

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting  
4:30 p.m.

February 14, 2017

SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Dorothy Hall, Vice-Chairman Harry Osborne, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Board Member Carol Wesley, Director Shauna Dozier and Clerk Sharon Bowden-Radford.

1. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of silence observed.
3. Motion by Board Member Wesley, second by Secretary Ash, to adopt the agenda for the February 14, 2017 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Vice-Chairman Osborne, second by Secretary Ash, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Regular Business Meetings of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
6. Old Business:
  - A. Board Policy on Distribution of Voter Registration Applications.
7. New Business:
  - A. Director's Report.
  - B. Hearing to remove felons from elector's list.
  - C. Hearing to remove deceased voters from elector's list.
8. Director Dozier requested the Board reconsider and repeal the policy on distribution of voter registration applications until the needs of the community are determined.

Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Chairman Hall, to repeal the policy on distribution of voter registration applications until a study of the needs of the community is conducted. Motion passes 4-1. Vice-Chairman Osborne abstained.

Vice-Chairman Osborne requested the impetus for the recommendation of the repeal.

Director Dozier stated it would provide her an opportunity to review and reassess the needs of the community to include canvassing other county's policies; and identifying people in the community who have shown interest in voter registration and deputy registrars.

Board Member Pullar stated for the record she did not ask for this rescindment and was not aware Director Dozier was presenting this information to Board at this meeting.

Director Dozier confirmed Board Member Pullar's statement.

9. Director Dozier stated as of February 1, 2017 there are 176,714 registered voters to include 144,970 active voters and 31,744 inactive voters.

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10. Director Dozier informed the Board of upcoming voter registration events to include voter education and High School Voter Registration Month where teachers and College Presidents or their designee will be trained in March. Ms. Dozier stated she is working with Clayton County Public Schools to identify those teachers.

11. Director Dozier stated the office attended Leadership Clayton in which activities and events in the office were discussed and how Leadership Clayton can help us in our quest to conduct voter registration. Also, the office conducted a voter education tour for approximately fourteen Mundy's Mill High School students ranging in age from fifteen to twenty years old encouraging the students to become involved with voter registration in the community.

12. Director Dozier discussed the ClickClayton application being utilized for voter education in the community to include a section entitled Vote, My Precinct where an elector can input their address and their local, state, and federal elected officials will be displayed. During election cycles sample ballots will be available through the app. The office is also working with the Department of Information Technology to further develop and promote the application.

13. Vice-Chairman Osborne asked how the fourteen high school students were selected.

Director Dozier explained Ms. Mundy contacted her regarding an annual tour for her students who enjoy the voter education opportunity. The students enjoyed and participated in an ExpressPoll and DRE training demonstration where they were able to mock vote.

Ms. Dozier explained to the Board that she, Clayton County Solicitor Tasha Mosley, and the Clayton County Public School System are coordinating to conduct further tours and to conduct tours within the schools.

Board Member Pullar stated the purpose is to build confidence in the process through voter education from the voter registration application to counting ballots.

Director Dozier encouraged the Board to notify her of any opportunities to conduct voter education.

Board Member Pullar suggested contacting the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce, veteran organizations, and senior citizen organizations to conduct voter education. Also, for the Board to attend any additional trainings in order to better implement policy.

Board Member Pullar also suggested expanding poll worker training to incorporate a better understanding of the machines and provisional voting.

14. Director Dozier asked the Board to verify all updated contact information.

15. Director Dozier informed the Board of proposed municipal redistricting for the cities of Jonesboro, Lake City, Lovejoy, and Morrow. At this time, the information has not been submitted to Director Dozier.

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Ms. Dozier explained she has been in touch with GIS and the reapportionment office regarding the shapefile once legislation is read and how it will impact the office. Depending on implementation will determine if redistricting will need to be completed during the summer before qualifying for the General Election in November. The office may need to go into overtime capacity.

Board Member Pullar asked if the County would be conducting any municipal elections this year.

Director Dozier stated only the City of Riverdale for the November General Election, but the cities have been in contact with office regarding redistricting.

Board Member Pullar asked about the reason for redistricting.

Director Dozier stated her understanding is to create districts with representation instead of having everything at large.

16. Director Dozier notified the Board of the new Elections and Registration Official Supervisor, Kamardi Carter.

17. Director Dozier provided the Board with the responses from Shalanda Miller, Senior Staff Attorney, to be discussed at the next Board meeting regarding the election of Board Officers, enacted legislation, and bylaws of the Board of Elections and Registration.

18. Director Dozier stated there is legislation that has been introduced regarding elections and registration; and Ms. Dozier will have a report prepared for the next meeting.

19. Board Member Pullar asked if there are dates for GEOA.

Director Dozier stated the dates for the GEOA Conference is May 7, 2017 – May 10, 2017 in Savannah and the VRAG Conference is Aug 6, 2017 - Aug 9, 2017 in Augusta. Ms. Dozier has been in touch with the President regarding training for Board Members per the request of Vice-Chairman Osborne and understands the committee will be meeting soon to prepare an agenda. Director Dozier will provide an update next week.

20. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Secretary Ash, to remove the list of felons from the electors' list. Vote unanimous.

21. Motion by Board Member Wesley, second by Secretary Ash, to remove the list of deceased voters from the electors' list. Vote unanimous.

22. Secretary Ash stated she would like to list her home phone number on the Board contact information list.

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There being no further business, motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Secretary Ash to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 5:10 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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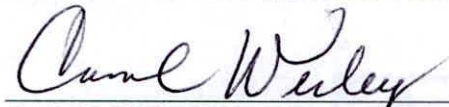
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ATTEST:

  
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