

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Special Called Board Meeting
7946 North McDonough Street
Jonesboro, GA 30236

March 15, 2024
5:30 PM

APPROVED SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS 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. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Adoption of Agenda.

The motion was made by Board Member Foster Hall, seconded by Vice-Chair Hope, to adopt the agenda for the Special Called Board Meeting on March 15, 2024, with the correction to change the Regular Board Meeting to read Special Called Board Meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

4. 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.

One public comment:

Della Ashley

Ms. Ashley mentioned comments relating to social media to the Board. She stated that a voter went into a precinct to get a sample ballot, and the attending person took for granted what party she would vote for. The voter was an independent voter who took offense that the poll person would assume what party she was voting for.

Ms. Ashley also stated that her husband was annoyed that his ballot could only go one way. He had to place his ballot so that whoever he voted for could be seen. She further suggested that the machine should only scan with the ballot placed faced down.

5. New Business:

A. Certification of the March 12, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election

Director Dozier informed the Board that they have a copy of an unofficial complete copy of the Election Summary Report.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the report would summarize that Clayton County had a 9.62 % turnout, 15,479 ballots were cast, and seven (7) Provisionals to review. Out of the seven (7) Provisionals, five (5) were accepted, and two (2) were rejected.

Director Dozier informed the Board why the two (2) Provisionals were rejected: one (1) was registered in Cobb County, and the other was not registered.

Director Dozier informed the Board that all the Precincts opened at the correct time.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a citizen notified Fox 5 that they did not receive their ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the citizens did not receive their ballots because the Post Office did not deliver mail on time.

Chair Walker asked Director Dozier what is being done to ensure voters receive their ballots in the upcoming elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Absentee Manager has frequently met and corresponded with the Post Office throughout the Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that it would be out of our hands once the ballot left our office. However, we have been meeting and corresponding with Postmasters throughout the process, and everyone has been made aware of the situation.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Hope, seconded by Board Member Foster Hall, to certify the March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

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

There was no Executive Session

7. Adjourn.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Hope, seconded by Board Member Foster Hall to adjourn the Special Called Board Meeting at 5:41 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion: Carried.

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