

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Virtual Regular Called Business Meeting
Zoom Communication

April 12, 2022
4:30 P.M.

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Johnson, Vice-Chair Givens, Treasurer Wesley, Secretary Foster Hall, Board Member Pullar, Attorney Reed, Registrar Manager Tyrell Golden, and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer.

REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

1. *Chair Johnson called the meeting to order.*
2. *Moment of silence observed.*
3. *Adoption of Agenda.*

Motion made by Secretary Foster Hall, seconded by Board Member Pullar, to adopt the Virtual Regular Called Board Meeting Agenda on April 12, 2022, as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

4. *Approval of Board Meeting for March 8, 2022, Regular Meeting*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to approve the minutes from the Virtual Regular Called Meeting on March 8, 2022, with stated corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

5. *Public Comments*

There were no Public Comments.

6. *Old Business*

There was no Old Business.

7. *New Business.*

A. Director's Report & 2022 Election Update.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the 2022 Georgia Associations of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVERO) conference was held on March 20, 2022-March 23, 2022 in Athens, Georgia.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Board Members and office staff represented Clayton County at the GAVERO conference.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Board Members and office staff were trained in various topics while at the 2022 Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials conference.

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Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office has completed redistricting.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the acceptance period for Absentee Ballot Application is March 7, 2022, through May 13, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the voting period for Early/Advance Voting will be Monday, May 2, 2022, through Friday, May 20, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Election Day would be Tuesday, May 24, 2022, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the Election Certification would be on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that, if necessary, the Subsequent Primary Runoff will be June 21, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the Advance Voting Poll Worker Training course will be scheduled for April 25-29, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office currently has 42 seasonal staff ready to work the Advanced polling locations.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that each Early Voting location needs an average of seven (7) staff members for continuous operations.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that with ten (10) Early Voting locations, that would call for 70 staff members.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that his recommendation would be to offer a stipend increase of \$2.00 dollars per hour, aggressively recruit additional staff by using a temporary staffing agency or reduce the total of ten (10) Advanced Polling locations to six (6).

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office has 44 scheduled Poll Worker Training classes for Election Day Poll Workers between April 2, 2022, and May 9, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office currently has 738 Poll Workers.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Logic and Accuracy Testing was scheduled to start on April 4, 2022. However, due to the delay in ballot proofs, testing will begin as soon as the office receives the files from the Secretary of State.

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Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office signed off on the ballot proofing the morning of April 12, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that as of April 1, 2022, there are 203,721 (174, 097 Active: and 29, 6224 inactive) voters.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that there is no Felon List for April's hearing.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the launch date for the new voter registration system Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS), was March 29, 2022.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that on April 5, 2022, the Secretary of State held a statewide Call to update counties on the project and informed the office that eNet will be used for the 2022 May General Primary and the 2022 June General Primary Runoff.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office had designated one (1) staff member to go between GARViS and eNET each day to ensure applications and records are processed.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the next Board meeting would be Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Chair Johnson inquired about all staff being trained on the new voter registration system Georgia Registered Voter Information (GARViS).

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that not all staff had been trained on the new registration system, Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS).

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office does not have training manuals or equipment to train the staff on the new system.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office has one person going into GARViS to check the Absentee portal.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Absentee applications are still filtered through GARViS.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that Absentee applications are printed out from GARViS and processed in eNET.

Board Member Pullar inquired about what transpired between GARViS and eNET.

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Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that there was a rollout for the GARViS program, and as counties started using GARViS, it was discovered that some of the functions were not working correctly.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that given the feedback from the counties, the Secretary of State decided to recall GRAVIS for the 2022 May General Primary Election and Runoff.

Board Member Pullar inquired about new precinct cards being mailed out to impacted voters since the office has finished redistricting.

Registrar Golden informed the Board that new precinct cards had not gone out to impacted voters.

Registrar Golden informed the Board that new precinct cards would be mailed out by April 22, 2022.

Board Member Pullar agreed with Registrar Manager Golden recommended about reverting to six (6) Early Voting locations from ten locations.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that (2) two of the (6) six sites with the most voters and the most lines are Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center and the Election and Registration office.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that if the office could not open (10) ten Advance Voting locations; she recommends that there be more processing stations within the Carl Rhodenizer location and the Elections and Registration location, and if possible, opening the Forest Park location because there is no early voting location in Forest Park.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that all districts in Clayton County would be covered by opening a Forest Park location.

Board Member Pullar recommends that the office open an advance voting site in Forest Park along with the original six (6) and increase staff and increase the numbers of processing stations at Carl Rhodenizer and the Elections and Registration Office.

Board Member Pullar informed that she noticed that the office had (5) processing stations and (3) three staff members working in the past, which led to long wait times and lines.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that each early voting site has to have an intake person, a person to give out the voter cards, a person to give the voter sticker, a person to do provisional ballots, one manager, and two assistant managers.

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Chair Johnson inquired about Early Voting locations having a gatekeeper to help sites with poll watchers, candidates, and voters as a best practices.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that it would be best practice for Early Voting locations have someone who makes sure that everyone is following the law, whether it is poll watchers, candidates, or voters.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that for clarification purposes when using the word “gatekeeper,” the Board is saying that people are not prohibited from public places from which they are allowed. The Board is saying gatekeepers or greeters are wanted to assist with ensuring that the election goes forward with no interruptions, and having gatekeepers or greeters to help the election run more smoothly.

Chair Johnson thanked Attorney Reed for the clarification on the term of gatekeeper.

Board Member Pullar recommended assigning a rapid response team to get supplies to the Early Voting Locations.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that there were problems with supplies getting to polling locations in recent elections because only one person oversaw getting supplies to the locations.

Board Member Pullar recommended that the rapid response team could also bring lunches to the staff because poll workers were complaining that they were not told to bring food in recent elections.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that lunch and medication information is given to the poll workers during Poll Worker Training by Technician Manager Scott Brown.

Board Member Pullar inquired about providing an Early Voting location in Forest Park.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that the office only has 42 staff members which would not be enough to have seven (7) Early Voting Locations.

Board Member Pullar inquired about Registrar Manager Golden’s recommendation for having the seventh location in Forest Park.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the office does not have enough staff to have a seventh (7th) Early Voting location.

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Board Member Pullar inquired about increasing staff at the locations of Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center and Election and Registrations office during early voting.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that currently, the office is unable to staff each location with six (6) to seven (7) people. However, if the office is able to recruit more staff, then the office could place more staff in those locations

Chair Johnson suggested that the Board member take the poll worker training to provide support to the office

Board Member Pullar agreed to Board members taking the poll worker's training in an effort to support the office

Chair Johnson inquired about Secretary Foster Hall being able to attend the Poll Worker Training.

Secretary Foster Hall informed the Board that she would be out of town.

Board Member Pullar inquired about voters who were impacted by recent precinct location changes and being notified of the changes.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the notifications had not gone out to voters impacted by the location change.

Board Member Pullar inquired about when the office expects the letters to be mailed out to impacted voters.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that the notice letters would be sent to impacted voters by April 22, 2022.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the signage for the locations.

Registrar Member Golden informed the Board that he would check on the signage for the locations.

Board Member Pullar requested information for poll working training.

Registrar Manager Golden informed the Board that he would send information about the Poll Worker Training directly.

Chair Johnson inquired about whether Treasurer Wesley and Vice-Chair Givens would be able to attend the Poll Worker Training to help the voting locations if needed.

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Treasurer Wesley and Vice-Chair Givens informed the Board that they would need to know the dates and times for training.

B. Recommendations for 2022 General Primary and Special Election Early Voting Locations.

Chair Johnson recommended that the office reduce the locations, look at the sites, and make sure the information gets on the Election website.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to revert to the original six (6) Early Voting locations as opposed to the ten (10) locations at the following sites: Election and Registration Office, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Morrow Municipal Complex, South Clayton Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, and J. Charley Griswell Senior Center for the May 24, 2022, General Primary Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

C. Vote Review Panel for General Primary and Special Elections and General Primary and Special Runoff

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that she would volunteer to serve on the Vote Review Panel for the May 24, 2022 General Primary Election.

Secretary Foster Hall informed the Board that she would volunteer to serve on the Voter Review Panel for June 21, 2022 General Primary Election Run-off.

Motion made by Chair Johnson, seconded by Board Member Pullar to appoint Board Member Pullar to the Vote Review Panel for May 24, 2022, General Primary and Special Elections, and appoint Secretary Foster Hall to the Vote Review Panel for June 21, 2022, General Primary and Special Election Runoff. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

C. Legislative Update.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that if they did not get a chance to look at the Senate Ethics Hearing right after the GAVERO conference; it was a show of democracy at work.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that Board Member Pullar did a great job coming into the hearing and bringing some common-sense information to the Senate Panel.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that after all the information was provided at the hearing, Bill 1464 was stripped down to authorizing people time off to vote during early voting, which did not pass.

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Attorney Reed informed the Board that the only item that came out of the legislative session was the addition to Senate Bill 411, which amended the law to allow the GBI to have concurrent jurisdiction to launch an election investigation with the Secretary of State's office

D. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list, as necessary.

F. Removal of deceased for elector's list (if necessary)

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to remove the 27 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections & Registration Elector's list for April 2022 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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

There was No Executive Session.

9. Adjourn.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Treasurer Wesley to adjourn the Virtual Regular Called Board Meeting at 5:26 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

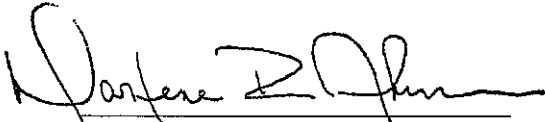
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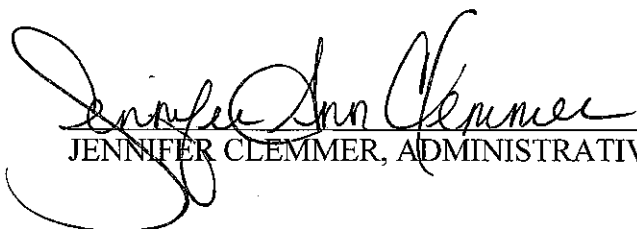

DIANE GIVENS, VICE-CHAIR


DOROTHY FOSTER HALL, SECRETARY


CAROL WESLEY, TREASURER


PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:


JENNIFER CLEMMER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT