

CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting  
4:00 P.M.

January 19, 2016

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Harry Osborne, Vice-Chairperson Ruth Ash, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Board Member Dorothy Hall, Board Member George Sligh, Interim Director Lateral Francis and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. GUEST: Renee Bright, Human Resources Director.

1. Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of silence observed.
3. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Hall to adopt the official amended agenda for the January 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration to reflect the business of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission District Supervisors election. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Board Member Hall, second by Vice Chairperson Ash to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:
  - A. Director's Report.
  - B. Election of Officers.
  - C. Discussion of Process for Selection of Elections Director.
  - D. Recommendation of Coordinators. (Archie Emerson and Robert Brown)
  - E. Letter to Political Parties.
  - F. Proposed 2017 Budget Calendar.
  - G. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Elector's List. (If available)
  - H. Hearing to Remove Returned Mail of Deceased Voters. (If available)
  - I. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List. (If available)
  - J. Soil and Water Conservation Commission District Supervisors.
7. Interim Director Francis stated there are currently 157,848 registered voters in Clayton County.
8. Ms. Francis stated as of today, Tuesday, January 19, 2016, the office has mailed out 74 ballots to include electronic ballots.
9. Ms. Francis stated the deadline to register for the Presidential Preference Primary is February 1, 2016.
10. Ms. Francis stated that Absentee In-Person voting will begin in 19 days.

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11. Ms. Francis introduced prospective coordinators, Archie Emerson and Robert Brown, and their qualifications for the positions.
12. Ms. Francis stated that Ms. Patricia Pullar of the Clayton County Democratic Party has secured the historic courthouse for qualifying March 7, 2016 through March 11, 2016. Also, Ms. Francis is awaiting a response from Mr. Marxen of the Clayton County Republican Party.
13. Ms. Francis stated she had received information for the 2017 Fiscal Year budget and that she would be glad to provide a copy to the Board.
14. Ms. Francis stated that election staff would be in Macon, GA February 1, 2016 through February 3, 2016 to receive their second GEOC certification from the Secretary of State's office.
15. Ms. Francis stated that qualifying fees have been published in the legal organ as of January 16, 2016.
16. Ms. Francis stated that the community outreach "Show on the Road" would be held February 6, 2016 at the South Clayton Recreation Center from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.
17. Board Member Sligh questioned each of the prospective coordinator candidates about their experience and qualifications.
18. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Sligh to elect the officer positions of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for the Board of Elections and Registration. Motion carries 4-1. Chairman Osborne opposed.
19. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Vice-Chairperson Ash to nominate Board Member Hall as Chairperson of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
20. Motion by Chairperson Hall, second by Vice-Chairperson Ash to nominate Board Member Pullar as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
21. Motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Vice-Chairperson Pullar to nominate Board Member Ash as Secretary of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
22. Human Resources Director Renee Bright presented each Board member with a copy of the hiring matrix for the thirteen applicants for Elections Director based on

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responses from the Board and a fourteenth application recently received for consideration.

23. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Pullar, second by Board Member Sligh to proceed to arrange interviews for Elections Director. Vote unanimous.

24. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to rule out interviews for applicants that scored below twenty-five leaving three applicants to interview. Motion carries 4-1. Board Member Sligh opposed.

25. Motion by Board Member Sligh to amend the agenda to include questions for Ms. Francis as it relates to current position of Interim Elections Director. Motion failed.

26. Board Member Sligh stated that he would contact Ms. Francis by phone in her office.

Ms. Francis stated that she would share the information discussed with the rest of the Board.

27. Motion by Secretary Ash, second by Chairperson Hall to approve the recommendations of Mr. Robert Brown and Ms. Archie Emerson as Coordinators. Motion carries 4-1. Board Member Sligh opposed.

28. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to approve the list of deceased voters to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

29. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to approve the list of felons to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

30. Motion by Vice-Chairperson Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to authorize Chairperson Hall to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Election Superintendent of Clayton County on behalf of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.

31. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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There being no further business, motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Vice-Chairperson Pullar to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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RUTH F. ASH, SECRETARY

  
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GEORGE SLIGH, BOARD MEMBER

  
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HARRY A. OSBORNE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

  
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ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK