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MEETING OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

*Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM
Room 101, Solomon Blatt Building
State Capitol Complex
Columbia, South Carolina
Live video to be available on SCETV*

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Election of Electoral College Officers
- III. Election of President and Vice President of the United States
- IV. Certification of the Vote
- V. Adjournment

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The Electoral College was established by the founding fathers as a compromise between election of the president by Congress and election by popular vote. The electors are a popularly elected body chosen by the States and the District of Columbia on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (November 8, 2016). The Electoral College consists of 538 electors, one for each of 435 members of the House of Representatives and 100 Senators; and 3 for the District of Columbia by virtue of the 23rd Amendment. Each State's allotment of electors is equal to the number of House members to which it is entitled plus two Senators. The decennial census is used to reapportion the number of electors allocated among the States, thus South Carolina having nine votes.

The slates of electors are generally chosen by the political parties. The Office of the Governor prepares a list of the slate of electors for the candidate who receives the most popular votes on a Certificate of Ascertainment. The Certificates of Ascertainment must be submitted as soon as practicable after the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December (December 19, 2016), the day electors nationwide will vote.

A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President and Vice President.

If no presidential candidate wins a majority of electoral votes, the 12th Amendment to the Constitution provides for the presidential election to be decided by the House of Representatives. The House would select the President by majority vote, choosing from the three candidates who received the greatest number of electoral votes. The vote would be taken by State, with each State delegation having one vote.



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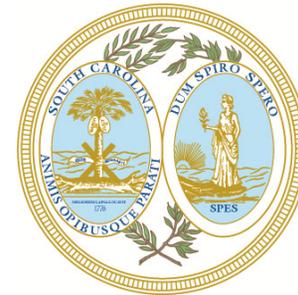
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THE MEETING OF THE 2016 ELECTORAL COLLEGE

*The people's government, made for the people,
made by the people, and answerable to the
people."*

*Daniel Webster, American statesman, lawyer, and orator;
January 26, 1830*



MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Call to Order and Welcome	The Honorable Mark Hammond, Secretary of State
Introduction of Special Guests	The Honorable Mark Hammond
Invocation	The Reverend Dr. Paul Petersen, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, SC
Post the Colors	South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Georgia Loadholt of River Bluff High School and Will Galloway of Blythewood High School
“The Star-Spangled Banner”	Lyndsay Gray of Pelion High School
History and Importance of the Electoral College	The Honorable Mark Hammond
Introduction of the Members of the Electoral College	The Honorable Mark Hammond
Election of Electoral College Officers	The Electoral College
Election of Vice President and President of the United States	The Electoral College
Signing of the Certificates of Vote	The Electoral College
“America the Beautiful”	Mason Roberts of Pelion High School
“God Bless America”	Emma Gould of Pelion High School
Certification of the Certificates of Vote	The Honorable Mark Hammond
Closing Remarks by the President of the Electoral College and Members	The Electoral College
Closing Remarks and Thanks	The Honorable Mark Hammond
Benediction	Chaplain Charles Seastrunk, Jr., Chaplain of the South Carolina House of Representatives
Retire the Colors	South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard
Adjournment	The Honorable Mark Hammond

ELECTORS

Donald Matthew Moore	At-large
Glenn McCall	At-large
Terry Hardesty	1st Congressional District
Jim S. Ulmer, Jr.	2nd Congressional District
Brenda M. Bedenbaugh	3rd Congressional District
William E. Conley	4th Congressional District
Shery Smith	5th Congressional District
Moye Graham	6th Congressional District
Jerry Hal Rovner	7th Congressional District

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to South Carolina Educational Television for providing video coverage, and to Legislative Services Agency for offering the live streaming of today’s event. SCETV will make the 2016 Electoral College video available on their webpage at www.sctv.org. The video will also be available on the website of the South Carolina Legislature at www.scstatehouse.gov

Many thanks to Lyndsay Gray, Mason Roberts, and Emma Gould, under the direction of David Stephenson, Ph.D., Choral Director and Fine Arts Department Head of Pelion High School, for sharing their musical talents with us today.

The South Carolina Highway Patrol Honor Guard currently has 20 troopers serving as Honor Guard members. The prestigious Honor Guard Detail brings dignity to occasions such as funerals, parades, dedications, and opening ceremonies of various entities. The Honor Guard has established a tradition at the funerals of fallen troopers as well as other law enforcement officers from around the state who have requested the detail’s assistance.