

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman
Addison Lester
Aaron Wright

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director
Leigh Combs, Registrar
April Crosby, Elections Supervisor



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

November 13, 2017
6:00 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

Mr. Lester called the November 13, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. He asked for the record to reflect that Chairman Hicks was not present for the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Wright moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke under Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consideration of staff's request to approve the October 24, 2017 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the October 24, 2017 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

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 deceased.

Director Jones stated that the information provided for public hearings was standard as done many times before.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Mr. Lester moved to accept 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 deceased. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

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 felons.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to this request.

Mr. Wright asked if there was any update from the last meeting with regard to the felons list. Director Jones replied that there had been no other information provided. He explained that the letters did go to the felons as provided by the Secretary of State's Office, that the wording of the letter was cushioned to show that the effort was done based on information provided by the Secretary of State's Office, and that there had not been a reply from any felon or from any other source on the matter.

Mr. Wright moved to accept 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. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no Consent Agenda Items.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business Items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Jones asked for New Business Items to be addressed prior to the Approval of Minutes so that staff could begin working on certifying the election results.

Mr. Wright moved to amend the Agenda to place New Business after Public Comment and before the Approval of the Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

4. Consideration of staff's recommendation for a Special Called Meeting of the Board of Elections to be held on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this Special Called Meeting is to certify the results of Peachtree City's runoff election.

Director Jones stated there would need to be a Called Meeting on December 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to certify the runoff election results, and he asked for a vote from the Board on the request.

Mr. Wright moved to have a meeting on Friday, December 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to certify the runoff election. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

5. Certify the election results of the November 7, 2017 General (Municipal) Elections for the Cities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City, and the Town of Tyrone.

Director Jones stated that New Business Items 5 and 6 could be treated concurrently and that County Registrar Leigh Combs would brief the Board on which provisional ballots should be counted or not-counted for the November 7, 2017 election. It was understood that since this is a public meeting, no specifics would be discussed in public and that general terms and language would be utilized.

Mrs. Combs then gave recommendations to the Board on which provisional ballots to accept or reject. The Board agreed to Mrs. Combs' recommendations. Mrs. Combs left the meeting in order to begin running reports in order to certify the election results. Mr. Wright moved to certify election results of the November 7, 2017 General (Municipal) Elections for the Cities of Fayetteville and Peachtree City, and the Town of Tyrone. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

6. Certify the election results of the November 7, 2017 Special (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) election.

Mr. Wright moved to certify election results of the November 7, 2017 Special (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) election. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

November 7, 2017 Voter and Poll Worker Frustration: Director Jones reported that the November 7, 2017 Election proved to be a difficult one for the poll managers and poll workers. He explained there were many people who questioned where they needed to vote. He said many of the poll workers came away frustrated and stated they did not want work on a poll ever again. Mr. Jones stated that the belief was this election was going to be a small election, and even though it was a small election there was significant voter confusion. Discussion continued on this matter.

Weapons: Director Jones reported that at the last meeting there was a question on whether he had met with the County Administrator about weapons. He reported that he has had that meeting and the reply from the County Administration was that unless the job description allowed for weapons the answer was "no."

Consolidation of Precincts: Director Jones spoke about the feasibility of consolidating precincts between the close of the runoff election on December 5, 2017 and the resumption of elections in 2018. Considerable discussion followed.

Progress List: Mr. Jones stated at the past couple of meetings there have been questions about the progress list and what has been done. He stated his intention was to have that list at this meeting, but given the dynamics of an election he wanted to discuss the department's progress at the close of the December 8 meeting. The Board was agreeable to that recommendation.

Early Election and Election Day for the Peachtree City Runoff Election: Mr. Jones stated that while anything can go wrong meaning dates may have to be amended, it looked like early election would be on Monday, February 27 through Friday, December 1, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Peachtree City Public Library. Discussion followed.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Weapons: Mr. Wright stated he was willing to have the Director's job description changed in order to allow for firearms. Mr. Jones added there is state law prohibiting weapons within 150 feet of a polling location, with some exceptions allowed. He stated that law would effectively keep weapons out of the entire Administrative Complex while using the complex as a polling location.

The Board asked for this matter to be discussed at the December 2018 meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Wright moved to adjourn the November 13, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Chairman Hicks not present for the vote.

The November 13, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Director