

## 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

## MINUTES

December 8, 2017

5:00 p.m.

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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.

### **Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order**

Chairman Hicks called the December 8, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wright was not present for the meeting.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as published. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No one spoke during Public Comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Mr. Lester moved to approve the October 24, 2017 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent.

### **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.**

No one spoke during Public Hearing.

Mr. Lester moved to approve 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. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

It was noted there was no felons list provided for this meeting since there were no felons to consider.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no Consent Agenda Items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were no Old Business Items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**3. Certify the election results of the December 5, 2017 General (Municipal) Runoff Election for the City of Peachtree City.**

Director Jones reported that two provisional ballots had been cast during the December 5, 2017 Runoff Election. He reported that the County Registrar, Leigh Combs, recommended approval of both provisional ballots and he gave reason for the approval of the provisional ballots.

Mr. Lester moved to certify the December 5, 2017 Runoff Election with the inclusion of both provisional ballots as approved. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Weapons:** Director Jones stated that at the November 13, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting, he was directed to discuss weapons at the current meeting. He stated that discussion about security should not be on a public agenda. He reiterated that there was county policy prohibiting employees from carrying firearms as well as state law preventing weapons from being within 150' of a polling location. He recommended that the policy be followed and that the proper way to challenge the policy was to take it to the County Commissioners. Chairman Hicks replied that he did not want to change the policy. The Board did not provide further direction on this matter.

**Accomplishments:** Director Jones provided the Board members with a list of accomplishments that were made in the year 2017. He noted that one accomplishment was that, when he first came to the Elections Office he was met with a request from the Board of Education to move all polling locations out of the schools. He reported that on November 13, 2017, the Board of Education unanimously voted to work with the Board of Elections for the utilization of schools as polling locations. He stated that was a big accomplishment in moving toward the future consolidation of precincts. The Board members agreed with that assessment and made some tweaks to the list. A copy of the list of accomplishments, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

**Vacation:** Director Jones reported that he had approximately two weeks of use-or-lose vacation time to take before the year ended. He asked the Board's blessing to take vacation from Monday, December 18, 2017 through January 1, 2018. Chairman Hicks asked who would be in charge of the office during this time. Mr. Jones replied that County Registrar Leigh Combs would be in charge since during his absence. He further informed the Board that he had authorized Elections Supervisor April Crosby to be out of the office for the same time frame. The Board agreed to Mr. Jones' request.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There was no Attorney's Report.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

**Chairman Hicks:** Chairman Hicks stated that the general and runoff elections went well. He thanked the Mr. Jones for the effort and Mr. Jones replied that it was really his staff who did the yeoman's work. Chairman Hicks added that County Administrator Steve Rapson had sent a text saying: "Thank you for the quiet election." It was also noted that Fayette County may have had its elections results in first based on a news report from WSB Radio in which it was indicated that Fayette was first to report of all the metro Atlanta counties.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Lester moved to adjourn the December 8, 2017 Board of Elections Meeting. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent.

The Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Director

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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 23rd day of January 2018. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.

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Floyd L. Jones, Director