

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Regular Business Meeting
Zoom Communication

June 8, 2021
4:30 PM

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Darlene Johnson, Vice-Chair Diane Givens, Treasurer Carol Wesley, Secretary Dorothy Foster-Hall, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Attorney Charles Reed, and Administrative Assistant Brianna Garrett.

REGULAR CALLED BOARD MEETING

1. *Chair called the meeting to order.*

2. *Moment of silence observed.*

3. *Adoption of Agenda:*

Motion made by Vice Chair Givens; seconded by Treasurer Wesley to adopt the agenda for the Virtual Regular Board Meeting on June 8, 2021 as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Approval of May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Board Member Pullar; seconded by Treasurer Wesley to accept the May 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Approval of June 1, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Secretary Foster-Hall; seconded by Vice Chair Givens to accept the June 1, 2021 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes with noted explanation. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

6. *Public Comment(s)*

Anita Powell of Jonesboro, Ga submitted a comment that reads “Where can I get a copy of Clayton County Charter establishing the Board and is there a fee to obtain a copy?”

7. *Old Business*

A. Board Directives, as necessary

There were no Board Directives.

8. *New Business*

A. Director’s Report & 2021 Election updates.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of June 7, 2021, there are 207,079 (197,987 Active: 9,092 Inactive) Voters

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Director Dozier informed the Board that the office was informed that the Secretary of State's Office plans to mail out county confirmations for No Contact for 2 General Elections in accordance to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-234. The projected date is June 18, 2021. An update will be provided at the next regular Board meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the call for the Special Election on September 21, 2021 to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1 will be placed in the legal organ starting Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Director Dozier informed the Board that this information will be on the front page of the Elections & Registration website and provided to the Communications Department.

Director Dozier informed the Board that qualifying for the Special Election shall be held at the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration Office, 121 South McDonough Street, Annex II, Main Floor Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The dates and hours of qualifying are: Monday, July 19, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, July 20, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 21, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fee at \$1,068 at the June 1, 2021 Regular Board Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Monday, August 23, 2021, is the last day to register to vote for all persons who are not registered to vote and who desire to vote in the Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are 18 precincts that are eligible to vote in the Special Elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Logic and Accuracy Testing is scheduled to tentatively start Monday, August 16, 2021, and shall continue until completion.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Poll Worker Training is tentatively scheduled to start September 7, 2021, through September 17, 2021.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of this date Clayton County is the only county conducting an election in September and was confirmed by the Secretary of State.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the 2021 Georgia Voter Registration & Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference is still scheduled for August 29 – September 1, 2021, with restrictions lifted.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the 2021 Georgia Voter Registration & Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference dates also coincide with first day of Early & Advanced Voting for the September 21, 2021 Special Election.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she and the staff are working on a plan that ensures representation of the office at both the GAVREO Conference and Early & Advance Voting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she was not able provide a response to Vice-Chair Given's question from the June Special Called Board Meeting inquiring about having adequate staff for Advanced voting on the Sunday during the holiday weekend for the 2021 September Special Election because she had not spoken with the Seasonal/Temporary Staff.

Director Dozier informed the Board that after speaking with Seasonal/Temporary Staff, overall the feedback given from staff members suggests that staff members were on-board with serving on Sunday, September 12, 2021 more so than September 5, 2021 due to the Federal Holiday, Labor Day Weekend.

Director Dozier informed the Board that after canvassing Seasonal/Temporary Staff, staff members expressed that serving on Sunday, September 5, 2021 impacts prescheduled travel holiday plans and would prefer to have the two-day weekend.

Director Dozier informed the Board that after inquiring with Seasonal/Temporary Staff about advanced voting hours that would include more flexibility for voters, having advanced voting hours from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. during Week 1, 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. during Week 2, and 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. during Week 3 was the overall feedback given from staff members.

Board Member Pullar recommended that advanced voting hours be more consistent for the entire duration of the Special Election with operation hours starting at 8:00 A.M. and ending at 7:00 P.M.

Board Member Pullar commented that she understands the staff having plans for the holiday however they work for the Board of Elections and that there may be elections that coincide with holidays, therefore the focus should be on accommodating the voters more so than the staff.

Board Member Pullar recommended that an exception be made for the staff for this particular election by having one Sunday voting day however; moving forward the expectation to serve on weekends and holidays is adhered to.

Director Dozier informed the Board that during the interview process potential candidates complete a supplemental questionnaire for weekends and holidays and the office will continue to include the supplemental questionnaire in the recruiting process with the understanding that applicants must sign off indicating that they are available to work weekends, holidays, and over time at short notice. However, the Special Election was unexpected, therefore Seasonal Temporary staff expected return date was set for October 2021.

Vice Chair Givens commented that she would like to see a balance between accommodating both the voters and staff during this election and recommended operating hours of 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. during one of the advanced voting weeks.

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Motion made by Board Member Pullar; seconded by Vice Chair Givens to conduct advanced voting for the September 21, 2021 Special Election to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1 at 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday with one Sunday voting day on September 12th and two mandatory Saturday voting days on September 4th and September 11th in accordance to Senate Bill 202. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Director Dozier recommended having four advanced voting locations for the September 21, 2021 Special Election to the Board. The recommended locations are as follows: Elections and Registration Office, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, and Forest Park Branch Library as an alternate location for the Forest Park Senior Center.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Technician Scott Brown has spoken with the Manager of the Forest Park Senior Center who is presenting the request to the Forest Park City Manager and is awaiting a response.

Director Dozier informed the Board that this recommendation ensures that the City of Forest Park has full access to their voting location during Municipal Elections in November. This recommendation also prevents any interferences in the event that there is a runoff from the September 21, 2021 Special Election.

Board Member Pullar recommended securing the Forest Park Senior Center as a permanent early voting location.

Attorney Reed provided context to the Board in the event voters inquire as to why the Board issued a call for a Special Election with a date of September 21, 2021 as opposed to a different date. This date was set in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 36-5-21a and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-540(c)(1)(iii) which makes the third Tuesday in September the next available date for the District 1 Commission Special Election

Motion made by Board Member Pullar; seconded by Vice Chair Givens to conduct advanced voting for the September 21, 2021 Special Election to fill the unexpired term of County Commission District 1 at the: Elections and Registration Office, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Morrow City Hall, Forest Park Senior Center, and the Forest Park Library if the Forest Park Senior Center is not available. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

B. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list.

There were no felons.

C. Removal of deceased from elector's list.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar; seconded by Secretary Foster-Hall to remove the 91 names listed as deceased voters from the Clayton County Elections & Registration Elector's List as printed. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

There was no executive session.

10. *Adjourn.*

Motion made by Chair Johnson to adjourn the Virtual Regular Board Meeting at 5:11 P.M. Motion seconded by Board Member Pullar Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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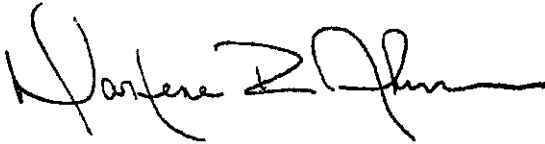
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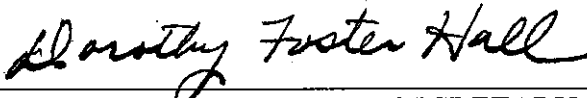
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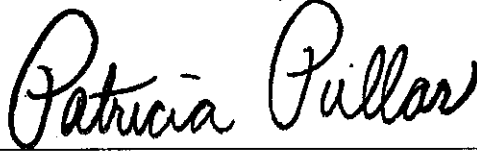
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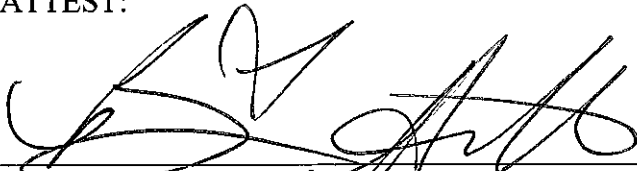


PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER



CAROL WESLEY, TREASURER

ATTEST:



BRIANNA GARRETT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT