

# CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Regular Business Meeting  
Zoom Communication

December 8, 2020  
4:00 PM

## *APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Wesley, Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster Hall, Secretary Johnson, Treasurer Givens, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Trivis Houston, Attorney Charles Reed, and Elections & Registration Assistant Brianna Garrett.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING**

*1. Chair called the meeting to order.*

*2. Moment of silence observed.*

*3. Adoption of Agenda:*

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster Hall, seconded by Secretary Johnson to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2020 as printed Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*4. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Treasurer Givens to accept the minutes for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on November 9, 2020 with noted corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*5. Approval of the November 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes*

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster Hall, seconded by Treasurer Givens to accept the minutes for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*6. Approval of the December 3, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes*

**Motion made by Secretary Johnson seconded by Vice-Chair Foster Hall to accept the minutes for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on December 3, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*7. Public Comment*

**There was no public comment.**

*8. Old Business:*

A. Board Directives as necessary

**There was no Old Business.**

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### *9. New Business*

#### A. Director's Report & 2020 Election Update

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of November 1, 2020, there are 204,111 (193,857 Active; 10,254 Inactive) voters in Clayton County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Voter Registration Deadline for the January 5<sup>th</sup> General & Special Runoff Election for Federal Races was Monday, December 7, 2020. The Office has 16,888 applications to process for the January 5, 2021 deadline.

Director Dozier informed the Board that since there was a Special Election on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with Fulton and Dekalb counties, the Office has to wait until these counties certify and credit for voting has been issued to those voters before processing can begin. This is also standard procedure when a voter registration deadline passes.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office has a plan in place to get the applications processed by the end of the week.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office has processed 32,842 applications of which 7,827 were duplicates as a result of voters sending in multiple applications.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office has received several calls from voters receiving multiple applications from third party organizations. The Office has had to inform voters that the multiple applications are not coming from Clayton County Board of Elections. The Office has 25,015 ballots to mail out as of today.

Director Dozier informed the Board that third party organizations are going door-to-door to voters' homes; Clayton County Board of Elections is not sending people to knock on voters' doors, nor sending multiple applications or text messages.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Advance Voting for the January 5<sup>th</sup> General & Special Runoff Election has been scheduled from December 14, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Chair Wesley inquired about there being enough Staff, equipment, and any mental or physical strain on anyone by adding Sunday Voting.

Secretary Johnson inquired about Sunday Voting interfering with the Staff having their scheduled four days off for the Christmas Holiday Weekend.

Director Dozier informed the Board that this Sunday Voting Day will be the Sunday before Christmas, December 21, 2020 and does not interfere with the four (4) day Holiday weekend scheduled for staff to have off. This allows for the Staff to have one holiday weekend off within this year since the Office will be working New Year's Weekend.

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Director Dozier recommended the Board to approve an additional day of Early Voting to be held on Sunday December 20, 2020.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Johnson to have Sunday voting on December 20, 2020 12:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M. during Advanced Voting for the January General & Special Runoff Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Director Dozier provided an update to the Board regarding a complaint by a State Representative, Sandra Scott, on Morrow 4 Precinct. Director Dozier informed the Board that direct communication with the Pastor and the Poll Manager at precinct Morrow-04 has been taken place between Technician Brown and herself. Director Dozier informed the Board that once the Pastor became aware of the issue with the heat, he provided several space heaters inside of the precinct on Election Day. The Pastor also informed the Office that there was no mold in the polling site but there was a mildew buildup due to the church not being utilized as it normally is.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Pastor informed the Office that the HVAC is going to be repaired and the mildew will be cleaned up prior to the January 5<sup>th</sup> General & Special Runoff Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office will look to see what it can do to assist Pastor Dortch at Morrow-04.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she was contacted by Governor Schwarzenegger and the Democracy Grants for Voting Access and Election Administration today who informed her that she, on behalf of the Board of Elections & Registration, would be presented with the Democracy Super Hero Award. Only three (3) Election Officials and a total of five (5) people across the United States are selected for this award. Director Dozier informed the Board that arrangements will be set up to film on December 14, 2020 and more information is forth coming.

Director Dozier gave thanks and appreciation to the Board for their support during the audit and recount, serving on the Vote Review Panel, and being flexible through this entire process.

The Board gave thanks and congratulations to the Staff and Director Dozier for their Democracy Super Hero recognition.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the Board receiving a breakdown of the Democracy Grant for Voting Access and Elections Administration funds outlining how and when the funds will be spent.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office will provide the Board with a detailed report on grant fund expenditures.

Board Member Pullar inquired about using the Forest Park Recreation Center or the Forest Park Library as an Early Voting location for the January 5<sup>th</sup> General & Special Runoff Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office received a request on December 4<sup>th</sup> with Early

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Voting starting on December 14<sup>th</sup>, this would require the Office to recruit additional Staff and retain additional equipment. At this time the Office does not have additional equipment to provide. Director Dozier informed the Board that Griswell was able to be used as an Early Voting location because there was a delay in Lake Spivey opening; therefore, the equipment and resources allotted for the Lake Spivey location were moved to the Griswell location. The Griswell location will be opened the entire duration of Advanced Voting for the January 5<sup>th</sup> General & Special Runoff Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that moving forward as the Office continues to expand Advanced Voting Locations across the county, the Office will keep in mind the interest of having something to the nature of a permanent location established for Advanced Voting in Forest Park. Director Dozier informed the Board that this offers the Office preplanning for 2021 and the mid-term elections in 2022.

Board Member Pullar commented that moving forward, to consider moving precinct locations out of the school rooms and libraries into school gymnasiums or recreation center gyms and to identify locations that accommodate the electors.

Director Dozier informed the Board that when looking for Advance Voting locations, the Office is required to have the location for a month. Normally school is in session, with the exception of this year due to COVID, and recreational activities are ongoing therefore these types of situation must be considered. The Office will keep the Board's request in mind when looking for Advanced Voting locations and present any locations that meet the Board's criteria as options to take action on.

B. Board Member Appointment to the Vote Review Panelist- January 5, 2020 General & Special Runoff Election

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Johnson, to accept the appointment of Board Member Pullar and Secretary Johnson to serve as Vote Review Panelists for the January 5, 2021 General & Special Runoff Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

C. Approval of Managers & Assistant Managers – January 5, 2021 Special Election

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, to accept the Managers & Assistant Managers for the January 5, 2021 General & Special Runoff Election as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

D. Special Called & Regular Meeting for January

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Johnson, to have the Special Called & Regular Board Meeting for January on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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E. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list.

**There were no felons.**

F. Removal of deceased from elector's list

**Motion made by Treasurer Givens, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, to remove the 55 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections & Registration Elector's List as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*10. Executive session:* To consider personnel and/or litigation, as necessary.

**There was no executive session.**

*11. Adjourn.*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 4:58 P.M. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.**

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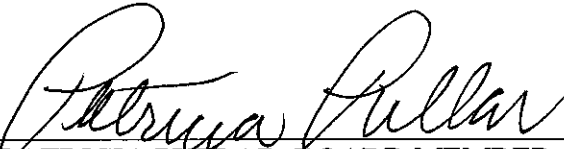
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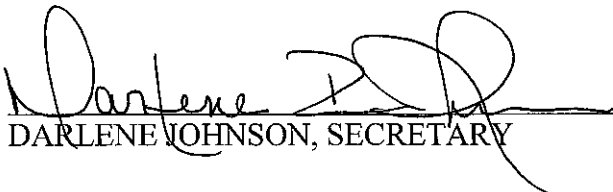
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