

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director
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140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

MINUTES

July 25, 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 July 25, 2017 Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that Board Member Aaron Wright was unable to attend the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lester questioned whether schools would be discussed on the Agenda. Director Jones replied it was part of the discussion under New Business #4.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as published. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tony Parrott: Mr. Parrott commented that, even though the consolidation of precincts on county-wide basis would not occur, there were other precincts with polling locations located next to each other that should still be consolidated.

Chairman Hicks replied that the Board would take Mr. Parrott's comments under advisement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consideration of staff's request to approve the June 13, 2017 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the June 13, 2017 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting.

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 in favor or in opposition to this matter.

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 deceased. Chairman Hicks seconded the

motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting. 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 voter 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 in favor of or in opposition to this matter.

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. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Consent Agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Discussion of the November 7, 2017 elections to be held in Fayette County.

Director Jones recapped the supporting documents provided for New Business #4 as an effort to provide an initial overview of the November 7, 2017 election.

Director Jones reported that on Monday, July 24, the Board of Education had unanimously voted to place an Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) on the November ballot. He reported that this vote of the Board of the Education meant there would be a county-wide election with all 36 precincts. He further explained that since the November election was a combination of city and county elections, there would be many precincts with two lines- one for the county question and the other for city questions. There would also be some precincts where voters would go to one polling location to vote on city questions and would then go to an entirely different polling location to vote on the county question. He added that qualifying would occur in August and there may be some adjustments to his initial analysis based on how qualifying results.

Mr. Jones stated that he and staff had reviewed scenarios on moving out of Braelinn Elementary School and Oak Grove Elementary School in an effort to accommodate a request from the Board of Education not to use those schools. He stated that if the schools were not used the most likely polling location would be The Gathering Place. He stated that The Gathering Place is already used as a polling location and, based on how district combos are assigned, there could be real voter confusion by making the move. He explained that if the schools were not used, then voters from five precincts (Flat Creek, Oak Grove, Braelinn, Whitewater, and Rising Starr) would have to vote at The Gathering Place, resulting in six separate lines. Chairman Hicks pointed out that had consolidation passed, the elections would be held in nine schools. Mr. Jones added that had the Board of Education not voted to have E-SPLOST on the ballot then there would not be the dual-line scenario for this election.

The Board decided, based on the information provided, to remain in the Braelinn Elementary School and Oak Grove Elementary School for the November 7, 2017 election.

Mr. Jones informed the Board that he had already contacted the State of Georgia in order to borrow Express Poll machines since, given the dual election, there would not be enough Express Polls given the current inventory.

Mr. Jones closed by informing the Board that he had discussed poll workers with the State. He explained that the State informed him that its longstanding advice was to provide a poll manager, two assistant poll managers, and clerks for each voter line established. Mr. Jones stated that by following the State's advice the county would have to hire over 72 poll managers, over 144 assistant managers and clerks. He stated that he challenged the State's recommendation and that the State later contacted him stating that, in fact, only one poll manager, two assistant managers, and clerks needed to be hired for each polling location. Mr. Jones stated there would be consideration on how many clerks to hire with the poll managers and assistant poll managers, and that the recommendation would be forthcoming at a future meeting.

The Board did not take a formal vote on any matter during this discussion. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

VRAG Conference: Director Jones reminded the Board that the Voter Registrars Association of Georgia (VRAG) Conference will be held from Sunday, August 13 - Wednesday, August 16, 2017.

Travel to Carroll County / Ethics Training: Director Jones informed the Board that both he and April Crosby would travel to Carroll County, Georgia on August 1, 2017 to attend a regional meeting of the election offices. He added that the meeting would focus on best practices for Ethics filings and requirements.

Candidates Forum at the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce: Director Jones informed the Board that both he and April Crosby would attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on August 11, 2017 to discuss the November 7, 2017 elections with presumptive candidates for office.

Poll Worker Applications: Director Jones notified the Board that poll worker applications are being updated for placement on the county website. He reminded the Board that all newly hired poll workers would mandatorily receive payment through direct deposit and that all returning poll workers would be provided the option of receiving pay through direct deposit. He further mentioned that he and the Human Resources Office would be looking into another matter with a possible recommendation coming at the next Agenda.

National Heights Baptist Church: Director Jones notified the Board that National Heights Baptist Church, which is a current polling location, is closing and immediately reopening as a new church. He stated that he did not know who the new church leadership was, but that it may have implications on this election.

Election Machinery Repaired: Director Jones stated that- with the exception of one piece of machinery which was discovered to have problems- all election machinery has been sent for repair. He added that the machinery is currently being reviewed for compliance by Kennesaw State University, and that this is the first time in approximately two years that all machines have been repaired.

Kennesaw State University: Director Jones reminded the Board the State of Georgia has decided to conclude its partnership with Kennesaw State University in June 2018. He stated that details on the closing and its implications are few at this time.

E-SPLOST Resolution: Director Jones stated that the next Board of Elections meeting would be held on August 29, 2017 and that there would be a Resolution for the Education SPLOST for the Board's adoption.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Notice of Executive Session: Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough notified the Board that Executive Session was needed due to threatened litigation.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

There were no Board Member reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Threatened Litigation: Mr. Lester moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss threatened litigation. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion to recess into Executive Session passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m.

Mr. Lester moved to return to Open Session. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lester moved to adjourn the July 25, 2017 Board of Elections meeting. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 with Mr. Wright being absent from the meeting.

The July 25, 2017 Board of Elections meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

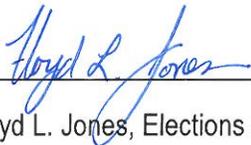


Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor



Darryl Hicks, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 29th day of August 2017. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.



Floyd L. Jones, Elections Supervisor