

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Special Called Business Meeting
4:30 PM

June 17, 2020

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Wesley, Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster Hall, Secretary Johnson, Treasurer Givens, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Trivis Houston, Attorney Charles Reed, and Elections & Registration Assistant Brianna Garrett.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS BOARD MEETING

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

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

4. **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.

There was no public comment.

5. *New Business*

A. Certification of Election- Presidential Preference General Primary Nonpartisan Election held June 9, 2020

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election Summary Reports were sent to each Board Member's email. The unofficial Election summary report is posted online at the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration website.

Director Dozier informed the Board that 351 provisional ballots were researched in which 233 of those provisional ballots were accepted.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there was a 31.02% turnout for the General Primary in Clayton County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that voter participation increased by 12%. Director Dozier informed the Board that the last like election in May 2016 was a 19% turnout.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Morrow 6 was extended for fifteen minutes due to the doors not being opened at 7:00AM.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there were some locations who had to use emergency back up procedures but were still in compliance with opening on time. Some voters did not want to exercise the usage of paper ballots and chose to wait until the ballot marking devices were available for usage.

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Director Dozier commended the Staff and Poll Officials for their hard work on Election Day during a pandemic while using PPE as well as adhering to the Center for Disease Control recommended guidelines.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Lovejoy 3 located at Lovejoy Middle School and Riverdale 11 located at Fountain of Faith Missionary Baptist Church lost power on Election Day at 3:30 P.M. and continued voting by following emergency procedures and reducing the number of units used to 50% until full power was restored.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election Center located at the Bunker lost power temporarily around 4:30 P.M. but were able to restore services within the hour and continue tabulation.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there was a significant increase of absentee by mail due to the result of the Secretary of State's Office mailing out absentee ballot applications. The office processed approximately 36,572 applications and received 23,784 ballots back into the office.

Director Dozier informed the Board that 1,802 voters cancelled their ballots to cast their votes on the ballot marking device during advanced voting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that this takes an extra step where voters must complete an affidavit and contact the main office to verify that the voter has not already cast an absentee ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office began scanning ballots on June 1, 2020 in accordance with the Emergency SEB Rule 183-1-14.075-.15: Processing Absentee Ballots Prior to Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office would like to begin researching adding additional polling places, preferably precincts that have a mass number of voters that require approximately 30 ballot marking devices, to accommodate voters in future elections. Additional information will be forthcoming as studies unfolds.

Board Member Pullar inquired on educating the voters on the reasons for which their ballot was rejected.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the letters that are sent out include the reasoning as well as voter registration cards for those who were not registered in Clayton County. The office will provide voter education as they are able to when they commence community activities.

Board Member Pullar inquired on a polling location that she visited during Election Day and expressed that she would like the office to review the staff at the location.

Director Dozier informed the Board that it was presented to her and reviewed and for personnel reasons she would like to table the discussion and the situation will be addressed.

Motion made by Treasurer Givens, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, to accept the recommendation made by Director Dozier to certify the Presidential Preference General

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Primary Nonpartisan Combined Election held June 9, 2020 that includes the March 24, 2020 early voting tabulations.

8. Executive session:

There was no executive session.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 5:55 P.M.
Motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.**

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CAROL WESLEY, CHAIR



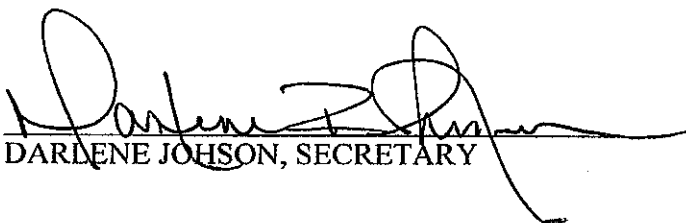
DOROTHY FOSTER HALL, VICE-CHAIR



DIANE GIVENS, TREASURER



PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER



DARLENE JOHNSON, SECRETARY

ATTEST:



BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT