

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman
Addison Lester
Aaron Wright

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor
Leigh Combs, Elections Officer
April Crosby, Elections Officer



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

May 23, 2017
5:00 p.m.

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 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Hicks called the May 23, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as published. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke during Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consideration of staff's request to approve the April 25, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Wright moved to amend the April 25, 2017 Board of Election Meeting Minutes to reflect the proper spelling of Mr. Leonard Presberg's name and then to approve the April 25, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. (**Note:** *The proper spelling of Mr. Presberg's name has been updated on the April 25, 2017 Minutes and Action Agenda.*)

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

No one spoke during Public Hearing on this item.

Mr. Lester moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Voter Registration System as deceased. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

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

No one spoke during Public Hearing on this item.

Mr. Lester moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Elector's List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Continued discussion concerning the potential consolidation of precincts in Fayette County.

Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on the potential use of schools as polling locations in the county as well as updating the Board on revised distances to proposed polling locations should consolidation be adopted. It was noted that this matter involves a compressed timeframe and that staff needed the Board to provide authorization to place a legal advertisement in the paper and to set a Special Called Meeting date. Mr. Jones also provided "pros and cons" concerning consolidation.

Mr. Lester asked if Fayetteville United Methodist Church could be used as a polling place, instead of McDonough Road Baptist Church, in order to keep at least one precinct from dual voting. Mr. Jones replied that using the church may be possible but he would have to research it further.

The Board considered the information provided and replied to the "pros and cons" Mr. Jones gave. Discussion followed.

The Board expressed concern was on the accuracy of the GIS data provided and on staff's ability to conduct the consolidation, if approved. Mr. Jones replied that he is not a GIS person so he has to rely on the accuracy of the data provided to him. Additional discussion followed.

Mr. Wright moved to authorize staff to place an advertisement in the county's legal organ on May 31, 2017 notifying citizens of an upcoming meeting that will decide whether or not to consolidate. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board consented that it would hold a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. so long as it did not interfere with any previously scheduled meeting. Mr. Jones replied that he would look into whether that date would be workable.

The Board further consented to cancel its previously scheduled June 27, 2017 meeting in light of holding a Special Called Meeting on or near June 13, 2017. Copies of the request and the PowerPoint presentation, identified as "Attachment 3," follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no New Business items on the Agenda.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

VRAG CONFERENCE: Elections Supervisor Floyd Jones reported that the Voter Registration Association of Georgia (VRAG) Conference would be held from Sunday, August 13 through Wednesday, August 16 at the August Marriott. He added that registration for the conference would open in approximately one week.

ETHICS REFORM: Election Supervisor Floyd Jones briefed the Board on the need to engage in ethics reform. He stated that the law appeared to hold elections personnel accountable for improper filings from elected officials. He mentioned this matter had been addressed at the Georgia Elections Officers Association (GEOA) Conference recently held in Savannah, that elections' personnel from across the state were not in favor of the current system, that that the concerns needed to be addressed. Mr. Jones asked for the Board's approval to look into ethics reform once the matter of consolidation of precincts was resolved. The Board agreed to the request.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Aaron Wright: Mr. Wright asked how the renovations to the GEMS Server Room were going. Mr. Jones replied that the Board was welcome to come to the office to see the ongoing renovations. He further added that personnel from Kennesaw State University were scheduled to come to the office on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 to install the GEMS Server.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the May 23, 2017 Board of Elections meeting. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The May 23, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor