

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting
4:30 P.M.

April 10, 2018

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Dorothy Foster-Hall, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Carol Wesley, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Kamardi Carter, and Administrative Assistant Brianna Garrett

1. *Vice-chairman called the meeting to order.*
2. *Moment of silence observed.*
3. *Adoption of Agenda:*

Motion made by Board Member Wesley, seconded by Secretary Ash. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. *Approval of March 13, 2018 Regular Business Meeting minutes and Approval of April 2, 2018 Special Called Business Meeting minutes.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Board Member Wesley. Voting strength of 4; 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.

A. Teresa Hale expressed interest in conducting a voter registration drive in the community and inquired about the voter registration deadline.

Director Dozier provided the information to Ms. Hale and Supervisor Carter addressed her interest after the Board meeting.

6. Old Business:

A. 2018 May General Primary and July Primary Runoff Advance Voting Locations, Dates, and Hours

Director Dozier informed the Board that the facility request for the six advanced voting locations were approved on April 3, 2018 at the Board of Commissioners meeting. The locations, dates, and times have been advertised on social media, the elections website as well as the Secretary of State website.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Advance Voting information is scheduled to advertise in the legal organ on April 25, 2018 and May 9, 2018.

Director Dozier also informed the board that the sample ballot is posted in the office, lobby, and voters can also request a hard copy in the office. Director Dozier is currently working with the Information Technology Department to publish the information on the Click Clayton App.

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Board Member Pullar expressed to the Board that she would not have agreed with the hours of operation and requested the audio of the Special Called Board meeting.

B. Voter Participation Center (VPC) Directive from Chair Osborne

Director Dozier provided a response to the Board regarding the directive from Chair Osborne from the March 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Chair Osborne directed Director Dozier to contact the VPC organization to seek an understanding of how they are gathering and compiling the citizens' information. Director Dozier will provide an update at the next meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Voter Participation Center receives their information from commercial vendors and that they cross check the information with public record in order to capture their identified audience of mailing the partially completed voter registration applications.

C. Ballot Question Regulation as Inquired by Chair Osborne

Director Dozier provided a response to the Board regarding the inquiry from Chair Osborne from the March 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Chair Osborne inquired on if there were any regulations on the type of ballot questions that could be submitted for partisan parties.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she spoke with the Secretary of State's office and they have approved and accepted the questions as they were received from the Republican Party.

7. New Business

A. Director's Report:

Since the last meeting, the Elections & Registration office has been working on the petition verification for the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Committee among Pre-Election deadline driven tasks.

Director Dozier commended Supervisor Carter for his presentation at the Georgia Election Officials Association and Voter Registrars Association of Georgia Combined Conference in March.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Staff have received training updates from attendees of the conference.

Director Dozier informed the Board that renovations and temporary movement of Staff from other departments will take place in time to conduct advanced voting in the ceremonial courthouse.

Logic and Accuracy testing will began on April 18 and the notice will run in the legal organ April 11, 2018.

Director Dozier received confirmation from the City of Lake City Municipal Clerk that they will have a Special Election, in conjunction with the General Primary, on May 22, 2018 and will conduct their own election. Those impacted by the City of Lake City will go to their municipal polling place on Election Day.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the department will work with the city of Lake City to advertise their Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are 175,840 registered voters in Clayton County as of April 1, 2018

Director Dozier reminded the Board that April is High School Voter Education month.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Deputy Registrar training was conducted for the Educators of Clayton County Public Schools.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton State's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority received Deputy Registrar training to conduct a voter registration drive on campus.

Board Member Pullar inquired on the proper procedure of requesting the voter file. Director Dozier informed the Board that the Secretary of State currently handles requests. The Elections & Registration office serves as a liaison to a requestor.

Board Member Pullar inquired on the revenue allotted to the county from that process. Director Dozier will research and report back to the Board.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is a need to conduct a Special Called Board Meeting to approve a polling place name and address change in the next couple of weeks.

Board Member Pullar asked about pay of Board Members by the Board of Elections & Registration. Director Dozier informed that Board that the county is transitioning to a new financial system and Board Member fees will be processed upon approved access into new financial system.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the City of Lake City's qualifying dates.

Director Dozier informed the Board that qualifying took place March 19, 2018 – March 21, 2018 in the City of Lake City.

B. 2018 Election Voter Registration Legislation Tracking

Director Dozier provided a legislative update to the Board on the following legislation: House Bill 507 (Jonesboro), House Bill 508 (Morrow), House Bill 549 (Lovejoy), House Bill 550 (Lake City) regarding proposed districting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the legislation is awaiting the Governor's signature, however may be vetoed due to language in the bills.

C. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List

Motion made by Board Member Pullar to remove 32 electors from the electors' list. Motion seconded by Board Member Wesley. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

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D. Removal of deceased from elector's list.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is no requested Board action at this time.

8. Executive session:

Director Dozier requested an Executive Session to discuss possible litigation.

Motion made by Board Member Wesley to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. Motion seconded by Secretary Ash. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous.

The Board of Elections entered into Executive Session at 4:57 P.M.

Motion made by Board Member Wesley to adjourn Executive Session. Motion seconded by Secretary Ash. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous. The Board of Elections ended Executive Session at 5:04 P.M.

9. Adjourn

Motion made by Board Member Pullar to adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 5:11 P.M. Motion seconded by Secretary Ash. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

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ATTEST:



BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT