

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Special Called Business Meeting

November 5, 2021

Zoom Communication

5:30 P.M

*APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Givens, Secretary Foster Hall, Board Member Pullar, Attorney Reed, Director Dozier and Office Aid Fayshawne Walker.

**SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING**

1. *Chair Johnson called the meeting to order.*

2. *Moment of silence observed.*

3. *Adoption of Agenda.*

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would like to add an agenda item to this meeting due to receiving a recount request for the Morrow City Council – Seat 3 and would like to put it on the agenda for consideration as item letter A moving previous item A, the Certification of Special Election: City of Morrow November General Election – held November 2, 2021 to item letter B.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on November 5, 2021 with stated adjustments to add the Request for Recount for Morrow City Council -Seat 3 to the agenda as item letter A under New Business, therefore changing item letter B to Certification of Special Election: City of Morrow November General Election -held November 2, 2021.**  
**Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Treasurer Wesley.**

4. *Public Comment (s)*

**There were no public comments.**

5. *New Business*

A. Recount Request for Morrow City Council – Seat 3

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election and Registration Office received a request for a recount from candidate, Hue Nguyen for Morrow City Council – Seat 3.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the request as stated in the letter was due to the very small difference in the outcome of the race for Morrow City Council – Seat 3.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he interpreted the letter to be a request under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495(c)(1) that states if there is a margin of victory more than one-half of 1% there a request for recount.

*(c)(1) Whenever the difference between the number of votes received by a candidate who has been declared nominated for an office in a primary election or who has been declared elected to an office in an election or who has been declared eligible for a run-off primary or election and the*

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*number of votes received by any other candidate or candidates not declared so nominated or elected or eligible for a runoff shall be not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes which were cast for such office therein, any such candidate or candidates receiving a sufficient number of votes so that the difference between his or her vote and that of a candidate declared nominated, elected, or eligible for a runoff is not more than one-half of 1 percent of the total votes cast, within a period of two business days following the certification of the election results, shall have the right to a recount of the votes cast, if such request is made in writing by the losing candidate. If the office sought is a federal or state office voted upon by the electors of more than one county, the request shall be made to the Secretary of State who shall direct that the recount be performed in all counties in which electors voted for such office and notify the superintendents of the several counties involved of the request. In all other cases, the request shall be made to the superintendent. The superintendent or superintendents shall order a recount of such votes to be made immediately. If, upon such recount, it is determined that the original count was incorrect, the returns and all papers prepared by the superintendent, the superintendents, or the Secretary of State shall be corrected accordingly and the results recertified.*

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the total votes were 580 and more than one-half of 1% there can be a request for a recount. Total votes between the candidates is 12. Which is not less than 3 votes difference needed for a recount request to be granted.

Attorney Reed recommended that the Board reject the request for a recount because it did not meet the requirements according to O.C.G.A § 21-2-495 (c)(1).

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to Reject to request for a recount for Morrow City Council -Seat 3. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Treasurer Wesley.**

B. Certification of Special Election: City of Morrow November General Election -held November 2, 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there was a 17.6 percent voter turnout on Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there was one provisional ballot, which was accepted.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there were no issues with the voting equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Morrow General Election on November 2, 2021 was the last election for the election year of 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would like to specially thank the Election Team for their hard work this year.

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Board Member Pullar congratulated Director Dozier and the Elections and Registration Staff for their hard work to ensure a fair and transparent election was completed.

Director Dozier recommended that the Board certify the result of the City of Morrow General Election held on November 2, 2021.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the certification of the results from the Special Election City of Morrow General Election -held on November 2, 2021. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Treasurer Wesley.**

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

**There was no executive session.**

7. *Adjourn.*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adjourn the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting at 5:43 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Treasurer Wesley.**

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ATTEST:

  
FAYSHAWNE WALKER, OFFICE AIDE

