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Elections Board Selects New Executive Director: Joseph Debney

Board announced final decision for its executive director during a special meeting on December 3

[Charleston County's Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#) members have made a decision for their vacant position of executive director. The Board voted unanimously to offer the position to Joseph Debney during a special meeting held on Friday, Dec. 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Debney accepted the offer for the position that will be effective January 3, 2011, at an annual salary of \$72,500.

"I am excited about my new challenge in Charleston County," Debney said. "I am looking forward to focusing on increasing voter turnout, educating the public about elections and voter registration, and improving the voting process in Charleston County."

Debney is currently serving as Executive Director of [Dorchester County Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#). He was one of the three finalists for the position, along with Ruth Jordan, former Chairman of the Charleston County School Board, and Pamela McArthur, Precinct Coordinator with Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration.

The position had been held by Marilyn W. Bowers, who announced in September that she would retire after the November 2 General Election.

Background information on Debney:

- While working in Dorchester County, Debney helped streamline the election and registration process by shortening the time to check in to vote at the polls, working with the legislative delegation on key election laws, and by adding a satellite absentee voting precinct in the Summerville area.
- Prior to his work in Dorchester County, Debney worked with the Charleston County Board of Elections and Registration and also the State Election Commission.
- During his tenure at these two locations he wrote the voting system documentation for the State Election Commission, taught training and certification classes, worked with the Senate and the House of Representatives on key election laws, and educated the public about the new statewide voting system.

The announcement for the vacant position of executive director prompted 44 applications to the [Charleston County Human Resources Department](#). Human Resources personnel assisted the Board of Elections and Voter Registration with the selection process. Interviews took place on Monday, Nov. 22 at the Public Services Building.

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