

*APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Carol Wesley, Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster-Hall, Secretary Diane Givens, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, and Administrative Assistant Koreen Gibbs. Board Member Darlene Johnson (Via Phone)

**REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING**

*1. Chair called the meeting to order.*

*2. Moment of silence observed.*

*3. Adoption of Agenda:*

**Motion made by Secretary Givens, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*4. Approval of September 10, 2019 Regular Business Meeting minutes.*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, Seconded by Secretary Givens to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2019 Regular Business Meeting with two (2) corrections to be made. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*5. PUBLIC COMMENT:* Citizens will be given a three-minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Following thirty minutes of hearing from the public, the Board of Elections and Registration will allow the remainder of citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next regular business meeting.

1. **Lydon Waller** - My Name is Lydon Waller. I am here on behalf of the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda. On yesterday the board should have received a request from us to resend your vote to change the location of Jonesboro's municipal precinct from the fire house museum to the police department. All of us in here know the historic role and sentiments towards the police department police and not only moving the voter registration precinct into a police station will further hamper turnout on the November election but also it wasn't done through the proper means. We have failed to find those notices for the change approval.

2. **Drew Andrews** - Good afternoon everyone I am Drew Andrews. I am here representing, I'm the advocacy chair for the National Council of Urban League Gills, which is an auxiliary of the National Urban League. It has been brought to my attention as my colleague Lydon just brought up the relocation. The moving of the poll site from the museum to the police precinct. As a resident of Jonesboro, I ask that you not vote in favor of this. The election is not even thirty (30) days away and most of the residents already know where their polling sites is. So, this would just add to the confusion and to just add on what Lydon said. The optics of the police station, I know that we have a wonderful relationship with ours, but given our history of voter oppression we don't need any more problems with our city.

So with that said I ask that you leave the voting site as is, thank you.

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3. **Larry Bussey** - Good Afternoon, good evening. I am the new chair of the Democratic Party of Clayton County and I have the same concerns as the urban discussed about the movement of the voting to the police department. So I'm not going to with that. I'm just dealing with this thing as well. But I wanted to formally introduce myself as the new chair of the Democratic Party of Clayton County.

Points of Clarity

At the direction of Chair Wesley, Director Dozier clarified regarding the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change.

Director Dozier expressed to the Board that when she presented the Municipal Polling Place change to the Board for the City of Jonesboro at the September Regular Board Meeting it was a form over function.

Director Dozier expressed to the Board that the Clayton County Board of Elections does not have jurisdiction over Municipal Polling Place changes and our responsibility was to make the changes in Voter Registration System upon the approval of the Board and send out the notices (precinct cards) as required by Georgia Election Code.

Director Dozier expressed that the responsibility of the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration is to approve from an administrative perspective to make the changes in the Voter Registration System, and notify voters via precinct cards. However, the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration took it a step further and will also send them a notification via letter to the City of Jonesboro Voters thereby giving two different types of notification of the municipal polling place changes.

Director Dozier expressed that any concerns regarding the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change should be provided to the City of Jonesboro.

Director Dozier expressed to the Board that the City of Jonesboro had to move their municipal polling place as a result of construction to the Firehouse Museum (former polling place location)

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Firehouse Museum has asbestos, and does not have power nor plumbing therefore not accessible for voting as expressed by City Manager, Mr. Ricky Clark.

Board Member Pullar expressed that the Board was confused of the wording used when the polling location change.

Vice Chair Foster – Hall expressed that while not in attendance of the Board meeting in September, she read the minutes and disagreed that the entire Board was confused with the process of the Board responsibility on the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change.



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Director Dozier informed the Board that it is the responsibility of the municipality to make municipal polling place changes in accordance to Georgia Election Code and inform the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration of those changes.

Secretary Givens inquired about the posting of the draft of the September Board Meeting Minutes on the website.

Director Dozier informed that Board that the September Board Minutes have not been posted since they have not been approved by the Board.

Secretary Givens, referred to the September Meeting Minutes to provide clarity regarding the responsibility of the Clayton County Board of Elections regarding the City of Jonesboro Polling Place change and established a point of clarity of the discussion.

Secretary Givens read the following paragraph from the September Meeting Minutes regarding Director Dozier's notification to the Board of the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change: "Director Dozier informed the Board that the Board of Elections would notify voters via precinct and letter, however, Mr. Clark, the City Manager for the City of Jonesboro has notified the voters via legal organ as well as letter throughout the process and as prescribed in Georgia Election code. Director Dozier informed Board Members upon approval by the Board, the change will be notated in the system and each voter will be mailed a new precinct card and a letter informing them of the change. Board Members will be informed of any updates."

Secretary Givens expressed that Director Dozier informed the Board of their role via the read statement.

Board Member Pullar requested clarification of the Board's purview over the polling place change in the City of Jonesboro.

Board Member Pullar inquired about who has purview over moving the City of Jonesboro polling place and if the City of Jonesboro followed the process of notification.

Board Member Pullar expressed that in her opinion that the Elections Director should have ensured that the City of Jonesboro followed the procedures as provided by the Georgia Election Code regarding Municipal Polling Location changes by asking them to show proof that all guidelines were followed.

Director Dozier informed that Board that she requested that Mr. Clark of the City of Jonesboro provide her with the proof that the City of Jonesboro followed the guidelines to change the City of Jonesboro Municipal Polling Place in accordance to Georgia Election Code upon being notified of the request.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Mr. Clark informed her of the polling place change on September 9, 2019. Director Dozier requested the required information regarding the polling place change guideline via email on the same day of notification. Mr. Clark provided all of documents immediately.

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Director Dozier informed the Board of meeting with Mr. Clark and the email confirmation of the notification placed in the legal organ about the polling place location change as well as the resolution adopted by the City of Jonesboro's City Council to change their Municipal Polling Place to the new location.

Board Member Pullar further inquired about the dates of the advertisement of the Polling Place Change notification in the legal organ.

Director Dozier informed the Board that it was August 21, 2019 and August 28, 2019.

Board Member Pullar requested that Director Dozier provide her with the email that was sent from Mr. Clark.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she will forward the email to the Board.

6. Old Business

Director Dozier informed the Board that she is still working with Attorney Reed on the new felon process breakdown in accordance to House Bill 316 as requested by Board Member Pullar. Additionally, the City of College Park budget is still pending on run-off and those who will be involved should a Runoff be required.

Director Dozier updated the Board of the email sent from Board Member Pullar regarding the City of College Park's candidates' names (Bianca A. M. Broom and Jack Longino) on the sample ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board that prior to Board Member Pillar's email she had already identified the issue and informed the City of College Park's Municipal Clerk Shavala Moore as well as the Center of Election Systems to update the ballot. The Board was provided with an updated sample ballot.

7. New Business

A. Director's Report

Director Dozier apologized to the Board and informed the Board that she was not scheduled to be physically present at this Board meeting due to the mandatory scheduled training on the new Dominion Voting System held in Marietta, Georgia. However, the Staff were inundated with phone calls from the public expressing to vote against the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change as well as the inquiries. As a result, Director Dozier left training to come back to the office and lost (4) hours of mandatory training on the new voting system. Point of clarity, Director Dozier made arrangements to attend the Board meeting via phone from the Center of Election Systems office.

Director Dozier informed that Board that she will make arrangements to make up the (4) hours of lost training on the new Dominion Voting System.



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Director Dozier informed the Board that Logic & Accuracy testing of voting equipment for the November 5, 2019 General and Special Election for the City of College Park as well as Morrow has been completed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Advance Voting for the November 5, 2019 General and Special Election for the City of College Park and Morrow will commence October 14, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that some Staff are attending the training on the new Dominion Voting System on October 7 -8, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board of newly hired Administrative Assistant. Koreen Gibbs official start date was September 21, 2019.

Director Dozier updated the Board City of Jonesboro Municipal Polling Place change: The new precinct cards reflecting last month's approval for the City of Jonesboro's Municipal Polling Place change was received on September 25, 2019 and mailed to the impacted voters on September 26, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the Poll Working training scheduled for October 19, 2019 at the Clayton County Police Headquarters. Training will be for current election equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are 199,505 voters in Clayton County, 178,144 active voters and 21,361 inactive voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the Voter Registration deadline for the 2019 November General and Special Election was Monday, October 7, 2019.

Director Dozier reminded the Board that they must elect panelist for Voter Review Panel for the 2019 November General election for the City of Morrow and City of College Park.

Director Dozier informed that Board that the municipalities have been notified to provide two appointees for submittal to the Judge to make appointments. Board member as well as all panelist will report on Election Day at 6:00 PM to the tabulation center and shall remain sequestered until the polls close in accordance to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(6).

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County Board of Elections received 984 voter registration applications on National Voter Registration Day held September 24, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the department conducted nineteen (19) voter education events in the month of September.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Teen Voter Education Forum has been postponed for 2019 until 2020. The Teen Voter Education Forum has been tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2020. However, planning of the forum commenced this month.

**B. Vote Review Panelist -2019 November General Elections**

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall to have secretary**

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**Givens serve on Vote Review panel. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

C. Regular & Special Called Board Meeting Date /Location Change Consideration

Director Dozier informed the Board that notifications of the change will be in legal organ, posted on website, and advertised on CCTV, in accordance with legal code.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Givens to combine the Regular and Special called meeting to be held on the same day, 11/8/2019. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

D. Poll Manager & Assistant Managers for the City of College Park & City of Morrow 2019

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster- Hall seconded by Secretary Givens to accept Director Dozier's list for Poll Managers and Assistant Managers for the 2019 November General and Special Elections for the City of College Park as well as the City of Morrow 2019 Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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

**There were none presented to the Board for consideration.**

F. Hearing to remove deceased from elector's list.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster- Hall, to remove 51 deceased voters from the electors' list. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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

**There was no executive session.**

9. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 5:14 P.M. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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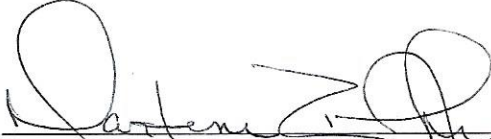
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