

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Regular Business Meeting

November 9, 2020

Zoom Communication

Immediately following the Special Called Meeting

UNAPPROVED 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.

REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING

1. Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Moment of silence observed.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion made by Treasurer Givens seconded by Secretary Johnson to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on November 9, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. Absent: Vice-Chair Foster-Hall.

4. Approval of the October 7, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Treasurer Givens seconded by Secretary Johnson to accept the minutes for the Special Called Board Meeting on October 7, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. Absent: Vice-Chair Foster-Hall.

5. Approval of the October 7, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Treasurer Givens seconded by Secretary Johnson to accept the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on October 7, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. Absent: Vice-Chair Foster-Hall.

6. Approval of the October 26, 2020 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Treasurer Givens seconded by Secretary Johnson to accept the minutes for the Special Called Board Meeting on October 26, 2020 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. Absent: Vice-Chair Foster-Hall.

7. Public Comment

There is no public comment.

8. Old Business:

A. Board Directives as necessary

There were no Board Directives.

9. New Business

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A. Director's Report & 2020 Election Update

Director Dozier commended the Elections Team for their hard work, dedication, and determination to ensure that every vote gets counted, and doing whatever it took to get the work done.

Director Dozier informed the Board that while the November General Election was being conducted, absentee ballots for the Congressional District 5 Special Election Runoff were being mailed out simultaneously. In addition, the first day of Advanced Voting for the Congressional District 5 Special Election, Certification of the November 3rd General Election, and post activities for the November General Election all took place on today, November 9, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office is preparing for Election Day for the December 1, 2020 Runoff Election for the Special Election for Congressional District 5 while facing a separate runoff that will be held on the same day for any runoffs associated with the November General and Special Election. Further, conducting Pre-Election Day activities associated with the Federal Runoff Elections to be held January 5, 2021. Therefore, conducting three runoff elections separate but simultaneously.

Director Dozier informed the Board that ballot proofs for the December 1st Runoff Election for both State and Local, which includes the Public Service Commission has been received. The Office is in the pre-election stages of conducting this Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Advance Voting for the 2020 Public Service Commission Runoff Election will start as soon as possible and will end November 25, 2020. November 25 – 26, 2020 are county holidays in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, therefore the Elections office will be closed on those days. Currently, there will be one Early Voting location at the Elections Main office. More locations will be added in the coming weeks.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Uniformed And Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ballots for the 2020 December Congressional District 5 Runoff Election were mailed October 17, 2020 and absentee ballots will continue to be mailed as requested until the last day to request a ballot on November 25, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office will start mailing out absentee ballots for the January 5th, 2021 Runoff Election starting on November 17, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Advance Voting for the 2021 January General Runoff Election has been scheduled for December 14, 2020 through December 31, 2020. January 1, 2021 is a county holiday in observance of the 2021 New Year, therefore the Elections office will be closed on this day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the online portal for the January 5th, 2021 Election is live as of today, November 9, 2020. Therefore, anyone who would like to request an absentee ballot for the January 5th, 2021 Election can do so now via the online portal. The Office will still receive

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absentee requests via mail, email, and fax; but if someone wants to use the online portal, it is available for the January 5th Election at this time.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office will begin setting up for the Statewide Mandated Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) on Wednesday, November 10, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are eight (8) Absentee Drop Boxes in the county. Initially an Absentee Drop Box at the Lake Spivey Recreation Center was scheduled to be installed, but the building has not opened as of yet. Therefore, the decision was made to install an Absentee Drop Box at the Lee Headquarters Library and order an additional Absentee Drop Box to be installed at the Lake Spivey Recreation Center upon opening.

Director Dozier informed the Board that in the previous meeting she shared with the Board that the Office had been awarded two (2) Official Absentee Drop Boxes from the Secretary of State Office. The Office was actually awarded three (3) Official Absentee Drop Boxes. This allowed for an additional drop box to be installed in the county with no expense to the county.

Director Dozier informed the Board that in the last meeting there was a vendor from the Secretary of State Office who was mailing out absentee ballots for the Office, initially. However, on October 15, 2020 the Office received a notice from the Secretary of State Office indicating that they would no longer mail out ballots for the Office. Effective October 16, 2020 for the November General Election, the Office had to go back and start processing and mailing out absentee ballots.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of as of November 1, 2020, there are 204,111 (193,857 Active; 10,254 Inactive) voters in Clayton County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the voter registration deadline for Congressional District 5 Special Election Runoff remains at August 31, 2020. The voter registration deadline for December General Runoff for the State and Local races remains at October 5, 2020 however, the voter registration deadline for the January Runoff for Federal Race is December 7, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office was awarded (three million, sixty thousand, one hundred seven dollars) \$3,060,197.00 on October 21, 2020. Director Dozier informed the Board that the purpose of this grant money is to use it for planning and securing elections in the county.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office applied for another grant through the USC Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy in California for the Democracy Grant for Voting Access and Elections Administration. On October 23, 2020 the Office was awarded (eight hundred sixty-six thousand, nine hundred and ninety-four dollars) \$866,994. Director Dozier informed the Board that Mr. Schwarzenegger was very interested in giving the Office grant funding as a result of the Office adding additional polling locations.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election Administrators staff had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Schwarzenegger personally via Zoom. Mr. Schwarzenegger wanted to talk about the grant funding that's being provided, give thanks to the staff for their hard work.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office plans to utilize the money from both grants for additional advanced voting locations, additional polling locations for Election Day, and for the increase in the absentee balloting processing.

Board Member Pullar inquired about having the Forest Park location opened during advanced voting again for the Congressional District 5 Special Election Runoff.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Office has not added Forest Park as a location and that this is something she will look into doing.

Board Member Pullar commented that some of the Elected Officials for Forest Park were wondering whether or not this would be done for the Congressional District 5 Special Election Runoff and the Runoff in January 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would look into it and could not make any guarantees because there is an approval process to undergo. Currently the Elections Office is opened as an Advanced Voting location for the Congressional District 5 Special Election Runoff just to get started. On Friday, November 13, 2020 additional advanced voting sites will be set up and open on the following Monday, November 16, 2020. For the purpose of being able to open up an advanced voting location, the Elections Office opened first with the plan to open up the additional locations starting next week.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Saturday voting for the January 5, 2021 Federal Runoff Election is needed and she is opened to the Board's recommendation on a time for December 19, 2020.

Board Member Pullar recommended that the hours be held from 9:00 AM-4:00 P.M. to remain consistent with previous Saturday voting times.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to hold Saturday voting on December 19, 2020 beginning at 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. for the January 5, 2020 Federal Runoff Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Foster-Hall commented that she thinks Director Dozier has done a commendable job on this given the staff, the pandemic, and how everything has been running. She hopes that everyone continues to monitor their health and stress levels as well as takes time for themselves. Vice Chair Foster-Hall commented that if something happens to the Staff than nothing is going to happen at all, not for Clayton County. Therefore, she thinks the Board has to be cognizant of that for the Staff and expectation that people cannot always apply.

B. Board Member Appointment to the Vote Review Panelist- December 1, 2020 Special Election

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Attorney Reed informed the Board that for clarity there should be two Vote Review Panels.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson seconded by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to appoint Treasurer Givens to serve on the Vote Panel Review for the Congressional District 5 Special Runoff held on December 1, 2020. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall seconded by Secretary Johnson to appoint Secretary Johnson to serve on the Vote Panel Review for the Public Service Commissioner Runoff held on December 1, 2020. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Managers & Assistant Managers – December 1, 2020 Special Election

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to accept the appointment of Managers and Assistant Managers for the December 1, 2020 Congressional District 5 Runoff and the Public Service Commissioner Runoff as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. Special Called & Regular Meeting for December

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is a regularly scheduled Board Meeting for December 8, 2020 and inquired about the Board's interest in combining the Special Called Meeting for certification purposes with the Regular Board Meeting.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to have the Special Called Board Meeting for certification purposes and Regular Board Meeting on December 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

F. Removal of deceased from elector's list

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall seconded by Secretary Johnson to remove 104 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections and Registration elector's list as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

There was no executive session.

11. Adjourn.

Motion made by Vice Chair Foster-Hall to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 4:15 P.M. Motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed

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ATTEST:



BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT