

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Regular Business Meeting
7946 North McDonough
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

September 13, 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, Director Dozier, and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer.

REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

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

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adopt the agenda for the Regular Called Business Meeting for September 13, 2022. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

4. *Approval of Board Minutes for August 9, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.*

Motion made by Board Member Pullar seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to approve minutes from the Regular Called Meeting for August 9, 2022 with corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

5. *Public Comment(s).*

There were no Public Comments.

6. *Old Business.*

A. Election building renovation timeline, per Board Member Pullar's Directive.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a (5) five-page Election building renovation timeline had been provided for the Board in the meeting packet.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the timeline was not sent through email as directed because she wanted to give the Board a hard copy so that the Board could take it with them.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the timeline could be discussed at the Board Retreat on September 23, 2022, and inform her of any additions.

Board Member Pullar inquired about renovation updates from Building and Maintenance.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office met with Director Ben Hopkins to look at the renovation being made at 1117 Battle Creek Road.

Director Dozier informed the Board that communication about renovations at the Battle Creek location still remains in the format of oral communication.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Director Hopkins intended to send Director Dozier an email regarding the renovations at the Battle Creek location. Still, Director Dozier has not received the email.

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Board Member Pullar inquired if Director Dozier saw any improvements at the Battle Creek location when she met with Director Hopkins.

Director Dozier informed the Board that most of the renovation discussion was between Director Hopkins and Manager Brown since Manager Brown works with the equipment more than the Director.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she requested to have information pertaining to renovations in written format.

Director Dozier informed the Board that, as expressed in the timeline, there has been a lot of oral communication where written communication has not been provided.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would follow up with Director Hopkins regarding the email regarding the renovation at the Battle Creek location.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that the timeline provided by the Director would give the Board a narrative that can be taken to leadership to show what the department has gone through with regard to building renovation.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office went to visit Rockdale County's facilities, and it had adequate space where early voting, Poll Worker training, Logic and Accuracy Testing, and offices are all located at the facility.

Director Dozier informed the Board that if the Board is interested in seeing the Rockdale facility, Miss Willingham would be happy to give a walkthrough.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired about how long Rockdale County has had its facility.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she believes it has been more than six months yet less than a year since Rockdale county's facility was renovated and moved into.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the number of registered voters in Rockdale county.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she believes Rockdale County had 60,000 to 70,000 registered voters.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired about SPLOST.

Director Dozier informed the Board that SPLOST will not renew until 2027 to ask for the funds for building renovation to be included.

Secretary Foster Hall informed the Board that the SPLOST existed within the six years included in the Election renovation timeline, and the Commissioners are aware of the Board's pleas for building funds for six years and beyond.

Board Pullar informed the Board that the office had not been made a priority nor a revenue stream for the county.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the same issues are starting to play out in other counties, including Cobb County, which has recently relocated out of its government building.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the grant money that was given to the office during the 2020 election and could not be used for renovation because there was a time limit to use the money.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office was promised 1285 Government Circle, where the office would have to use the grant funds to renovate the building, but Building and Maintenance moved Code Enforcement into 1285 Government Circle without any warning or acknowledgment to the office.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Code enforcement wants the Elections and Registration office out of 1285, which is why Building and Maintenance offered the Elections and Registration department the Code Enforcement building on Flicker Rd to renovate and use. However, the office does not want to be placed behind a liquor store in an old house.

Board Member Pullar requested that the information about the grant money that the department could not use for renovation be included in the timeline.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that the finished date for the renovation at the Battle Creek location had been changed to May 2023 and the bathrooms have already been renovated.

Chair Johnson inquired into what the timeline would be used for once it is completed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that once the timeline is completed, it can be used by the Board to discuss with their Commissioners.

B. County Employees Working the Polls on Elections Day, per Board Member Pullar's Directive.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she connected with Director Ambles this morning about County Employees Working the Polls on Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has 2,000 Poll workers committed to working in the November 2022 General Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that along with 2,000 committed Poll Workers, the Youth Commission has also committed student Poll Workers to work the November 2022 General Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is looking at 2024 to see if county employees could work after 5 P.M. on Election night and when the county conduct risk audits.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the Poll Worker Training Schedule.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the link for Poll Worker training should be active by September 19, 2022.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that Poll Worker training starts September 21, 2022, and ends October 29, 2022.

C. Chair Johnson's badge, per Chair Johnson's Directive.

Chair Johnson and Treasurer Wesley were presented badges by the Administrative Assistant.

7. *New Business.*

A. Director's Report & 2022 Election Update.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of September 1, 2022, there are 205,538 (174,672 Active, 30,866 inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been very active in the community conducting voter education.

Director Dozier informed the Board that one of the recent voter education activities included conducting a Teachers' Deputy Registrar Training with Clayton County Public School.

Director Dozier informed the Board that (58) fifty-eight people who were deputized at the Clayton County Public School Deputy Registrar training can now start conducting voter registration drives at their schools.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the 2023 GAVREO conference will be on February 12, 2023, thru February 15, 2023, in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Director Dozier informed the Board that if any Board Members are interested in attending to let Jennifer know so the office can start planning for the conference

Director Dozier informed the Board that there was a topic she would like to discuss, whether at this meeting or at the Board Retreat, regarding media inquiries.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office sees an increase in media inquiries, including doing interviews with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution to talk about things that happened during the 2020 election regarding election officials and administrators being attacked and the office's position on it.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has also had inquiries into doing interviews about Logic and Accuracy Testing.

Director Dozier inquired into what position the Board would like her to take regarding media inquiries regarding election officials being attacked during the 2020 election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that when she attended the Election Center conference in Colorado, the main focus was on communication and attacks on election officials

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Director Dozier informed the Board that one of the goals of the conference was to come up with ways to humanize election officials in a way to reduce attacks.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the suggestion made at the conference to humanize election officials.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the suggestion included more communications and more presence on social media.

Director Dozier informed the Board that one state made a video that showed a united front of support for election administrators and voting registration.

Director Dozier informed the Board that during the conference, there was some conversation on whether anything could be done to change an individual's mindset toward election officials.

Board Member Pullar inquired about filming and editing the upcoming Board Retreat so that it can be put on social media and used to humanize the Board and office staff in a non-partisan fashion.

Secretary Foster Hall expressed that doing videos and being more active on social media may have an effect because the person's mindset has already been made up.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she liked the idea of the office doing some kind of video or some kind of media campaign. The Director's concern is using actual employees from the office because it would expose their faces to the public.

Director Dozier informed the Board that during the 2020-2021 Election Cycle, people were taking down office employee's tag numbers.

Director Dozier informed the Board that one election official at the conference had a Twitter page with the hashtag #jokeavote. The Twitter page offers jokes to lighten up the mood about elections, which was her way of making her election office more human.

Chair Johnson informed the Board that she believed that putting something together to humanize the Board and the office would be a good idea.

Chair Johnson inquired about extra security for the Board and the office staff during the upcoming election activities.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has security and is working to increase the presence of law enforcement.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired about using officers who are on desk duty.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would check with the office's security coordinator to see if other options were available.

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Board Member Pullar suggested having talking points ready and requested questions before interviews when dealing with the subject of 2020 and the attacks on the election officials.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would be happy to email the Board when responding to media inquiries via email.

B. Recommendation for 2022 General Election Early Voting Location.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office has been talking to the Director of Senior Services regarding using Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center and Flint River Recreation Center for Early Voting Locations.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the discussion included the contracted obligation between the Boys & Girls Club and the Flint River Recreation Center.

Director Dozier informed the Board that discussions were also made to begin allocating space at Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center and Flint River Recreation Center for the 2024 Presidential Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she expressed to the Director of Senior Services that having a small room at Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center would introduce voters to the new location and would provide relief to Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the status of getting a room at Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Director of Senior Centers was looking into providing a room for early voting to take place at Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that Sonna Singleton Gregory Senior Center is important to have as a location due to the number of early voters that Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center has had in past elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would talk to the Director of Senior Services and would follow up with the Board at the Board Retreat.

Board Member Pullar inquired about the Forest Park Senior Center being locked in as an early voting location.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office had secured the Forest Park Senior Center as an early voting site.

C. Proposal 01/22: JB2 Precinct Boundary Change.

Director Dozier informed the Board that included in the September Director's Report is the Proposal for the Polling place changes.

Proposal 01/22 is to divide JB02 to form JB20 to decrease the number of voters in JB02.

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D. Proposal 02/22: JB3 Precinct Boundary Change.

Proposal 02/22 is to divide JB03 to form JB21 to decrease the number of voters in JB03.

E. Proposal 03/22: JB11 Precinct Boundary Change.

Proposal 03/22 is to divide JB11 to form JB22 to decrease the number of voters in JB11.

F. Proposal 04/22: LJ4 Precinct Boundary Change.

Proposal 04/22 is to divide LJ4 to form LJ8 to decrease the number of voters in LJ4.

G. Proposal 05/22: OAK4 Precinct Boundary Change.

Proposal 05/22 is to divide OAK4 to form OAK6 to decrease the number of voters in OAK4.

H. Proposal 06/22: FP1 Polling Place Change.

Proposal 06/22 is a polling place change to Gateway Restoration Church because the previous location, Forest Park Middle School, closed down.

Director Dozier informed the Board there was only (1) polling place change, which was Proposal 06/22.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Proposals 01/22 to 5/22 are Precinct Boundary changes, which are to split the existing precinct into the new precinct to reduce the amount voters in a given precinct on Election Day.

Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to approve Proposal 01/22 through Proposal 06/22 for Precinct Boundary and Polling Place Changes. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

I. Board of Registration and Elections Board Retreat, September 23, 2022.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the time of the Board Retreat was set at the last Board Meeting for September 23, 2022, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Board Retreat would be held at the A.C. Hotel Airport Gateway.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Elections and Registration Office staff would give a presentation.

Director Dozier informed the Board that light refreshments would provide for breakfast and lunch would be served.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office would be providing an agenda to the Board and public notice on the Clayton County website.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the retreat is for the Board to have an election and registration education on what the staff does in the office and an opportunity to ask questions.

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

There were no felons.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to remove the 132 names listed deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections & Registration Elector's List of September 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 Chair Johnson seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to adjourn the Regular Called Board Meeting at 5:30 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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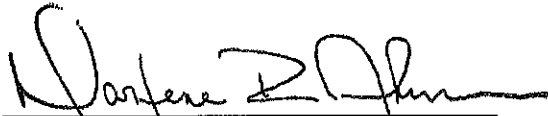

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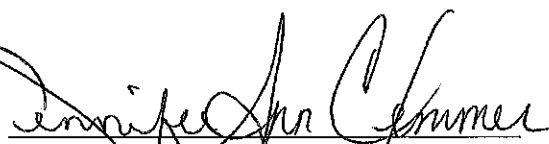
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