

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Regular Business Meeting
Zoom Communication

January 12, 2021
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APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

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

REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall, seconded by Board Member Patricia Pullar to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on January 12, 2021 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Approval of the December 8, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Board Member Patricia Pullar, seconded by Treasurer Givens to accept the minutes for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on December 8, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Approval of the December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, seconded by Treasurer Givens to accept the minutes for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2020 with corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. Approval of the December 22, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Givens to accept the minutes for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on December 22, 2020 with corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment: Citizens will be given a three (3) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comment 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 were no public comments.

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8. Old Business:

A. Board Directives, as necessary

There were no Board Directives.

9. New Business

A. 2021 Election of Board Officers

Treasurer Givens nominated Secretary Johnson for Board Chair.

Secretary Johnson accepted the nomination.

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to appoint Darlene Johnson as the Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration for the year 2021; Seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Member Pullar nominated Treasurer Givens for Vice-Chair.

Treasurer Givens accepted the nomination as Vice-Chair.

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to appoint Diane Givens as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration for the year 2021; Seconded by Secretary Johnson. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Member Pullar nominated Vice-Chair Foster-Hall for Secretary.

Vice-Chair Foster accepted the nomination.

Treasurer Givens nominated Board Member Pullar as Secretary.

Board Member Pullar declined the nomination.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson to appoint Dorothy Foster-Hall as the Secretary of the Board of Elections & Registration for the year 2021; Seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Secretary Johnson nominated Chair Wesley for Treasurer.

Chair Wesley accepted the nomination.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster Hall to appoint Carol Wesley as the Treasurer of the Board of Elections & Registration for the year 2021; Seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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The 2021 Board Appointed Positions are as follows:

Darlene Johnson, *Chair of Board of Elections & Registration*

Diane Givens, *Vice Chair of Board of Elections & Registration*

Dorothy Foster-Hall *Secretary of Board of Elections & Registration*

Carol Wesley, *Treasurer of Board of Elections & Registration*

B. Director's Report & 2021 Election Update.

Director Dozier informed the Board as of January 1, 2021 Clayton County has 206,590 (197,064 Active; 9,526 Inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded Director Dozier the USC Schwarzenegger Democracy Action Hero Award for her efforts to add more polling place access and voting rights. This award was given to only 5 recipients in the nation. The award ceremony was held on December 22, 2020 and can be reviewed via YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSDwHqC-3go>. Director Dozier dedicated the award to the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration Team for their hard work during the 2020 Election Year.

Board Member Pullar suggested Clayton County Communications do a highlight of the honor in the Clayton County E-Newsletter and Social Media Outlets.

Director Dozier recognized and thanked Robin Kemp of the Clayton Crescent for the great coverage of the Clayton County Elections and Voter Registration office during the 2020/2021 election year.

Director Dozier informed the Board that two additional absentee drop boxes were added to use for the January 5, 2021 General & Runoff election: Clayton County Police Headquarters and Jim Huie.

Director Dozier informed the Board that an additional drop box will be added to Lake Spivey Recreation Center once it opens.

Director Dozier informed the Board that new absentee drop boxes were utilized the week before Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board she will inquire if state elections rules will be put in place to utilize the absentee boxes for future elections.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she applied for additional funding through the COVID-19 Response Grant for the Center for Civic Tech and Civic Life, a nonprofit organization and was awarded \$772,105.00 USD on December 9, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the grant funds must be used exclusively for the purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Clayton County.

Director Dozier informed the Board the USC Schwarzenegger Democracy grant was also extended. An updated cost report will be presented in a future Board meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board of possible election dates and voter registration deadlines for the 2021 election year.

Director Dozier also informed the Board that 7 counties will be holding a Special Election on February 9, 2021: Fayette County, Pike County, Spaulding County, Henry County, DeKalb County, Upson County, and Rockdale County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County does not have any elections scheduled, with the possibility for an election in November if contracted by municipalities.

Director Dozier informed the Board the annual municipal roundtable was held December 29, 2020 to discuss changes, new equipment, cost and upcoming preparation for future elections.

Director Dozier reminded the Board of the 2021 Georgia Election Officials Association Conference scheduled for Aug 29- Sept 1, 2021. Director Dozier informed the Board that there are no current updates or changes as of yet.

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

There were no felons to remove.

D. Removal of deceased from elector's list.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster-Hall to adopt to remove 89 deceased voters from the electors list as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

10. Executive Session: To consider personnel and/or litigation, as necessary.

There was no executive session held.

11. Adjourn.

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Motion made by Vice Chair Foster Hall to adjourn the Virtual Regular Called Board Meeting at 5:00 P.M. Motion seconded by Treasurer Given. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

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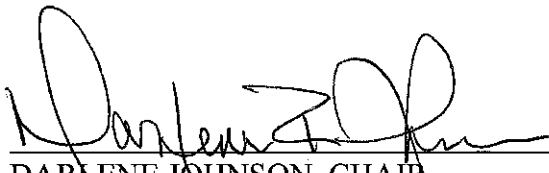
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DIANE GIVENS, VICE-CHAIR


DOROTHY FOSTER-HALL, TREASURER


PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER


CAROL WESLEY, SECRETARY

ATTEST:


BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT