

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Regular Business Meeting  
4:30P.M.

March 13, 2018

*POST SUMMARY MINUTES*

PRESENT: Chairman Harry Osborne, Secretary Ruth Ash, Board Member Carol Wesley, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Kamardi Carter, and Administrative Assistant Brianna Garrett

*1. Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order.*

*2. Moment of silence observed.*

*3. Adoption of Agenda:*

**Motion made by Board Member Carol Wesley, seconded by Secretary Ruth Ash. Voting strength of 4; Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*4. Approval of February 13, 2018 Regular Business Meeting minutes:*

**Motion made by Chairman Harry Osbourne, seconded by Board Member Carol Wesley. Voting strength of 4; Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.**

*5. PUBLIC COMMENT:* Citizens will be given a three minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Following thirty minutes of hearing from the public, the Board of Elections and Registration will allow the remainder of citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next regular business meeting.

There were no comments made by the public.

*6. Old Business:*

A. Board Directive to Lobby for Elections Technician Position

Chairman Osborne reiterated that he spoke with Commissioner Edmondson about the Elections Technician position. He inquired with the other board members of their status on speaking with their commissioner.

Board Member Pullar informed the Board that Commissioner, Sonna Singleton Gregory, will address the matter in July, after primaries.

Board Member Wesley informed the Board that she spoke with Commissioner Gail Hambrick.

Chair Osborne stressed the need for the Board Members to lobby for the Elections Technician position.

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*7. New Business*

A. Director's Report:

Director Dozier provided the Board of Elections with a monthly operations report for the month of February 2018.

Director Dozier informed the board that there is one full time and three part time positions vacant at the time. Virginia Cooper resigned as of March 8, 2018. Director Dozier was thankful for her 5 years of service with Elections and Registration.

Director Dozier reviewed the 2018 Georgia Election Official (GEOA) and Voter Registrars Association (VRAG) Combined Conference dates, March 25-28, 2018. Supervisor Carter will be presenting an exhibition on voter registration.

Director Dozier introduced the new financial system that Clayton County is undergoing. The county is in the process of transitioning all employees into the usage of this system.

Director Dozier provided the Board with the 2018 Judges' On-Call schedule for the 2018 Election cycle. Director Dozier informed the Board that a new schedule will be provided for January 2019.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Elections and Registration office collected \$17,324.57 in qualifying fees from the Republican Party candidates, Democratic Party candidates, and the Non-Partisan candidates at the conclusion of the 2018 May Primary qualifying period.

Director Dozier included a list of candidates and submitted questions from political parties in the board's packets.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the information has been submitted to the Secretary of State office.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Board of Elections and Registration received three petitions from the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission, during the 2018 Qualifying period.

Director Dozier further informed the Board that the office will verify the petitions and provide an update in future meetings.

Chair Osborne inquired on if there were any regulations on the type of ballot questions that could be submitted for partisan parties. Director Dozier was not aware of any imposed regulations at the time.

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Director Dozier informed the Board that she will provide a follow up at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, there are 175,122 voters in Clayton County.

Per Board Member Pullar's request, Director Dozier provided the Board with the timeline of the No Change of Address (NCOA) Confirmation notice process which impacted Voters in 2017.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Secretary of State Elections has directed counties to update certain addresses of Voters who moved within the county impacted by the 2017 NCOA list maintenance process. Clayton County Board of Elections has 860 records to update. Director Dozier informed the Board that the task was completed.

Director Dozier discussed The Voter Participation Center (VPC), which sends out partially completed voter registration applications to voters in Georgia who they believe are not registered to vote.

Recipients of these letters get a partially completed voter registration application, usually with the name and address completed, but needing all other personal information to be supplied by the applicant.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration could receive an estimated 13,726 mailings from voters impacted by the VPC mailing as reported from State Elections Division.

Director Dozier explained that the VPC is not affiliated with the Secretary of State's Office nor Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration.

Director Dozier included contact information in the board packet, in the case that anyone wanted to submit concerns or seek further information to the VPC organization.

Chair Osborne directed Director Dozier to contact the VPC organization to seek an understanding of how they are gathering and compiling the citizens' information. Director Dozier will provide an update at the next meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration received a letter from the National Voter Registration Day Organization for the department's participation in Nation Voter Registration Day. According to the letter, Clayton County ranked among the top 100 partners in terms of how many voters were registered on National Voter Registration Day 2017.

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Director Dozier informed that Board that Supervisor Carter's photo from the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration National Voter Registration Event was featured in the 2017 National Voter Registration Day Final Report.

B. 2018 Election Voter Registration Legislation Tracking

Director Dozier updated the board on the three legislative pieces:

Senate Bill 309, Senate Bill 363, and Senate Bill 403. To Director Dozier's understanding, Senate Bill 403 was read in committee the morning of Tuesday, March 13, 2018. SB403 does call for some type of risk limiting audit, which is an audit that provides strong statistical evidence that an election outcome is right and has a high probability of correcting a wrong outcome.

Chair Osborne inquired on the provision and software of the system.

Director Dozier will receive more information on Senate Bill 403 at the GEOA/VRAG conference at the end of the month during the Legislative Update Session.

Director Dozier informed that Board the Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration participated in the Georgia Elections Officials and Registrars' Day at the Capitol, held February 13, 2018.

Supervisor Carter informed the Board that there were three vendors and approximately 40 counties that were acknowledged for their attendance.

Board Member Pullar inquired on the trial equipment used in Rockdale County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that she attended training and observed the process of the Pilot Program.

Director Dozier informed that Board that she is working on a potential demonstration from Elections Systems & Software (ESS) to show the equipment that was used in the Pilot Program to the Clayton County Community.

C. 2018 May General Primary and July Primary Runoff Advance Voting Locations, Dates, and Hours

Director Dozier presented tentative dates and hours for the May primaries and July runoffs.

Board Member Pullar inquired on extending more dates outside of the suggested dates and hours.

Board Member Pullar would like to explore social avenues, such as radio exposure and press releases, as a means to advertise advanced voting.

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Director Dozier is open to accommodating the board's suggested hours.

Chair Osborne would like financial numbers that would measure the amount of additional expense it would gross to extend voting hours.

Director Dozier will generate those numbers and present them to the Board via email by Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Director Dozier informed that Board that there will be a need for a Special Called meeting to address advanced voting hours and financial expenditures in order to meet the Board of Commissioner's deadline for approval and to have as much time as possible to advertise the sites.

**D. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List**

**Motion made by Chair Harry Osborne to remove 41 electors from the electors' list. Motion seconded by Board Member Patricia Pullar. Voting strength of 4. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.**

**E. Removal of Deceased from Elector's list.**

**Motion made by Secretary Ruth Ash to remove 3 deceased voters from the electors' list. Motion seconded by Board Member Carol Wesley. Voting strength of 4. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.**

8. *Executive session:* Director Dozier requested an executive session to discuss possible litigation.

**Motion made by Chair Osborne to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. Motion seconded by Secretary Ruth Ash. Voting strength of 4. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed. The Board of Elections entered into Executive Session at 5:07 PM.**

9. *Adjourn:*

***Motion made by Board Member Patricia Pullar to adjourn Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Board Member Carol Wesley. Motion carried. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed. The Board Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.***

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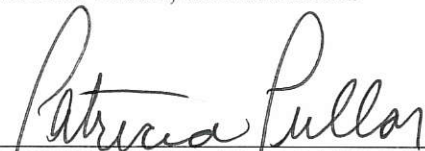
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