

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Board Meeting
7946 North McDonough Street
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

February 7, 2023
4:30 PM

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Foster Hall, Secretary Walker, Board Member Wesley, Board Member Hope, Director Dozier, Attorney Reed, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

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

Motion made by Board Member Wesley seconded by Secretary Walker to adopt the agenda with the addition of item F: Recommendation for Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration & to alter Number 10 to Number 9 for the Adjournment. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

4. *Approval of Board Minutes for January 10, 2023, Regular Business Meeting.*

Motion made by Board Member Hope seconded by Secretary Walker to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023, Regular Business Meeting with noted corrections. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

5. *Public Comment (s):*

There were no Public Comments.

6. *Old Business.*

There was no Old Business.

7. *New Business:*

A. Director's Report & 2023 Election Update.

Chair Foster Hall welcomed Director Dozier back from leave.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of February 1, 2023, there were 207,317 (179,763 Active; 27,554 inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the numbers are based on the registration numbers from January 1, 2023, because the office is approaching the Voter Registration deadline for the March 21, 2023 Special Election.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office is also transitioning to the State's new voter registration information system, GARViS, and just received access to GARViS today, February 7, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office staff is slowly moving back into the main office located at 121 South McDonough Street, Jonesboro, Ga.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are plans for the carpet to be replaced after the March 2023 Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the goal is for the office staff and temporary employees to be back in the office by February 16, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that on January 23, 2023, Governor Brian Kemp issued a writ for the county to conduct a Special Election for House District 75 on March 21, 2023, to fill the unexpired term of Representative Mike Glanton as a result of a resignation.

Director Dozier informed the Board that qualifying was held at the Secretary of State's Office on February 1-3, 2023, and the qualifying fee was \$400.00.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would like to publicly thank the Secretary of State's office for allowing the Special Election for House District 75 to be held on March 23, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Special Election for House District 75 would initially be held on March 7, 2023, or earlier.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office conducted qualifying for the Special Election for Sheriff to fill the unexpired term of Victor Hill on January 23-27, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that five (5) candidates qualified to run in March 21, 2023, Special Election; the qualifying fee was \$4317.99.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the information for the Sheriff's race was submitted to the Secretary of State's office to build a ballot.

Director Dozier informed the Board that today, February 7, 2023, the office received the ballot proof for March 21, 2023 Special Election and will start proofing tomorrow, February 8, 2023, until completion.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Director's Report contains information on the 2023 intergovernmental agreement with Rockdale county to use its voting equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County is necessary to allow the City of Jonesboro to use the county's voting equipment to conduct its special election.

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Secretary Walker inquired about any payment needed to enter into the agreement with Rockdale County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County is at no cost to the county per the State Board Election Rule.

Board Member Hope inquired about when the City of Jonesboro would be holding its Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the City of Jonesboro will be conducting its Special Election on March 21, 2023.

Secretary Walker inquired into how many candidates were running for House District 75.

Director Dozier informed the Board that their meeting packets contained a copy of the qualifying list for House District 75.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are three (3) candidates running for House District 75.

Director Dozier informed the Board that included in the Director's Report is the recommendation for the operating hours for Advance Voting for the March 2023 Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the recommended hours for Advance Voting for the March 2023 Special Election are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and at least one Sunday from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Director Dozier informed the Board that at the beginning of every year, she submits a request to the Superior Court judges to ask them for a list of Judges to serve on Election Day in case the office needs to extend polling hours or some other issues come up.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the list of Judges for the 2023 Election Cycle would be provided to the Board at the March 14, 2023, Regular Scheduled Board Meeting.

Director Dozier reminded the Board that several Board Members and office staff would attend the Georgia Association of Voter Registration & Election Official from February 12-15, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she was President-elect and would be sworn in as President at the GAVREO conference.

Director Dozier informed the Board that, if possible, she would like all Board Members to attend the 2024 GAVREO Conference.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the dates for the 2024 GAVREO conference are December 10 – December 13, 2023, in Athens, Georgia.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that since 2024 is a Presidential Election year, the GAVREO conference is being held in December of 2023.

Board Member Wesley inquired about when the information to register for the 2024 GAVREO conference will be published.

Director Dozier informed the Board that registration information would come out in the next few months.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she would like to thank the Board and the Election team for their support while she was on leave.

Secretary Walker inquired about the name of the new voter registration system.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the new voter registration system's name is GAVRiS, which stands for Georgia Voter Registration Information System.

B. Recommendation for Dates & Times of Advance Voting for the March 2023 Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the recommended hours for Advancing Voting for the March 2023 Special Election are Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and at least one Sunday from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Sunday of Advance Voting could be either March 5, 2023, March 12, 2023, or both.

Motion made by Secretary Walker seconded by Board Member Wesley to accept the recommendation for Advance Voting for the March 2023 Special Election as Monday-Friday 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Saturdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

C. Recommendation for Special Called Meeting to be held on March 24, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that March 24, 2023, is the Friday after the March 21, 2023, Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office feels comfortable being ready to certify the election on March 24, 2023.

Motion made by Board Member Wesley seconded by Board Member Hope to accept the recommendation for the Special Called Meeting to be held on March 24, 2023, at 5:30 PM. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

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

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There were no felons.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Board Member Hope to remove the 83 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Election & Registration Elector's List for February 2023 as printed. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

F. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a copy of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration is in their folders.

Director Dozier informed the Board that office is requesting 20 Ballot Marking Devices and 3 Scanners from the Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration.

Motion made by Secretary Walker seconded by Board Member Hope to accept the recommendation for an Intergovernmental Agreement with Rockdale County Board of Elections & Registration for the usage of Voting Equipment for the March 21, 2023, Special Election. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson.

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

There was no Executive Session.

9. *Adjourn.*

Motion made by Secretary Walker seconded by Board Member Hope to adjourn the February 7, 2023, Regular Business Meeting at 5:01 PM. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Absent: Vice Chair Johnson

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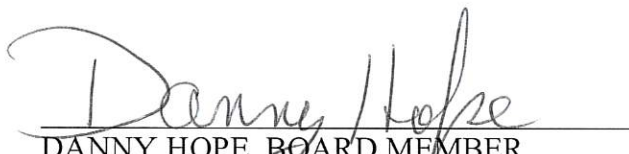
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DANNY HOPE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:


JENNIFER CLEMMER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

