

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Board Meeting  
7946 North McDonough Street  
Jonesboro, Ga 30236

January 10, 2023  
4:30 PM

*APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chair Johnson, Secretary Foster Hall, Treasurer Wesley, Board Member Walker, Board Member Hope, Registrar Manager Brown, Attorney Reed, and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Clemmer.

**REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING**

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

**Motion made by Secretary Foster Hall seconded by Board Member Walker to adopt the agenda with the addition of item J: Recommendation for Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Jonesboro for the usage of Voting Equipment. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

4. *Approval of Board Minutes for December 9, 2022 Special Called Meeting.*

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to approve minutes from the Special Called Meeting for December 9, 2022. Vote 3 Approved 2 Abstentions. Motion Carried.**

5. *Approval of Board Minutes for December 9, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.*

**Motion made by Secretary Foster Hall seconded by Treasurer Wesley to approve minutes from the Regular Business Meeting for December 9, 2022. Vote 3 Approved 2 Abstentions. Motion Carried.**

6. *Public Comment(s):*

**There were no Public Comments.**

7. *Old Business:*

**There was no Old Business.**

8. *New Business:*

A. Election of Board of Registration & Election Officers.

Chair Johnson nominated Secretary Foster Hall for Board Chair.

Secretary Foster Hall accepted the nomination.

**Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Board Member Hope to appoint Dorothy Foster Hall as the Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration for the year 2023. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Chair Johnson nominated herself for Vice Chair.

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**Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Board Member Hope to appoint Darlene Johnson as Vice Chair of the Board of Election & Registration for the year 2023. Vote 3-1. Motion carried.**

Secretary Foster Hall nominated Board Member Walker for Secretary.

Board Member Walker accepted the nomination.

Board Member Walker nominated Treasurer Wesley for Secretary.

Treasurer Wesley declined the nomination.

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Board Member Hope to close the nomination for Secretary of the Board of Election & Registration for the year 2023. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Board Member Hope to appoint Arvis Walker as Secretary of the Board of Election & Registration for the year 2023. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

The 2023 Board Appointed Positions are as follows:

Dorothy Foster Hall, *Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration*

Darlene Johnson, *Vice Chair of the Board of Elections & Registration*

Arvis Walker, *Secretary of the Board of Elections & Registration*

**B. Director's Report & 2023 Election Update.**

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the report would be a brief summary of the operations completed in the office for December 2022.

Registrar Manager welcomed the new Board Members, Mrs. Arvis Walker and Mr. Danny Hope.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that he looks forward to serving the new Board Members and helping in any way possible.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the 2023 Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, 2023, to Wednesday, February 15, 2023, in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that if any one of the Board members would like to attend the GAVREO conference to please let Ms. Clemmer know at the end of the meeting.

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Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office recommends the Board move the next Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, to Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the recommendation is because many of the office staff and several Board members will be attending the GAVREO conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office will be closed Monday, January 16, 2023, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the Election office at 121 McDonough Street, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236 is currently closed due to severe water damage, and temporarily relocated to 1285 Government Circle, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that during the Christmas Break, a water pipe burst flooding the second and first floors of the main office.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office is waiting for repairs to be done and the carpet to be replaced before the main office can open back up.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the main office has limited registration activities and staff working at 1285 Government Circle to take care of any voters while the main office is closed.

Secretary Foster Hall inquired about the status of the repairs at the main office.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office is waiting on the carpet to be replaced to get rid of any possible mold or mildew, and currently there is no timeline given for completion.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that included in the Director's Report is the 2023 Election Calendar.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the dates reflect the scheduled election dates for the State of Georgia, yet Clayton County may not have a scheduled election and is subject to change

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that he received an update on the renovation of the Election Warehouse at 1117 Battle Creek, Jonesboro, Georgia. Building and Maintenance are currently going through the Central Services Department to get a contact for an architect to design and draw the layout for the space located on Battle Creek Road.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the staff was asked to vacate the office space located at 7946 North McDonough Street, Jonesboro, Georgia to which the office responded that it was not possible until there is enough space elsewhere.

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Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that on the agenda is the recommendation to call a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Sheriff and for the Clayton County Public School SPLOST.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the Special Election would be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, and if needed the runoff election would be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Chair Johnson inquired about the qualifying dates for the Special Election held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that if the Special Election is called by the Board, then the dates and hours of qualifying will be Monday, January 23, 2023, through Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, and Friday, January 27, 2023, from 9:00 am – 12:00 PM.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that on the agenda is a recommendation for Advance Voting Locations for the 2023 March Special Election.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the recommended locations are Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, South Clayton Recreation Center, Election and Registration Office, and Lake Spivey Recreation Center.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the recommendation for Advance Voting operation hours is Monday-Friday 8 AM – 7 PM and Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the Director's Report also listed the City of Jonesboro located at 1859 City Center Way, Jonesboro, Georgia as an Advance Voting Location which was going to be used if the office were to conduct the City of Jonesboro's Election.

Chair Johnson inquired about whether the office would be conducting the City of Jonesboro Election.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the office would not be conducting the City of Jonesboro's election, yet the City of Jonesboro will be using the office's voting equipment.

Chair Johnson inquired about when the City of Jonesboro would be conducting its election.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the City of Jonesboro's election will be on March 21, 2023.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that as of January 1, 2023, there are 207,317 (179,763 active: 27,554 inactive) voters.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that several members of the office attended the Secretary of State Training Conference in Athens, GA on January 4 - 6, 2023.

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Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that the Conference covered the new voter registration system (GARViS).

Chair Johnson inquired about whether GARViS will be ready for 2024.

Registrar Manager Brown informed the Board that GARViS is supposed to launch at the beginning of February 2023.

C. Recommendation to change February Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date.

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation to change the date of the February Regular Scheduled Business Meeting from Tuesday, February 14, 2023 to Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 4:30 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

D. Recommendation for Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct the Special Election for Clayton County Public Schools SPLOST

**Motion made by Chair Johnson seconded by Board Member Walker to accept the recommendation for the Intergovernmental Agreement to Conduct the Special Election for Clayton County Public Schools SPLOST. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

E. Recommendation to Call Special Election for Clayton County Public School SPLOST

**Motion made by Secretary Foster Hall seconded by Board Member Walker to accept the recommendation to Call a Special Election for Clayton County Public Schools SPLOST to be held on March 21, 2023. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

F. Recommendation to Call Special Election for Clayton County Sheriff

**Motion made by Board Member Walker seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation to Call a Special Election for Clayton County Sheriff. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

G. Recommendations for Advance Voting Location for the 2023 March Special Elections.

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation for Advance Voting Locations to include Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, South Clayton Recreation Center, Registration & Election Office, and Lake Spivey Recreation Center. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

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

**There were no Felons.**

I. Removal of decreased from elector's list (if necessary)

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**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to remove the 59 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Election & Registration Elector's List for January 2023 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

J. Recommendation for Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Jonesboro for the usage of Voting Equipment.

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Secretary Foster Hall to accept the recommendation for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Jonesboro for the usage of Voting Equipment. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

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

**There was no Executive Session.**

10. *Adjourn.*

**Motion made by Treasurer Wesley seconded by Board Member Hope to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 5:16 PM. Vote Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

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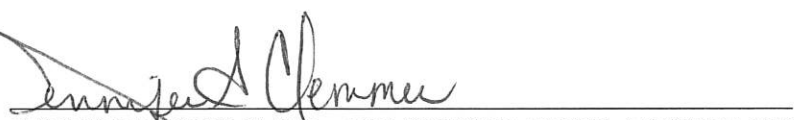
  
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DANNY HOPE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

  
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JENNIFER CLEMMER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT