



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Clayton County Board of Elections and Registration

FROM: Shauna Dozier, Elections Director

RE: Operations Report for July- 2021

DATE: August 6, 2021

The following report represents a summary and recap of major operations and activities that we have completed or are ongoing within Elections and Registration for the month of July 2021 and activities since the last Board meeting.

The priorities were centered on Post-Election Day activities associated with the 2020 June Primary Elections November General & Special Post Election Day request as well as the January 5, 2021 Special and General Runoff Elections, processing voter registration applications, open record requests, confirmation notices, the pre-election activities associated with September 21, 2021 Special Elections, training and the rearrangement of elections tasks due to the global pandemic COVID-19.

ELECTIONS

PERSONNEL STAFFING:

STAFFING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING:

Deadline driven task from the redistribution of daily operations continue to receive priority training which included Staff Training.

2021 ELECTION UPDATES:

2021 SPECIAL ELECTION BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 8 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

The Clayton County Board of Elections called for a Special Election to fill the unexpired term of Board of Education, District 8 due to a vacancy. The call has been submitted to the legal organ, Clayton News Daily for publishing on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 and Wednesday August 4, 2021.

The Clayton County Board of Commissioners set the qualifying fee at \$360.00 at the Regular Board Meeting held Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Board of Education, District 8 covers portions of northeast Clayton County. If the September Special Election results yield a Runoff Election it will be held October 19, 2021.

QUALIFYING:

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 qualifying fee shall be \$1,068 and can be paid by Cashier's Check or Money Order. The dates and hours of qualifying shall be as follows:

Monday, August 9, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 11, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

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.

2021 ELECTION UPDATES CONTINUED:
VOTING IN THE SPECIAL ELECTION

The several places for holding said special election shall be in the regular and established election districts of the County, and the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on the date fixed for the election.

The first day Mail Absentee Ballot Applications can be accepted is Monday, July 5, 2021.

The last day Mail Absentee Ballot Applications can be accepted is Friday, September 10, 2021.

Mail Absentee Voting will begin on Monday, August 23, 2021, and ends on Friday, September 17, 2021.

NOTE: We received the updated absentee ballot applications as provided by the Secretary of State Elections Division and updated to reflect the implementation of Senate Bill 202. The application was sent to us and posted on the Secretary of State's website August 3, 2021. This information has been posted on our Elections website as well as given to the Communications Department to notify the public of the new application.

NOTE: By holding the Special Election in Board of Education, District 8 simultaneously with the already established special election in County Commission, District 1 on September 21, 2021, will save the Clayton County Taxpayers dollars. Clayton County Public Schools will not incur any cost for this election due to the Clayton County Board of Elections issuing the call as soon as possible to conduct the Board of Education District 8, Special Election.

PRECINCTS IN BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 8:

PRECINCT	VOTING LOCATION
*EW1	UTOPIAN ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS
*EW2	EAST CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL <i>(new 2020)</i>
*FP2	HUIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
*LC1	CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY-ARBOR HALL
*MO1	ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MO3	TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
*MO5	ADAMSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
MO10	NOW FAITH APOSTOLIC MINISTRIES <i>(new 2020)</i>
MO11	ANTIOCH EAST BAPTIST CHURCH <i>(new 2020)</i>

LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING

The Logic and Accuracy Testing is scheduled to tentatively start Monday, August 16, 2021, and shall continue until completion.

POLL WORKER TRAINING

Poll Worker Training is tentatively scheduled to start September 7, 2021, through September 17, 2021.

2021 GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION OFFICIALS (GAVREO) CONFERENCE:

The 2021 GAVREO conference is still scheduled for August 29 – September 1, 2021, with restrictions lifted. However, a virtual option has been reinstated for those who are interested in attending virtually. The registration fee for the conference remains the same.

RENOVATION OF ELECTION CENTER/FORMER 911 BUNKER:

No updates at this time.

POLLING PLACE SURVEYS AND RESERVATIONS:

We are in the process of securing the reservations for the 2021 Polling Locations. If needed, we will provide recommendations to the Board for approval at upcoming Regular Scheduled Board meetings in preparation for future elections.

UGA ABSENTEE BALLOT SIGNATURE MATCH STUDY:

The Secretary of State Elections office is partnering with the University of Georgia to conduct a statewide review of signature match during the November 2020 General Election.

The Secretary of State Elections office has requested that they need all counties to scan and send to liaisons copies of all completed absentee ballot cure forms from the November 2020 General.

Once the project begins, researchers with UGA will request us to pull a number of random envelopes (based on calculations of your total number of absentee ballots) for a number of ballot envelopes.

This project requires a court order and we are expected to fulfill the request to the Secretary of State Elections office by Friday, April 16, 2021. The Secretary of State indicated that this is a part of their ongoing effort to promote confidence in elections.

There are no further updates currently.

REGISTRATION

VOTER REGISTRATION:

As of August 1, 2021, there are 204,301 (196, 500 Active: 7,801 Inactive) Voters.

LIST MAINTENANCE CONFIRMATION NOTICIES:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-233 - O.C.G.A. § 21-2-235 confirmation notices will be provided to the county to mail. An estimated 2,896 National Change of Address (NCOA), No Contact for two General Elections (NC2GE) and Returned Mail Confirmation notices were mailed to impacted voters.

Confirmation notices were mailed to electors whose addresses have changed with the United States Postal Service but does not match the elector's address in Voter Registration and those who we have received returned mail by the US Postal Service or no contact with election officials for five years through voting, updating their voter registration are among some reasons for two general elections. The file of all voters impacted has been shared on the front page of our website (courtesy of the Secretary of State's site) for public viewing.

FELON LIST

Number scheduled for August Hearing: None

VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH:

All in-person events have been adjusted for reduced contact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NEW EFILING SYSTEM/LOCAL FILER TRAINING:

On July 6, 2021 the Clayton County Board of Elections hosted the new e-filing system and Local Filer Training for Clayton and surrounding counties. All Clayton County municipalities were invited to attend the training. The Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission Education Director conducted the training.

The following counties and municipalities were present for the training: Clayton, Henry, Rockdale, City of Forest Park, City of Jonesboro, City of Hampton, City of McDonough, City of Stockbridge and City of Locust Grove.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR ACTIVITIES:

All trainings associated with Deputy Registrar activities will be conducted via Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19. For future events, please submit request to elections@claytoncountyga.gov.

VOTER EDUCATION/OUTREACH EVENTS/MEDIA COVERAGE:

DATE OF EVENT	EVENT	LOCATION	COMMISSION DISTRICT COVERAGE
July 17, 2021	Babies and Burgers Women's Expo Voter Registration Drive	153 Flint River Road Riverdale, GA 30274	Chair - 1, 2, 3 & 4
July 26, 2021	Voter Registration Drive The Arc of Clayton County 31 st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act	217 Stockbridge Road Jonesboro, GA 30236	Chair - 1, 2, 3 & 4
July 30, 2021	Clayton County Back to School Block Party	Forest Park High School 5452 Phillips Drive, Forest Park, GA 30397	Chair - 1, 2, 3 & 4

TASKS TO BE PERFORMED FOR FUTURE REPORTING PERIODS:

- Street Audits
- Preparing for 2020/2021 Post Election Events
- Redistricting Activities
- Open Records Request
- List Maintenance Preparations/Confirmation Notices
- 2021 Elections and 2022 Elections Planning
- Plan Voter Education/Outreach Events
- Poll Worker/Seasonal Staff Recruitment
- Poll Worker Procedural Writing and Training