

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting  
4:30 P.M.

February 13, 2024

*APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Walker, Vice-Chair Hope, Secretary Johnson, Board Member Wesley, Board Member Foster Hall, Director Dozier, Deputy Director Brown, Attorney Reed, and Administrative Assistant Taylor

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.
2. Moment of Silence observed.
3. Adoption of Agenda.

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Hope, seconded by Secretary Johnson. to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting on February 13, 2024, as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Board Minutes for January 9, 2024 Regular Business Meeting.

**Motion made by Board Member Wesley, seconded by Vice-Chair Hope, to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on January 9, 2024, with no corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

5. Public Comment: Citizens will be given a three (3) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comment 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 the citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next regular business meeting.

**There were no Public Comment(s).**

6. Old Business:

**There was no Old Business.**

7. New Business:

**A. Director's Report & 2024 Election Update.**

2024 Board Appointed Positions are as follows:

Arvis Walker, Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration

Danny Hope, Vice Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration

Darlene Johnson, Secretary of the Board of Elections & Registration.

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Director Dozier informed the Board as of February 1, 2024, there are 209,864 (176,963 Active: 32,901 Inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County is required to conduct redistricting activities associated with the recent legislative changes. Redistricting was completed on February 1, 2024. All impacted voters will receive an updated precinct card.

Director Dozier presented a “Special Thank You’ to Deputy Director Scott Brown for presenting our Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2 CPR Presentation on behalf of the Board of Registration and Elections Department to the Chief Operations Officer and the Citizens of Clayton County since the last board meeting.

Director Dozier further informed the Board that Deputy Director Brown volunteered to do the Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2 CPR Presentation to the Chief Operations Officer and the Citizens of Clayton County.

Director Dozier presented the 2024 ELECTION CALENDAR to the Board.

**2024 ELECTION CALENDAR:**

<b>Election</b>	<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Voter Registration Deadline</b>	<b>First day of Advanced Voting</b>
Presidential Preference Primary	March 12th	February 12, 2023	February 19, 2024
General Primary/Nonpartisan Election	May 21st	April 22, 2024	April 29, 2024
General Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff*	June 18th	April 22, 2024	As soon as possible
General Runoff for Federal Offices*	June 18th	May 20, 2024	As soon as possible
General Election	November 5th	October 7, 2024	October 15, 2024
General Election Runoff*	December 3rd	October 7, 2024	As soon as possible
General Runoff for Federal Offices*	December 3rd	November 4, 2024	As soon as possible

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Director Dozier informed The Board the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission has submitted correspondence regarding the department holding a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor election on the General Ballot on November 5, 2024.

Director Dozier informed the Board since The Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors are considered non-partisan, any candidates for the office will qualify during the non-partisan qualifying period, March 4 – 8, 2024 The agreement between the GSWCC and the Board of Elections will be presented at the Board Meeting for approval and signature.

Director Dozier informed the Board the Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fees at the first regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting on January 23, 2024.

Such Qualifying fees are set as follows:

Judge, Probate Court	\$3,280.11
Clerk of Superior Court	\$3,280.11
Sheriff	\$3,390.17
Tax Commissioner	\$3,280.11
Chief Magistrate Court Judge	\$3,345.71
Solicitor General	\$5,030.27
State Court Judge, To Succeed Sonyja George	\$4,960.60
State Court Judge, To Succeed Shalonda Jones - Parker	\$5,239.29
County Commission, Chair	\$4,312.80
County Commission, District 2	\$1,068.00
County Commission, District 3	\$1,068.00
Board of Education, District 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7	\$720.00
Surveyor	\$35.00

Director Dozier informed the Board about qualifying for the General Primary, which commenced on March 4, 2024, and ended on March 8, 2024.

Director Dozier further informed the Board that the information on where to qualify was posted on our website based on the information we received from the political parties.

B. Proposal No. 01/24 – LJ8 Permanent Polling Place Change

**Motion made by Board Member Wesley, seconded by Secretary Johnson, to accept PROPOSAL NO 01/24 to change LJ8 from Word of God Christian Ministries to Kemp Primary School. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

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- C. Proposal No. 02/24 – JB05 Permanent Polling Place Change

**Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Board Member Wesley to accept PROPOSAL NO 02/24 to change JB05 from First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro to Zion Hill Baptist Church. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

- D. Vote Review Panelist for the March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary

Director Dozier informed the Board about the Vote Review Panelist for March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary and extended an invitation to the Board to serve.

Board Member Foster Hall, Board Member Wesley, and Secretary Johnson will serve as Vote Review Panelists for the March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary.

- E, Recommendation to combine the March 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Special Called Board Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the March Regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2024, the same day as the Presidential Preference Primary Election.

Director Dozier recommended to the Board that the Regular Board meeting be changed and combined with the Special Called Board meeting to certify the Presidential Preference Primary on Friday, March 15, 2024.

**Motion made by Board Member Foster Hall, seconded by Board Member Wesley, to accept the recommendation to combine the March 2024 Regular Board Meeting and Special Called Board Meeting to Friday, March 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm, and the Regular Board meeting will start afterward. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

- F. Approval of Managers for the March 12, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary

**The motion was made by Board Member Foster Hall, seconded by Vice-Chair Hope for the approval of Managers for the March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

**The amended motion was made by Board Member Foster Hall, seconded by Vice-Chair Hope for the approval of Assistant Managers for March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

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**G.** Hearing to remove felons from the elector's list (if necessary).

**No felons to review**

**H.** Removal of deceased from elector's list (if necessary).

**Motion made by Board Member Wesley, seconded by Board Member Foster Hall, to remove the 78 deceased voters from the February Elector's List. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

8. Executive Session: To consider personnel and/or litigations, as necessary.

**Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Board Member Foster Hall, to go into Executive Session at 4:57 pm to consider Personnel and litigation. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

The Executive Session adjourned, and a motion was called to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 5:15 PM.

**Motion made by Board Member Foster Hall, seconded by Board Member Wesley, to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 5:15 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried**

A motion was called to authorize our Legal Action Team to remove Secretary Johnson, according to Section 5.

**A motion was made by Chair Walker, second by Board Member Wesley, to authorize our Legal Action Team to remove Secretary Johnson, according to Section 5. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried**

A motion was called to send a letter drafted and written by legal counsel to Commissioner Anderson regarding her seat and the authority for Chair Walker to sign the letter.

**A motion was made by Chair Walker, seconded by Board Member Wesley, to send a letter drafted and written by legal counsel to Commissioner Anderson regarding her seat and the authority for Chair Walker to sign the letter. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried**

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

**The motion was made by Board Member Wesley, seconded by Board Member Foster Hall, to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 5:30 PM. Vote 5-0. Motion Carried**

**NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING MARCH 15, 2024**

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DANNY HOPE, VICE-CHAIR

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DARLENE JOHNSON, SECRETARY

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CAROL WESLEY, BOARD MEMBER

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DOROTHY FOSTER HALL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR