

CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting
4:00 P.M.

September 20, 2016

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Patricia Pullar, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Harry Osborne, Board Member George Sligh, Director Shauna Dozier and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. NOT PRESENT: Chairman Dorothy Hall. GUEST: Reginald McClendon, Staff Attorney.

1. Director Dozier called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of silence observed.
3. Motion by Secretary Ash, second by Board Member Osborne, to adopt the agenda for the September 20, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Secretary Ash, second by Board Member Sligh, to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2016 Regular Business Meeting and September 13, 2016 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
5. Motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Board Member Osborne, to recommend and approve Director Dozier continue to preside over the September 20, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
6. Old Business:
 - A. Board Member Sligh inquired about the Elections and Registration Supervisor Laterrial Francis providing 200 voter registration applications to a member of the public, which is over and above the Board's policy of 25 voter registration applications.

Director Dozier confirmed that Ms. Francis did provide 200 voter registration applications to someone, but Ms. Francis was not aware of the Board's policy at the time. All staff has been made aware of the Board's policy.
 - B. Board Member Osborne asked if Vice-Chairman Pullar forwarded the email information discussed in the August 16, 2016 Regular Business Meeting to the State Republican Party as she stated she would in the minutes.

Vice-Chairman Pullar stated she had not forwarded the email information to the State Republican Party because she does not who the State Chairman is as she stated in the minutes from the August 16, 2016 Regular Business Meeting.
7. Motion by Board Member Osborne, second by Board Member Sligh, to approve Director Dozier, in the absence action by Vice-Chairman Pullar, forward the email information that was the subject of discussion in the August 16, 2016 Regular Business Meeting to the State Republican Chairman. Vote passes 3-1. Vice-Chairman Pullar opposed.
8. Motion by Secretary Ash, second by Board Member Osborne, to approve Director Dozier to forward the email information that was the subject of discussion in the August 16, 2016 Regular Business Meeting to all pertinent parties. Vote unanimous.

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9. New Business:
 - A. Director's Report.
 - B. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Electors' List.
10. Director Dozier stated as of September 1st, there are 165,678 registered voters.
11. Director Dozier stated the credit for the Democratic Primary and Nonpartisan General Election Runoff has been issued and the staff has worked on the voter registration application backlog from the Primary Election. There were approximately 14,238 voter registration applications in the backlog. The office was able to reduce or eliminate the backlog within two weeks.
12. Director Dozier stated as of September 13th the office has processed 22,122 voter registration applications.
13. Ms. Dozier stated the resolution approved by the Board of Elections and Registration regarding three additional early voting sites effective October 17th would go before the Board of Commissioners this evening for review.
14. Ms. Dozier commended the staff for reducing the 14,000 voter registration application backlog within two weeks. In addition to the backlog, the staff verified four petitions. One petition was for Rocky De La Fuente, candidate for the President of the United States. There were 5,037 petition signers and only 208 valid signatures submitted to the Secretary of State. Most of the petition signers were from other counties, but still had to be verified. Also, for President of the United States was Jill Stein with 3,063 petition signers with 282 valid signers submitted to the Secretary of State from Clayton County.
15. Ms. Dozier stated that the Secretary of State's Office has notified her of the Voter Participation Center, a private group, submitting an estimated 31,000 voter registration applications to the office in addition to the applications received daily in the office.
16. Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is working with Clayton County Public Schools to get voter registration applications to the school deputy registrars in anticipation of heavy voter registration from the schools.
17. Director Dozier pointed out the Voter Participation Center is not affiliated with the Secretary of State or the Elections and Registration office.
18. Ms. Dozier explained to the Board that she is pushing voter education through technology and encouraging the public to visit our website, contact the office, and preparing for events to educate voters.
19. Ms. Dozier updated the Board of the request for precinct cards for the City of Jonesboro and City of College Park Special Elections have been made. She anticipates the arrival of the precinct cards this week. In addition to the precinct cards, notification of a temporary precinct change for the special election will be sent out.

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20. Director Dozier stated today was the first day to begin UOCAVA mail-out and the deadline is September 24th.

21. Ms. Dozier stated to date there are 926 absentee ballots to mail out, 50 by mail UOCAVA, and a total of 150 UOCAVA to send out. Totaling 976 to mail out by the end of the week.

22. Motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Secretary Ash, to remove the list of deceased voters from the electors' list. Vote unanimous.

23. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Marlo Thompson-Kendall, President of Wyngate Estates Home Owner's Association and Co-founder of ClayCoHOAUnitedforChange, an organization that holds County officials accountable for the work they do, recommended social media as an outlet for voter education to reach the Millennials that represent nearly one-third of the population.

2. Chuck Ware asked the Board to reconsider their policy regarding 25 voter registration applications given to the public.

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There being no further business, motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Secretary Ash to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 4:47 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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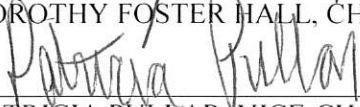
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ATTEST:


ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK