

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Virtual Regular Called Business Meeting

January 11, 2022

Zoom Communication

4:30 P.M

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Johnson, Vice Chair Givens, Treasurer Wesley, Secretary Foster Hall, Board Member Pullar, Attorney Reed, Director Dozier, Supervisor Tyrell Golden, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer, and Community Outreach Specialist Fayshawne Walker.

REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

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

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Regular Called Board Meeting on January 11, 2022 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Chair Johnson.

4. *Approval of Board Minutes of December 14, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.*

Treasurer Wesley informed the Board that a correction was needed on the bottom of the second page by changing taking to taken.

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to approved the minutes from the Virtual Regular Called Business Meeting on December 14, 2021 with correction at the bottom of the second page to state taken. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried. Absent: Chair Johnson.

5. *Public Comments:*

There was no Public Comments.

6. *Old Business:*

There was no Old Business.

7. *New Business:*

A. Director's Report & 2022 Election Update:

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of January 1, 2022, there are 203,202 (177,487 Active; 25,715 Inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board that on January 4, 2022 the Secretary of State conducted the National Change of Address mailing as part of our list maintenance processes. The office mailed out 11,398. 4,897 were out of county, 2,282 were out of state, and 4,219 were within the county.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Governor Kemp signed the redistricting maps into law on December 30, 2021.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is working with GIS to get the redistricting maps together, working on the streets, and getting a plan together to complete the process of redistricting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been given a deadline of February 18, 2022, to complete redistricting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been working with Attorney Reed as well as Dr. Beasley from the Board of Education to make sure that all district lines are completed at the same time.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of this date the 2022 Election Calendar will remain as established. The first election will be the General Primary on May 24, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that qualifying for the 2022 Primary/Nonpartisan and Independent/Political Body Candidates for the November General Election is set to commence at 9:00 AM on Monday, March 7, 2022 and end at 12:00 PM on Friday, March 11, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she has reached out to the Political Parties to get their locations and their plans.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Clayton County Republican Party will decided their plans at their January 27, 2022 meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Clayton County Democratic Party stated that they are in the process of finding a new location since the location they usually use will be closed for renovations.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as soon as she gets the information from the Political Parties, they will be included in the qualifying packets and will be located on the county website.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the dates and qualifying forms are available on the Secretary of State's website.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she included the dates for the 2022 election in the Director's Report for the Board's review.

Director Dozier informed the Board in observance of the 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr holiday, the office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office was made aware that the conference room located on the second floor was given over to the Human Resources Department. The office was made aware of the change when they were getting ready to conduct a meeting and noticed the lock had been changed.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is working with the Human Resources Department to utilize the space.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has reached out to the Director of Building and Maintenance to find out how the change happen and how to reoccupy the conference room.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has scheduled a job recruitment fair for January 11 – January 13, 2022 from 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. daily.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office's goal is to recruit Election Day Poll officials, Absentee Clerks and Managers to work during our absentee voting period as well as Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been working with the Communication Department to distribute a Job Recruitment flyer.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she will be emailing a flyer to Board to distribute to their respective communities.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election Center Board of Director's Nomination Committee nominated her as a newly appointed Board Member.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the orientation for New Board member was conducted on November 8, 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would have to attend the first Board of Director's meeting as well as serve on a new Board member panel during the JELOC meeting in Arlington, Virginia, however, as result of the increase presence of the COVID-19 variant, the conference was cancelled.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Election Center Board of Directors will meet via Zoom to hold a business meeting on January 13, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the mission of the Election Center is to promote and support continuous improvement in the administration of elections and voter registration through research, professional education, conferences, networking and consulting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she is very excited about serving and may be the first Georgia Election Official serving on the Election Center Board of Directors.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the next scheduled Regular Board meeting is schedule for Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she believes the office will be on track if the next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022 to get approvals for redistricting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that if anything changes she will reach out to the Board.

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Board Member Pullar directed Director Dozier to send an email to the Board Members with names of the staff who are working on redistricting and their roles.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been working with the educators and the office plans to do the deputation in February.

Board Member Pullar directed Director Dozier to keep the Board informed of the plans to deputize the educators.

Secretary Foster Hall congratulate Director Dozier on her nomination to the Election Center Board of Directors.

B. Discussion on Adoption of Voter Challenge Procedures.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the discussion will be led by Attorney Reed.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the Adoption of Voter Challenge Procedures have not been adopted yet because the document has not been voted on by the Board.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the document came from the Dekalb County's Voter Challenge Procedures.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the document was submitted by a group of attorneys who work on elections and during the last election season and dealt with people bringing up spreadsheets of thousands of names a week before the election claiming these people on the spreadsheet could not vote.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the document would set forth a precedent on how people can challenge and what items can be concerned as efficient evidence to not be on the voter's list.

Board Member Pullar expressed to the Board that a copy of the Procedures should be sent to the Judges because they sometimes have to make decisions on Voter Challenges and they need to be aware that the Board has adopted the procedures.

Board Member Pullar expressed to the Board that the Municipalities should receive a copy of the procedures because they are not following any election rules from what she is aware of in the last election cycle.

Board Member Pullar expressed to the Board that the political parties should be sent a copy of the procedures.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the procedures really speak to the challenges that come up in front of the Board in deciding on rather a person should stay on the voter's list.

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Attorney Reed informed the Board that if the Board adopts the procedures they could send them out to whomever they would like to have a copy or make aware of the Board adoption of the procedures.

Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that she would like the Board to look at Section 7 of Procedures of Responding to Voter Challenges.

Vice Chair Givens inquired that if the challenge voter has a representative present at the time of the hearing does the challenge voter still need to be present.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that Section 7 of the procedures said that the challenge voter has the right to be represented by counsel if he or she chooses to do so, but it would be up to the challenged voter to be present at the hearing.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the wording in Section 7 can be changed to state that the challenged voter would need to be present and/or only legal counsel can represent the challenge voter excluding other representatives from representing them.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that a challenge voter can have anyone of their choosing to speak on their behalf.

Vice Chair Givens inquired if the Board is saying that the challenge voter does not have to be present at the hearing.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that either party may be at the hearing, but is not required.

Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that Section 7 wasn't clear on rather the challenge voter does not have to be at the hearing and that he or she can be represented by counsel or another representative.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that Section 7 does not say the parties have to be present. It states that either parties may or may not be represented by counsel or another representative at the hearing, that means they can be present but have someone else speak for them at the hearing.

Vice Chair Givens inquired into whether Section 7 is stating that the parties can be present or cannot be present.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that the parties can choose to respond to the challenge themselves or they can have someone else choose to respond on their behalf.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that once the Board send the parties involved in the challenge a written notice about the hearing with the date, time, and place. That is the Board requesting the parties involved to be there, but the parties don't have to be there if they have attorney or if someone else is representing them. Yet, someone has to there in order to take part in the hearing.

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Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that she does not see anything in present language of Section 7 that said the person (challenged or challenger) has to be physically present at the hearing or that it is okay to send someone in his or her place to be at the hearing.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he could change the wording of Section 7 to include that regardless if the parties are being represented by counsel or another representative, the parties shall be present at the hearing.

Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that she does not see a problem with the parties being present or not. But wants to be clear about the representation being with them or without them being at the hearing.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that if the Board wants the parties to be present whether they are represented or not the document could be worded to make it clear.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that the parties do not have to be present at the hearing.

Secretary Foster Hall informed the Board that the parties do not have to be present at the hearing because there are many situations that can hinder a person from being able to appear at a hearing.

Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that a statement explaining that the challenged voter can be accompanying by representation rather they are present or not.

Treasurer Wesley inquired if Attorney Reed had some wording that would be appropriate to address in case a voter has a question on rather they have to be present or not at the hearing.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired into whether the document will be available on the voter website once it is adopted.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that once the document is adopted it can be posted to the website or anywhere else the Board would like it to be posted.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that Section 14 prevents a person who is temporary displaced from their address from being removed from the voter's list.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that he will make the edits and provide some language for the Board to consider in next month's meeting.

C. Empowrd Application Discussion.

Vice Chair Givens informed the Board that since Chair Johnson was unavailable the Board could skip over the discussion of the Empowrd Application.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that there was supposed to be representative from the company to speak on the application.

Attorney Reed informed the Board that Horace Williams had raised his hand on Zoom.

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Board Members allowed Horace Williams to speak on the Empowrd Application.

Horace Williams informed the Board that Chair Johnson had told him that she had given everyone a general introduction.

Horace Williams inquired if the Board had any initial questions or comments for him from what the Board has been told about the application.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired why the company would solicit an Election Board and not just work independently.

Horace Williams informed the Board that partnering with people like an Election Board would help govern the company's exercise, and would give the company a stamp of approval that is important to the company.

Vice Chair Givens inquired into what the Empowrd application could do that the Click Clayton application could not do especially when the Board could probably have changes made to the Click Clayton application to do something as his application.

Horace Williams informed the Board that he is not aware of the abilities of the Click Clayton application.

Horace Williams informed the Board that if the Board is looking at something to be custom it may be a little complex.

Director Dozier inquired into whether Horace Williams has a proposal he could submit to the Board.

Horace Williams informed the Board that he does has a proposal available and could have it to the Board by lunch tomorrow.

Technician Takiyah Thomas informed Director Dozier that Chair Johnson was on the phone with her and was unable to connect to the Zoom call.

Technician Takiyah Thomas connected Chair Johnson to the meeting via speak phone.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that the reason she wanted Mr. Williams to speak was because she believes the application would be a game changer as far as reaching the people and getting them engaged.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that she appreciates the Board taking the time to hear about the application.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that she believes the Board could benefit from the application because it can get people to get engaged in the political environment from local government to the federal government.

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Chair Johnson informed the Board that she knows that if customized the Empowrd application could have the Clayton County logo on it and there are more opportunities than just elections.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that she is excited to look at the proposal and more importantly to look at the application.

D. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list (if necessary).

There are no felons to remove.

E. Removal of deceased from elector's list (if necessary).

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Chair Johnson to remove the 75 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections and Registration Elector's List for January 2022 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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

Director Dozier informed the Board that Attorney Reed had to leave to conduct a presentation. Attorney Reed has requested to provide an update in regards to executive session at the next Board meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is no need for an executive session.

There was no Executive Session.

9. *Adjourn.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adjourn the Virtual Regular Called Board Meeting at 5:36 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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