

CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting  
4:00 P.M.

April 19, 2016

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Dorothy Hall, Vice-Chairman Patricia Pullar, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Harry Osborne, Director Shauna Dozier and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. NOT PRESENT: Board Member George Sligh 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 Secretary Ash to adopt the agenda for the April 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Motion passes 4-0. Board Member Sligh was absent.
4. Approved the March 15, 2016 Regular Business Meeting. Motion passes 4-0. Board Member Sligh was absent.
5. Old Business:

Vice-Chairman Pullar stated she would like to follow up on the request for the Elections Director to review all policies within the Elections Division, make recommendations to the Board and find out when the policies were written and whether or not it is in compliance with the County's requirements for staff and residency.

Director Dozier indicated the information is in the Director's Report.

6. New Business:
  - A. Director's Report.
  - B. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Elector's List. (If available)
  - D. Hearing to Remove Returned Mail of Deceased Voters. (If available)
  - E. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List. (If available)
7. Director Dozier stated as of April 1, 2016 there were 159,868 registered voters.
8. Director Dozier stated there have been 469 ballots mailed out at this time, and of those 469 ballots, there have been 15 returned to the office.
9. Ms. Dozier informed the Board that April is High School Voter Registration month. During this time, our office deputizes principals, assistant principals, or their designees to conduct voter registration for the high school seniors seventeen and a half or older to prepare for the upcoming elections.

Ms. Dozier stated there would be a training conducted on April 21, 2016 for these teachers. At this time, there are twenty-two teachers scheduled for training at the Professional Learning Center on Battlecreek Road in Jonesboro.

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10. Director Dozier stated there would be a second voter registration event taking place Saturday, April 23, 2016. The Spring Fling will be at the South Clayton Recreation Center from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

11. Director Dozier stated that April 12, 2016 poll worker training began with the office staff and a copy of the training schedule could be found in their packets along with the number of poll workers trained thus far. If any Board members are interested in attending to please let her know.

12. Ms. Dozier informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners would review the recommendation of Sunday Voting Resolution 2016-78 this evening. Sunday Voting will be conducted May 15, 2016 for the General Primary Election and October 30, 2016 for the November 2, 2016 General Election.

13. Director Dozier informed the Board she had briefly spoken to Jonesboro City Clerk Ricky Clark regarding possibly conducting an election in November due to the passing of a Council Member.

14. Director Dozier stated the Coordinator job description is still under review.

15. Vice-Chairman Pullar asked Director Dozier if she had been contacted regarding the Saturday and Sunday voting for the General Primary Election at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. Ms. Pullar explained that she understood there was to be a large turnout and wanted to be sure there would be an adequate number of staff and voting machines on site.

Director Dozier assured Ms. Pullar she had been made aware of the large volume of voters at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center. Also, because graduation falls on Election Day in May, our office is pushing Early/Absentee Voting.

16. Board Member Osborne asked Director Dozier if there was any testing on the content of poll worker training.

Ms. Dozier explained currently there is no testing. She had spoken with the staff and there had not been any testing. This is something she is working on.

Director Dozier further explained that the training had been revitalized to include more information in the Poll Worker Manual and more hands on training for the poll workers.

Mr. Osborne requested a recommendation from the Elections Director about a test at the conclusion of training.

Chairman Hall asked what the consequence would be if the poll worker failed.

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Board Member Osborne stated if they do not pass the test then they would not be a poll worker. Mr. Osborne asked why they would want someone to work that did not pass the test.

Chairman Hall stated just because they fail the test does not mean they cannot perform.

Secretary Ash agreed with Chairman Hall citing her thirty-two year experience as a teacher.

Chairman Hall asked if there had been any complaints because she understood there had never been any testing.

Vice-Chairman Pullar asked Director Dozier why she recommended the testing.

Director Dozier stated it is an opportunity to understand what the poll workers know and what we need to work on.

Vice-Chairman Pullar inquired if any other counties conducting testing.

Ms. Dozier stated yes there are some counties who conduct training.

Ms. Pullar asked what if they fail the test in other counties.

Ms. Dozier explained the person is given another opportunity to take the test and if they fail they are not certified to work as a poll worker.

Secretary Ash stated she thought the performance of a poll worker was monitored by the Poll Manager and they accepted responsibility.

Vice-Chairman Pullar stated she did not believe that a person should not be a poll worker just because they do not pass a test.

17. Approved the list of deceased voters to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Motion passes 4-0. Board Member Sligh was absent.

18. Approved the list of felons to be removed from the electors' list by Board hearing. Motion passes 4-0. Board Member Sligh was absent.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chuck Ware of Riverdale, GA requested a copy of the new voter's list and asked why a number of people who had applied as poll workers were never contacted.

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Director Dozier explained there is list of poll workers maintained in the office for contacting applicants as needed.

Mr. Ware asked for the specific dates of Saturday and Sunday Voting for the General Primary.

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There being no further business, motion by Vice-Chairman Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 4:29 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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GEORGE SLIGH, BOARD MEMBER

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HARRY A. OSBORNE, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK