

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Regular Business Meeting
7946 North McDonough Street
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

November 14, 2022
5:36 PM

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Givens, Treasurer Wesley, Secretary Foster Hall, Board Member Pullar, Attorney Reed, Director Dozier, and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer.

REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

1. *Chair called the meeting to order.*
2. *Moment of silence observed.*
3. *Adoption of Agenda.*

Motion made by Secretary Foster Hall seconded by Vice Chair Givens to adopt the agenda for the Regular Business Meeting for November 14, 2022, as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

4. *Approval of Board Minutes for October 11, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice Chair Givens to approve the Board Minutes for October 11, 2022 Regular Business Meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

5. *Public Comment (s):*

There were no Public Comments.

6. *Old Business.*

There was no Old Business.

7. *New Business:*

A. Director's Report & 2022 Election Update.

Director Dozier informed the Board that on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, she presented a performance review to Mr. Stanford, COO and Department Head on the Board of Registration and Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that during the performance review, she shared with Mr. Stanford the status of the building renovations.

Board Member Pullar inquired if had been any movement on the building renovation since the Board of Registration and Elections performance review.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there had not been any movement and she had not done any following up because of the election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Risk Limiting Audit is set to start on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Secretary Raffensperger announced that the contest to be audited would be the Secretary of State contest.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the Secretary of State's office has given the counties a maximum of two (2) days to complete the audit.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has a goal of completing the Risk Limiting Audit in one (1) day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office will need Board Members for the Vote Review Panel during the Risk Limiting Audit.

Board Member Pullar inquired into the process of the Risk Limiting Audit.

Registrar Manager Brown informed that the Risk Limiting Audit is a process in which the counties go through and audit a certain number of ballots.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the ballots are hand-counted which includes the machine-generated ballots.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office does not know how many ballots it will need to audit, however, the Secretary of State Office has stated that counties will need to count anywhere from five (5) percent to ten (10) percent of the ballots.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the county would need to count anywhere from 4,000 to 8,000 ballots depending on what the Secretary of State's office determines.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the county would not know how many ballots need to be counted until late Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Board Member Pullar inquired about how long the Risk Limiting Audit would take to complete.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office's goal is to complete the Risk Limiting Audit on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has recruited ninety staff members to help count and is looking to recruit another ten, so the office can have fifty tables of two staff members to help speed up the count.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as an agenda item, the Board needs to determine if they want to combine the December Regular Business Meeting with the Special Called Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the December Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Early Voting dates are also on the agenda.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of November 14, 2022, the office has the early voting dates for Monday, November 28, 2022 – Friday, December 2, 2022.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been receiving requests to start Early Voting for the 2022 December 6th General Election Runoff on Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Early Voting for the 2022 December 6th General Election Runoff depends on when the office gets the ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is doing everything possible to be ready to start early voting on Monday, November 28, 2022.

Board Member Pullar inquired about starting early voting on Saturday, November 26, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board the office is possibly looking into starting early voting on Sunday, November 27, 2022, but she can't make a firm recommendation to start on that date.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office will be working Saturday, November 26, and Sunday, November 27, 2022, to work on the Logic and Accuracy Testing, which is very important to the election process.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is looking into adding more resources, yet at this time the office can recommend the six (6) early voting locations and extend the hours to 7 PM.

Board Member Pullar recommended that if the office could not start early voting on Saturday, November 26, 2022, then maybe Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 12 PM – 5 PM.

Board Member Pullar recommended that early voting hours be from 7 AM TO 7 PM on Monday, November 28, 2022, to Saturday, December 3, 2022.

Vice Chair Givens inquired about the start of Logic and Accuracy Testing for the December 6, 2022, General Election Runoff.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is set to start Logic and Accuracy Testing on Friday, November 18, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office will be working on the audit, starting Logic and Accuracy Testing, and Record Retention all at the same time.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that the turnout for runoffs is usually low and considering that November 27th and 28th is a holiday weekend it would be better to start on Monday, November 28th.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that if it is possible to start on the weekend then the office should start on the weekend in order to give voters every opportunity to vote.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Rockdale County's Board approved for them to start on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the schedule for the Vote Review Panel and duplication team is in the Director's Report.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the proposed advance voting locations are also in the Director's report.

Chair Johnson inquired if there was any update on the GAVERO conference.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is no update on the GAVERO conference.

B. Recommendation to Amend County Code 2-6; Filling Vacancies, Special Elections.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he wanted to make the Board aware that County Code 2-6, talks about filling vacancies for the Board of Commissioners that is in consented with State law.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he recommends amending County Code 2-6 to make it consented with State law.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the amended County Code would say that if a vacancy occurs for any reason whatsoever or then an expiration of a member's term in office, the vacancy may be filled as provided by OCGA § 21-2-540.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he also wanted to add to another section 6.1 within our County Code.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that there is a State Law that deals with vacancies in certain Constitution offices, yet it also diverts back to local law, so if the county had an ordinance that talked about how certain vacancies are filled it would default back to the county ordinance instead of the state law.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the county would want to put a statement in the county ordinance that the County would follow state law, but if there is a situation where the state law does not cover the issue, the chief deputy of whatever constitutional office will hold that office until a special election is held or appointment is made.

C. Recommendation to combine Special Called Business Meetings and Regular Board Meetings.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the recommendation is to have a Special Called Meeting on December 9, 2022, at 5:30 PM, and have the Regular Board Meeting start immediately afterward.

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation that the Board will meet on December 9, 2022, at 5:30 PM for the Special Called Meeting with the Regular Business Meeting to immediately to follow. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

D. Recommendation for Advance Voting Location for the 2022 December General Election Runoff.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the recommendation is to have Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, South Clayton Recreation Center, and Election and Registration office as the six locations for the Early Voting Location for the 2022 December Runoff.

Director Dozier informed the Board that for hours of operation the office would like to recommended to start on Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 12 PM to 5 PM, and Monday, November 28, 2022, to Friday, December 2, 2022, from 8 AM to 7 PM.

Vice Chair inquired into whether Virginia Burton Gray was the northernmost location for early voting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Virginia Burton Gray is closest to College park and Riverdale.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that regarding Saturday voting, there was a directive given from the Secretary of State's office that Advance Voting on Saturday, November 26, 2022, is prohibited by OCGA 21-2-385(d)(1), which states that if the second Saturday before the runoff follows a Thursday or Friday that is a state holiday, voting on that Saturday is not allowed

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he does not recommend the office do something contrary to the Secretary of State's directive.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded Treasurer Wesley to accept the recommended six (6) locations: Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, South Clayton Recreation Center, and the Election and Registration Office as Early Voting locations for the December 6, 2022, General Election Runoff. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Board Member Pullar thanked the staff for including Forest Park Senior Center in the recommendation for Early Voting because it is one of the newer locations and historically the county has not had much of a voter turnout from that area.

Motion made by Vice Chair Givens seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation for the December 2022 General Election Runoff Early Voting Days to be Sunday, November 27, 2022, from 12 PM – 5 PM, and Monday, November 28, 2022, through Friday, December 3, 2022, from 8 AM -7 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

E. Hearing to remove felons from the elector's list (if Necessary).

There were no felons.

F. Removal of deceased from the elector's list (if necessary).

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to remove the 120 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections and Registration

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Elector's list for November 2022 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

6. *Executive Session: To consider personnel and/or litigation, as necessary.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to go into executive session for litigation and personnel at 6:29 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice Chair Givens to come out of executive session for litigation and personnel at 6:48 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the Resolution of SEB Case No. #2016-023 and 2016-114 in the amount of 10,000 dollars. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

7. *Adjourn.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting 6:50 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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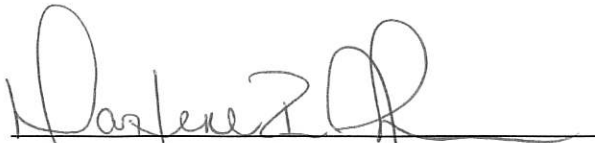
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ATTEST:


JENNIFER CLEMMER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT