

# CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting  
4:30 PM

August 13, 2019

## *APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Carol Wesley, Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster- Hall, Secretary Diane Givens, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Board Member Darlene Johnson, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Shamira Marshall and Elections and Registration Official Auntavee Copeland Taylor.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING**

*1. Chair called the meeting to order.*

*2. Moment of silence observed.*

*3. Adoption of Agenda:*

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

*4. Approval of July 9, 2019 Regular Business Meeting minutes.*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall. 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.

**There was no public comment.**

*6. Old Business*

There was no outstanding old business for discussion.

*7. New Business*

A. Director's Report

Director Dozier informed the Board that Kamardi Carter, Elections and Registration Official, resigned August 7, 2019 with an effective date of August 23, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the construction of the Election/IT Data Center is 90% complete. An update will be provided at a future meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there were significant changes and renovations made that were not approved by our office that directly impacted the space used to conduct Vote Review Panel, Logic & Accuracy Testing, and the proper storage of our voting equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Clayton County Information Technology Director, Jason Brookins submitted a request on behalf of the Board of Elections in an attempt to move our GEMS server without the permission of Director Dozier.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the request was unsuccessful and informed the Secretary of State's Election Division that all request would solely come from the Board of Elections Director.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she addressed and escalated these concerns to Mr. Stanford, Chief Operating Officer. Moving forward there has been established written guidelines on any decisions that will impact the agreement for the renovations of the Election Center (Bunker/New IT Data Center)

Director Dozier informed the Board that renovations will not affect the Board of Elections budget, after inquiry from Board Member Pullar. Board Member Pullar further stated that any future changes other than what has been stated should have the approval of the Board to ensure the integrity of the Elections and Registration Office.

Director Dozier informed the Board there are 198,891 voters in Clayton County. 177,394 active voters and 21,497 inactive voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the Third Annual Municipal Roundtable Discussion. The Elections office established an annual meeting with municipalities of Clayton County beginning in 2017.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the public was informed that Secretary of State Raffensberger awarded Dominion Voting the contract to provide the State's new voting system July 29, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that once the initial training on the new voting system is complete she will ensure voters are comfortable with the entire process and will plan training events for volunteers as well as Poll Officials. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Board Member Johnson inquired to Director Dozier about the new voting machines training for the Elections and Registration Board Members and the scheduling timeline.

Board Member Johnson expressed that the Board should be trained on the new voting equipment to help with providing demonstrations to the community.

Director Dozier invited all seven (7) of the municipalities, (Municipal Clerks, City Managers, and City Election Superintendents) to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Municipal Roundtable held July 30, 2019. All municipalities sent a representative to the meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she is working with the municipalities to assist them in this unique situation and informed the Board that she conducted a Municipal Round Table Follow up Conference Call on August 12, 2019 with all the municipalities regarding the cease of operations in Georgia as provided by ES & S.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that ES&S will provide service to the Balotar Machine only thru the November 2019 Elections. The machine will become obsolete after the November 2019 Elections. No services will be provided to any of the municipalities for their 2019 Elections.

Director Dozier informed that Board that ES&S will not conduct any ballot printing for the state of Georgia. The Board of Elections used ES&S as a ballot printing vendor, therefore this change impacts how we print ballots for Absentee and Provisionals for Advance Voting and Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she is awaiting a ruling that may possibly change procedures how the elections are conducted. An all paper ballot process possibly may have to be used. Director Dozier informed the Board that if a ruling is made she would reach out to all the municipalities with options and guidance if needed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that training for the new voting equipment will be provided in the next couple of months and she will be notified of the deployment of the new voting equipment. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Election Officials statewide were informed on July 31, 2019 (via email) by ES&S that they will cease operations in the state of Georgia. The official effective date is set as December 31, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that this impacts how elections are conducted for the office as well as the municipalities.

Director Dozier informed that Board that with these unique circumstances the office will work with the municipalities in order to assist them in getting what they need to conduct their elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she has been working with and speaking with the municipalities impacted by the change.

Director Dozier informed the Board the National Change of Address (NCOA) process ended July 22, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Elections Office received 5,000 NCOA applications and have processed 98% of the applications.

Director Dozier informed the Board that National Voter Registration Day is a national holiday held on the fourth Tuesday of September each year. We are in the planning stages of the event and will provide an update at the next Regular Scheduled Board meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that qualifying starts for the municipalities for the upcoming 2019 November General Election August 19, 2019 through August 23, 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she will be attend the Election Center Conference in Orlando, Florida, August 17, - August 20, 2019.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she was asked to write a chapter in an Elections Administration Board sponsored by Auburn University and that a reception and release event will be conducted at the conference.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the book started as a Panel Discussion at an Election's Symposium in 2017 in which Director Dozier was invited to be a panelist. As a result of the interest in the panel discussion it was turned into a book.

Chair Wesley commended Director Dozier on her achievements.

### **B. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of College Park for November 2019 General Election.**

Director Dozier presented the Board an Intergovernmental Agreement from the City of College Park with the Clayton County Board of Elections to conduct their 2019 November General Elections for approval. The City of College Park in Clayton County has 553 voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board a Runoff Election may be conducted. The IGA expires December 31, 2019. Board Member Pullar requested a list of the cost to conduct the elections for the City of College Park.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a request was submitted to the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections Director, Richard Barron to conduct the election on behalf of the Clayton County City of College Park Voters. Director Dozier made this request in an attempt to help reduce the cost of the elections for the City of College Park. Mr. Barron rejected the request.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar and seconded by Secretary Givens to accepted the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of College Park for the November 2019 General Elections. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried**

### **C. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list.**

Director Dozier informed the Board there have been changes in procedures on how we conduct felon hearings in accordance to House Bill 316. Supervisor Marshall informed the Board of the new Felon process.

### **D. Hearing to remove deceased from elector's list.**

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Givens to remove 59 deceased voters from the electors' list. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

8.. Executive session: *To consider personnel and /or litigation, as necessary.*

**There was no executive session.**

**8. Adjourn. Motion made by Board Member Givens to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 5:15 P.M. Motion seconded by Board Member Johnson. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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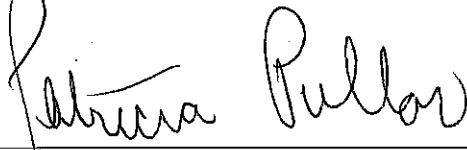


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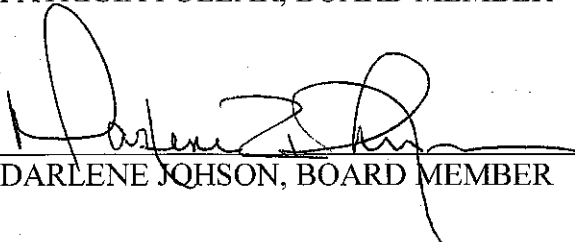
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