

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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## APPROVED MINUTES

June 21, 2024

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Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

### 1. CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

### 2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to accept June 21, 2024 meeting agenda for the Regular Board meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. Certification of Election- June 18, 2024 General Primary Runoff Election

Director Garrett reported that the June 18, 2024, General Primary Runoff Election resulted in a 9.95% voter turned out. One provisional ballot was presented coded for OP (Out of Precinct). Director Garrett recommended accepting the eligible Provisional Ballot.

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to the staff's recommendation to accept the provisional ballot for the certification of the June 18, 2024 General Primary Runoff Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

**Speakers will be given a five (5) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections about various topics, issues, and concerns. Speakers must direct comments to the Board. Responses are reserved at the direction of the Board.**

Walt Hanley, a Fayette County, GA resident, praised the Board for conducting a clean and fair election with minimal comments from the public. He noted a few complaints about phone use by precinct election staff and the visibility of the BMD touchscreen. Hanley suggested that the Board find a better way to shield the BMDs to improve privacy.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**A. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to approve the April 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to approve the May 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

**6. PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Board as **Deceased**.

*Motion made by Board Member Alexander, seconded by Vice-Chair Livsey to remove the listed electors who are deceased. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

2. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as **Felons**.

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to remove the listed electors who are felons. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

3. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as **Mentally Incompetent**.

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to remove the listed electors who are mentally incompetent. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

4. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as **Cancelled**.

*Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to remove the listed electors who are Cancelled. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.*

**7. DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Director Garrett reported that as of June 1, 2024, Fayette County has 100,445 voters, with 89,850 being active. A Mandated Risk Limited Audit will be conducted on June 26-27, 2024, at the Fayette County Library. Efforts are underway to improve election processes, particularly regarding Poll Workers and Precincts.

**8. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

No report.

## **9. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Chairman Rower discussed the Fayette County Board of Election By-Laws. Board Member Alexander suggested removing a clause that authorizes the Board to appoint an Election Superintendent and other employees, as it is nullified by legislation. Attorney Stough confirmed that the clause can be removed since it does not reflect current practices or the enabling act.

Chairman Rower proposed tabling the decision until the Board reviews the clause. Board Member Alexander also suggested changing the By-Laws clause about meeting locations. Attorney Stough will make both changes in a redline document and forward it to the Board before the next meeting.

Board Member Alexander reported that Board Members visited precincts during the June 18th General Primary Runoff and appreciated the increased signage, which made it easier for voters to find their locations. She felt the election went well.

Vice-Chairman Livsey agreed, thanking the Poll Workers and praising Chairman Rower for his leadership.

Chairman Rower discussed distortion screens for the Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs), noting the Secretary of State's recommendation against using them as they affect the touch screen. Instead, BMDs should face each other to protect voter privacy, with a diagram provided to staff for proper setup. He also mentioned that election night changes made the process more efficient, particularly in handling the equipment for the Poll Workers.

***Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to certify the June 18, 2024 General Primary Runoff Election. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.***

## **10. ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:19PM.***

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Brieanna Garrett, Director

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Gary Rower, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County Georgia, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2024.