

CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting
4:00 P.M.

May 17, 2016

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Dorothy Hall, Vice-Chairman Patricia Pullar, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Harry Osborne, Board Member George Sligh, Director Shauna Dozier and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. GUEST: Reginald McClendon, Staff Attorney.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of silence observed.
3. Motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Board Member George Sligh, to adopt the agenda for the May 17, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Board Member George Sligh, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:
 - A. Director's Report.
 - B. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Electors' List. (If available)
 - C. Hearing to Remove Returned Mail of Deceased Voters. (If available)
 - D. Hearing to Remove Felons from Electors' List. (If available)
 - E. Update to Challenge Hearing: Byars vs. Cox
Mr. Cox's voting status is being challenged pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-229 and 21-2-230; and Mr. Cox's qualifications for candidacy are being challenged pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-6. (Reginald McClendon – Staff Attorney)
 - F. Appointment of Managers and Assistant Managers for the May 24, 2016 General/Nonpartisan/Special Election.
 - G. Retirement Recognition for Ms. Lucille Pettaway.
7. Board Member Osborne commended Ms. Dozier for the April 2016 Operations Report.
8. Director Dozier stated as of May 1, 2016 there were 160,584 registered voters.
9. Director Dozier stated as of May 16, 2016 there have been 4,808 votes cast for the May 24, 2016 General Primary Election. There have been a total of 816 Absentee by Mail votes cast to include 166 Republicans, 482 Democrats, and 213 Non-Partisan. There have been a total of 219 UOCAVA ballots to include 47 Democrats, 17 Republicans, and 9 Non-Partisan. There have been a total of 3,773 In-Person ballots cast to include 3,457 Democrats, 237 Republicans, and 79 Non-Partisan.

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10. Ms. Dozier informed the Board of the EasyVote piloting program for the May General Election being conducted in the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center and the Elections and Registration Office advance locations. The program pre-populates the absentee application and eliminates the need for the voter to manually complete an application. There have been no complaints about the piloting program.

11. Director Dozier stated the office had received information from the Secretary of State's Office regarding withdrawn candidates James Knox and Tammy Hayward. Notification has been posted in the Advance locations and will be posted in the Election Day precincts as well. In addition, we are required by law to include the notifications with the absentee ballots by mail.

In addition, there was a change in the ballot under the District Attorney's race. Clayton County was not at fault, but our database, Logic and Accuracy, and ballots had to be corrected. The office will begin tabulation at 7 a.m. due to the process of duplication.

12. Ms. Dozier stated that April was High School Voter Registration Month. Our office trained 22 teachers, principals, assistant principals, or their designee. All applications were processed by the voter registration deadline.

13. Ms. Dozier stated that Advance Voting has been moved to upstairs in the Ceremonial Courtroom of the Historic Courthouse and does provide an elevator and stair access for voters. There have been a few comments Ms. Dozier has addressed regarding the move. The Ceremonial Courtroom provides more space to vote; and helps protect the integrity of the office and the confidential records in the office.

14. Ms. Dozier stated that the office has undergone training to be better prepared and more hands on during the elections process. It has been very receptive.

15. Approved the list of deceased voters to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

16. Approved the list of felons to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

17. Ms. Dozier stated that 364 voters cast ballots during Sunday voting at the four Advance Voting locations.

18. Reginald McClendon, Staff Attorney, reported that the Clayton County Superior Court had officially dismissed the appeal of Stanley Byars. Mr. Cox is eligible to run for office and be a Clayton County voter.

19. Approved the list of managers and assistant managers appointed to work in the May 24, 2016 General Primary Election. Vote unanimous.

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20. The Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration and Ms. Dozier recognized Ms. Lucille Pettaway with a resolution for her retirement.
21. Board Member George Sligh submitted his official letter of resignation to Secretary Ash of the Board of Elections and Registration effective May 18, 2016.
22. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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There being no further business, motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Board Member Sligh to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m. Vote unanimous.

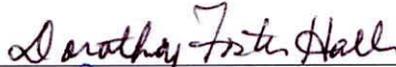
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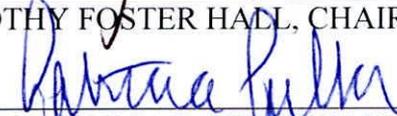
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DOROTHY FOSTER HALL, CHAIRMAN



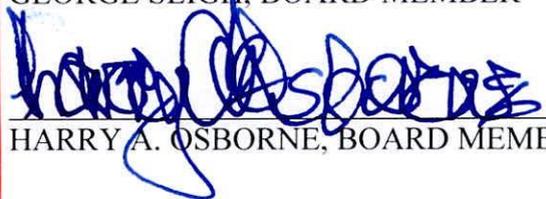
PATRICIA PULLAR, VICE-CHAIRMAN



RUTH F. ASH, SECRETARY



GEORGE SLIGH, BOARD MEMBER



HARRY A. OSBORNE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:



ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK