

# CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Special Called Business Meeting  
Zoom Communication

June 1, 2021  
4:30 PM

## *APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

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

## **SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING**

*1. Chair called the meeting to order.*

*2. Moment of silence observed.*

*3. Adoption of Agenda:*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Treasurer Wesley, to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting on June 1, 2021 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*4. PUBLIC COMMENT(S):* Citizens will be given a three minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comments 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 submitted public comments.**

*5. New Business*

A. Call for Special Election – To Fill the Unexpired Term of County Commission, District 1

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been notified that a vacancy has occurred in Commission District 1 due to the passing of Commissioner Sonna Singleton Gregory on May 27, 2021. Judge Ferguson issued a letter of recommendation to the Board of Elections and Registration to issue a call for a Special Election to fill the vacancy.

Director Dozier informed the Board that in accordance to O.C.G.A Code 21-2-540, the office shall conduct a Special Election on the third Tuesday in September.

Director Dozier recommended that the Board issue a call for the Clayton County Office of Elections and Registration to conduct a Special Election on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1.

**Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Board Member Pullar to issue a call to conduct a Special Election on September 21, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is currently working on a timeline outlining the start of the qualifying period, mailing out ballots, and requesting absentee ballot amongst other election duties. All of this information will be posted on the Elections website as it becomes available.

Director Dozier informed the Board that once the Board makes their approval, the office will submit the notice to the legal organ to start being published in the legal organ and ran multiple times leading up to the qualification period.

### **B. Sunday Voting-Sunday voting option in accordance with Senate Bill 202**

Director Dozier informed the Board that in accordance with Senate Bill 202, there is a requirement to have two Saturdays and an option to have two Sunday voting dates. The required dates for Saturday voting will be September 4<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Board has already established a policy that coincides with this requirement if there is a State or Federal candidate on the ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the options to have one or two Sunday voting dates as recommendations of September 5, 2021 and September 12, 2021 as Sunday voting dates.

Board Member Pullar suggested that the Board set a precedent to always have two Sunday voting dates and extend the hours during advanced voting from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday for each election moving forward.

Board Member Pullar commented that expansion must take place in light of various changes brought on by Senate Bill 202 which impact voters' ability to vote due to a decrease in the number of drop boxes made available and the absentee application and absentee ballot identification verification process.

Board Member Pullar commented that with an increase in the number of polling locations, due to a change in the amount of voters that can be designated to one polling location, comes an increase in the number of poll workers. Therefore, Board Members must make an on-going concerted effort to recruit poll workers.

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Vice Chair Givens, to conduct advanced voting on Sunday, September 5, 2021 and September 12, 2021 for the Special Election to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1 to be held on September 21, 2021. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Vice Chair Givens, to conduct advanced voting on selected Sunday voting day(s) at the Board's discretion and the two mandatory Saturday voting days in accordance with Senate Bill 202 moving forward. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is currently working on the calendar for 2022 and will take into consideration the dates surrounding advanced voting to compare to the Board's directive. The Board will be provided these dates at a later time.

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

**There was no executive session.**

7. *Adjourn.*

**Motion made by Board Member Pullar to adjourn the Virtual Special Called Board Meeting at 4:58 P.M. Motion seconded by Treasurer Wesley. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried**

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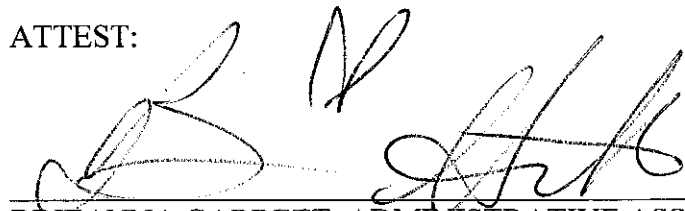
  
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