

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting

September 12, 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 Wesley; seconded by Vice-Chair Johnson to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Business Meeting on September 12, 2023, as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Board Minutes for July 11, 2023 Business Meeting.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Johnson; Seconded by Board Member Hope to approve the minutes for July 11, 2023, Regular Business Meeting as printed with noted corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Board Minutes August 8, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

Motion made by Secretary Walker; seconded by Board Member Hope to approve the minutes for August 8, 2023, Regular Business Meeting as printed with noted corrections. Vote 4-0. Motion Carried. Abstained: Vice-Chair Johnson

6. Public Comment(s)

Citizens will be given a three-minute maximum time limit to speak about various topics, issues, and concerns before the Board of Elections and Registration. Public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. After thirty minutes of public hearing, the Board of Elections and Registration will allow the remainder of the citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next regular business meeting.

There were no public comment(s).

7. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

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8. New Business

A. Director's Report & 2023 Election Updates.

The Director's report represented a summary and recap of major operations and activities that have been completed or are ongoing within Elections and Registration for August 2023 and activities since the last Board meeting. The priorities were centered on redistricting for the City of Forest Park, other Pre-Election Day activities associated with the 2023 November General Elections, processing voter registration applications, open record requests, training, performance evaluations and renovations.

Director Dozier informed the Board as of September 1, 2023, there are 212,842 (187,319 Active: 25,523 Inactive) Voters.

Director Dozier informed the Board the Office Team has undergone their performance evaluations and has been submitted to Human Resources.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the 2024 GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICIALS (GAVREO) CONFERENCE will be held December 10, 2023 – December 13, 2023 in Athens, Ga. Director Dozier serves as President and expressed that she would like for all Board Members to attend the upcoming conference if available.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH & DEPUTY REGISTRAR ACTIVITIES for the month of August. Director Dozier further noted that for future events, please submit requests to elections@claytoncountyga.gov.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are no updates concerning the renovation of the Election Center/Former 911 Bunker.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the 2023 Election Calendar dates: The Municipal General/Special Election November 7, 2023 and The Municipal General /Special Election Runoff December 5, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a recommendation for a Polling Place change for JB10 would be presented at the upcoming October Regular Board Meeting. Currently, JB10, is located at St. Phillip Benizi Catholic Church, however, it would no longer serve as a polling place. Processes are being put in place to secure EJ Swift Elementary School as the permanent new JB10.

Director Dozier updated the Board concerning the deadline-driven activities surrounding the redistricting task from the Elections and Registration Office has been completed. Director Dozier further informed the Board that the task was completed by the Registrar Supervisor, Scott Brown. Supervisor Brown took two (2) days off of his vacation time and the Labor Day Holiday in order to get the work done, which totaled about seventy (70) hours. Director Dozier made a recommendation to the Board that Supervisor Brown be compensated, if appropriate, for the 70 hours of his vacation

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time used to complete the task. Supervisor Brown is a salaried employee and doesn't receive pay for extra hours. Director Dozier requested the consideration of the Board.

The Board thanked Supervisor Brown for his dedication and job well done.

Director Dozier informed the Board in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-234 confirmation notices were set for mailing. An estimated 5,895 No Contact (moves to inactive status) and 4,707 No Contact for two General Elections (NGE) (inactive for 2 General Elections) will be removed. Mail Confirmation notices were mailed to impacted voters. The NGE was mailed by the Secretary of State's office and the No Contact (5,985) was mailed from the county on August 10, 2023. The file of all voters impacted has been shared on the front page of our website (courtesy of the Secretary of State's site) for public viewing. An update will be provided at the Regular October meeting.

Director Dozier updated the Board that qualifying for all the municipalities was August 21, 2023 through August 25, 2023.

Director Dozier informed the Board that, as a result, the City of Forest Park and the City of Lake City have requested to cancel their elections based on only one candidate qualifying for each post. Per the Georgia Election Code, that election can be canceled because that person can be deemed to have voted for themselves.

Motion made by Chair Foster Hall; seconded by Vice-Chair Johnson to cancel the November 2023 Elections for the City of Forest Park and City of Lake City. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED FOR FUTURE REPORTING PERIODS:

- Preparations for 2023 November Elections
- Preparations for 2024 Elections
- Street Audits
- Precinct Boundary Line Change Request(s) If Necessary
- Open Records Request
- Plan Voter Education/Outreach Events

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B. Discussion: Email Concerning Commissioner Franklin

Attorney Reed informed the Board concerning an email that was sent to the Board and a Probate Judge on August 6, 2023, from a citizen relating to a complaint against Clayton County Commissioner Felecia Franklin Warner alleging various county, and state elections and oath of office violations during the 2020 Elections Cycle.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Johnson; seconded by Secretary Walker to send a letter to the originator(s) with signatures of all Board Members referencing the email concerning Commissioner Franklin. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

C. Recommendation Advance Voting Locations: 2023 November General Election

Director Dozier informed the Board of recommendations to expand Early Voting locations across the county to (8) eight early voting locations to provide more access to our Clayton County Voters to vote in advance of Election Day based on changes since the end of qualifying.

Director Dozier informed the Board should there be a need for a Runoff, a recommendation to customize early voting locations will be recommended and proposed to the Board of Elections and Registration.

Director Dozier informed the Board of the recommendation for times and locations during Early Voting:

- 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Monday – Friday
- Saturdays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- At least one Sunday from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

PROPOSED ADVANCE VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS
MORROW CITY HALL	1500 MORROW ROAD MORROW, GA
FOREST PARK SENIOR CENTER	5087 PARK AVENUE FOREST PARK, GA 30297
CARL RHODENIZER RECREATION CENTER	3499 REX ROAD REX, GA 30273
VIRGINIA BURTON GRAY RECREATION CENTER	1475 EAST FAYETTEVILLE ROAD RIVERDALE, GA 30273
SOUTH CLAYTON RECREATION CENTER	1837 MCDONOUGH ROAD HAMPTON, GA 30228
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – ELECTIONS OFFICE	121 S. MCDONOUGH STREET JONESBORO, GA 30326
LAKE SPIVEY RECREATION CENTER	2300 WALT STEPHENS ROAD

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CITY OF COLLEGE PARK FIRE STATION

JONESBORO, GA 30236
3737 COLLEGE STREET
COLLEGE PARK, GA 30337

Motion made by Board Member Hope; seconded by Vice-Chair Johnson to accept the recommendations for Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, South Clayton Recreation Center, Historic Courthouse-Elections Office, Lake Spivey Recreation Center and the City of College Park Fire Station with the recommended times 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Monday – Friday; Saturdays 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; and at least one Sunday from 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM as the Early Voting locations across the county for the 2023 November General Election.

Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

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

There were no Felons to remove.

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

Motion made by Secretary Walker; seconded by Board member Hope to remove the 213 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections and Registration Elector’s List for September 2023 as printed.

Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried

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

There was no Executive Session.

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by Secretary Walker; seconded by Board Member Wesley to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 5:10 PM.

Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.

NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 10,2023

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DARLENE JOHNSON, VICE-CHAIR

ARVIS WALKER, SECRETARY

CAROL WESLEY, BOARD MEMBER

DANNY HOPE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR