

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting
4:30 P.M.

May 8, 2018

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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

1. *Vice-chair called the meeting to order.*

2. *Moment of silence observed.*

3. *Adoption of Agenda:*

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

4. *Swearing-in of New Board Member, Diane Givens.*

Judge Ferguson administered the Member of the Board Oath to the new Board Member appointed by Commissioner Edmondson on May 1, 2018, Diane Givens.

5. *Approval of April 10, 2018 Regular Business Meeting minutes.*

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

6. *Approval of April 26, 2018 Special Called Business Meeting minutes.*

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

7. *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. There were no comments made by the public.

8. *Old Business:*

A. Board Member Pullar's request for audio from Special Called Board Meeting held on April 2, 2018.

Director Dozier presented Board Member Pullar with the audio from the Special Called Board Meeting that was held on April 2, 2018.

Director Dozier provided a response to the Board regarding directives received from Board Member Pullar pertaining to the request of the voter file from the Secretary of State. Director Dozier informed Board Member Pullar that she is still researching the information on the process of requesting the voter file and the allocations of revenue from that process. Director Dozier will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

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9. New Business

A. Director's Report:

Director Dozier informed the Board that Ms. Trivis Houston has been hired as the new Elections & Registration Official effective May 5, 2018.

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 still awaiting the Governor's signature.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Logic & Accuracy Testing began on April 18, 2018 and has been completed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that poll worker training for the 2018 May Primary General began on May 7, 2018 and shall end on May 16, 2018.

Board Member Pullar requested a poll worker training schedule for the 2018 May General Primary. Director Dozier will provide that schedule.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there were 4,400 notices sent to voters impacted by the name and address change of precinct MO 03. The notice informed voters that although the polling place name and addressed changed, it is in the same location.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Precinct cards have been requested by the Secretary of State Elections Division. Upon delivery, the precinct cards shall be mailed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she received notification from The Secretary of State, Elections Division of the withdrawal of Marc Urback, a candidate for Governor in the Republican Party Primary race. In compliance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-134 (a)(2), prominent notices shall be posted in all polling places in which the name of the withdrawn candidate appears on the ballot stating that the candidate has withdrawn and that all votes cast for such withdrawn candidate shall be void and shall not be counted.

Director Dozier notified the Board that the notice has been placed along the sample ballots in all 6 Advance Voting sites, included in the impacted Absentee Ballots as well as packed in the polling site materials for placement on Election Day.

Director Dozier gave thanks to Glenda Ferguson, Elections Superintendent of Dawson County Board of Elections in Dahlonga, Georgia. The Board of Elections and Registration was able to secure 22 Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Units from Dawson County Board of Elections via donation. This adds more DRE Units to the inventory at a value of \$30,800.00 at no cost to the county besides pick-up.

Director Dozier notified the Board that Advanced Voting is being conducted in the Historic Courthouse in the Annex II building. Arrangements were made with Planning and Zoning to

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temporarily relocate a portion of their department for Elections & Registration to conduct Advanced Voting in that space. To accommodate those who have a disability or limitation preventing them from traveling upstairs, there is a voting station located downstairs in the Election & Registration office.

Director Dozier informed the Board that The City of Jonesboro has expressed interest in using voting equipment to conduct their own Special Election in November. In the case that the City of Jonesboro pursue a Special Election they will submit an Intergovernmental Agreement to utilize the voting equipment to be considered at a future Board Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are 176,942 voters in Clayton County as of May 1, 2018.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is no felon list for the Board to act on at this time.

Director Dozier reminded the Board that April was High School Voter Registration Month across the State of Georgia. The Clayton County Public Schools Deputy Registrars submitted 327 voter registration applications from high schools throughout the county.

Board Member Pullar inquired on which high school had the most voter registration applications submitted. Director Dozier informed the Board that she will seek that information and follow up with the Board.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of today, May 8, 2018, there has been 1,490 voters who have casted their ballot for the May Primary General Election. There has also been a distribution of over 400 sample ballots of the candidates in the race for the May General Primary Election to be held on May 22, 2018. The Elections & Registration Advanced Voting Site has casted the most votes in comparison to the other advanced voting sites within the county.

B. Nomination of Officers

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster Hall to nominate Carol Wesley as The Board of Elections & Registration Chairperson. Motion seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Poll Managers and Assistant Managers for the May Primary General Election to be held on May 22, 2018.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar to approve and accept the list of Managers and Assistant Managers for the May Primary General Election to take place on May 22, 2018 . Motion seconded by Board Member Wesley. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

D. Removal of deceased from elector's list.

Motion made by Chair Wesley to remove 2 deceased voters from the electors' list. Motion seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

10. Executive session:

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There was no executive session at this time.

11. Adjourn

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar to adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 4:55 P.M.
Motion seconded by Chair Wesley. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.**

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PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER

DIANE GIVENS, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:


BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT