

# CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting

July 11, 2023

4:30 PM

## *APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Foster Hall, Vice-Chair Johnson, Secretary Walker, Board Member Wesley, Board Member Hope, Director Dozier, Attorney Reed, and Administrative Office Aide Lora Luellen.

### REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

1. *Chair called the meeting to order.*

2. *Moment of silence observed.*

3. *Adoption of Agenda:*

**Motion made by Board Member Hope; seconded by Board Member Walker to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting on July 11, 2023 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Board Minutes for June 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

**Motion made by Board Member Wesley; seconded by Vice-Chair Johnson to approve the Minutes for June 13, 2023 Regular Business Meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

5. 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 public comments.**

6. Old Business

**There was no Old Business.**

7. New Business:

A. Director's Report & 2023 Election Updates.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of July 1, 2023, there are 212,322 (186,236 Active: 26,086 Inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board with updates concerning the 2024 Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference that will be held December 10, 2023 - December 13, 2023 in Athens, Ga. GAVREO will be sending out hotel links on August 8, 2023 for hotel reservations.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she met with the Director of Building and Maintenance, Ben Hopkins, on June 20, 2023 concerning space for the Elections and Registration Warehouse. Mr. Hopkins presented Director Dozier with a blueprint of the acquired space, which was about 17,000 square feet. The space would be mapped out to contain separate bathrooms, a polling training location, storage and a computer area.

Director Dozier informed the Board that construction is in the planning stages and a contractor should be secured by July 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that construction would start tentatively by the end of 2024.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the move to the new warehouse would be in 2025.

Director Dozier informed the Board that voting equipment and server would not be moved to the new warehouse until after the Presidential Election Year.

Director Dozier informed the Board that more updates will be provided at a future meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that on June 21, 2023 the Elections office conducted their annual municipal roundtable discussion with the Clayton County municipalities.

Director Dozier informed the Board that all municipalities were not able to attend however, there have been discussions with all regarding the information shared.

Director Dozier informed the Board the Elections Office and the Municipalities have different deadlines. The Elections deadlines to secure contracts are aligned with the elections fiscal year which ends on June 30th.

Director Dozier informed the Board that several surveys will be going out to the municipalities to communicate ways to assist them with their contracts and needs as well as meet our budgetary deadline.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as a follow up, on June 29, 2023 there was a meeting with the municipalities in which the Elections Office entered into an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) to conduct their elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a street audit is being conducted in Clayton County to provide an accurate voter's list to the municipalities by their August candidate qualifying.

Director Dozier informed the Board each municipality was provided their street list to review and return with any changes by the July 14, 2023 deadline. All changes submitted by the municipalities should be completed prior to their qualifying time which is August 21, 2023 – August 25, 2023.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she attended the City of Jonesboro Meeting to respond to any questions the City Council may have in regards to the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement).

Director Dozier informed the Board that Jonesboro City Council did not approve the IGA for the Clayton County Elections Office to conduct their election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there is an outstanding IGA with the City of Jonesboro for the use of our voting equipment that expires December 31, 2023. This agreement will be honored for Jonesboro to utilize the voting equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that another IGA may have to be approved to enter into an agreement with another county because enough equipment may not be on hand if there is a countywide election in November 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the City of Forest Park is now interested in the county conducting their 2023 November General Municipal Election instead of the already established IGA to use the voting equipment.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the county will be presenting 13 precinct boundary line changes to adjust municipal lines to match precinct boundary lines,

Director Dozier informed the Board that all impacted voters will receive a new precinct card upon Board's approval.

Director Dozier informed the Board of upcoming information for the Board Meeting in August. The No Contact Notices for two (2) General Elections will mailed out on July 24, 2023. The No Contact Notices for five (5) years will be mailed out July 31, 2023.

Vice-Chair Johnson asked Director Dozier to explain each of the notices being sent out.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the No Contact Notice – are voters that have not voted in two (2) General Elections, which can mean eight (8) years or four (4) if it is a municipal election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the No Contact Notice - Are the voters that have had no contact with the Elections Office in 5 years and may go into inactive status.

Director Dozier informed the Board that it may take up to ten (10) years before a voter be removed.

Director Dozier informed the Board that if the voter makes any changes to their record, they will be removed from an inactive status. In addition, any response to the notice by the voter will also remove them for an inactive status.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the notices are sent out by the Secretary of State on the behalf of the Elections Office. The Secretary of State mails out these notices every odd year as a way of list maintenance.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County has a total of 10,599 notices in the process of being mailed.

B. Recommendation: Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct Election for City of Forest Park.

**Motion made by Vice-Chair Johnson; seconded by Board Member Hope to approve the recommendation for Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the Municipal Election for the City of Forest Park. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

- C. Proposal No. 03/23 – FP4 Precinct Boundary Change.
- D. Proposal No. 04/23 – FP3 Precinct Boundary Change.
- E. Proposal No. 05/23 – MO1 Precinct Boundary Change.
- F. Proposal No. 06/23 – EW1 Precinct Boundary Change.
- G. Proposal No. 07/23 – RD09 Precinct Boundary Change.
- H. Proposal No. 08/23 – RD04 Precinct Boundary Change.
- I. Proposal No. 09/23 – RD07 Precinct Boundary Change.
- J. Proposal No. 10/23 – JB16 Precinct Boundary Change.
- K. Proposal No. 11/23 – JB02 Precinct Boundary Change.
- L. Proposal No. 12/23 – RD03 Precinct Boundary Change.
- M. Proposal No. 13/23 – RD08 Precinct Boundary Change.
- N. Proposal No. 14/23 – RD01 Precinct Boundary Change
- O. Proposal No. 15/23 – RD12 Precinct Boundary Change

**Motion made by Secretary Walker; second by Board Member Wesley to approve the recommendation for the Precinct Boundary Changes Agenda Items C-O. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

P. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector’s List (if necessary)

**There were no felons to remove.**

Q. Removal of Deceased from Elector’s List (if necessary)

**There were no deceased to remove.**

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8. Executive Session: To consider personnel and/or litigations as necessary.

**There we no Executive Session.**

9. Adjourn.

**Motion made by Board Member Hope; seconded by Board Member Wesley to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried,**

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ARVIS WALKER, SECRETARY

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CAROL WESLEY, BOARD MEMBER

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DANNY HOPE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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LORA LUELLEN, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AIDE