample ballot was presented to the committee for their review.

The committee reviewed early drive through registration voting times and locations, as well as the use of the Fairfield County Voter Registration's office to operate the registration and voting for the election. The method of voting by I-Pad, as in year's past was discussed as well.

Upon motion made by Tommy Raines, seconded by Frankie Wright, motion carried, the committee entered recess while minutes were prepared.

Chairmen Bozard and Risher reconvened the meeting and the minutes were presented to the committee. Upon motion made by Keith Bailey, seconded by Frankie Wright, motion carried, the minutes of the Credentials & Election Committee meeting held March 9, 2026, are approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the committee, upon motion made by Keith Bailey, seconded by Thomas Marton, motion carried, the meeting adjourned.



Jesse Risher, Committee Co-Chair



Sheila Bracey, Committee Secretary



Al Bozard, Committee Co-Chair