

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman
Addison Lester
Aaron Wright

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director
April Crosby, Elections Supervisor
Brian Hill, County Registrar



140 Stonewall Avenue West
Public Meeting Room
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

March 29, 2018

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 Lester called the March 29, 2018 Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. It was noted that Mr. Wright was running approximately five minutes late.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Chairman Lester 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 February 27, 2018 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the February 27, 2018 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Chairman Lester 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.

Director Jones stated that the provided recommendation had brought the county back to current status since neither deceased nor felons were removed during the February meeting.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to staff's recommendation.

Mr. Hicks 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.

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.

Director Jones stated that the same information provided for Public Hearing #2 was applicable for this public hearing.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to staff's recommendation.

Mr. Hicks 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 felons. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0-1 with Mr. Wright being absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business Items on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Discussion concerning extending advanced in-person (early voting) voting hours for primaries, runoffs, and general elections.

Extended discussion occurred weighing the merits and issues involved with extending voting hours.

The Board directed Mr. Jones to conduct a publicity push for the May Primary Election and July runoff election and for the discussion to resume after those elections with regard to extending hours and/or opening on an additional Saturday. The Board did not vote on this matter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

GEOA / VRAG: Director Jones stated that he had been with the Board and staff for the past three days and there was nothing left unsaid or unreported during that time. Chairman Lester suggested that some of the ideas presented at GEOA / VRAG be discussed at the next Agenda meeting. Mr. Jones replied that much of what he heard at the conference was recommendations on what is already being done and that he did not come away with any real ideas. Chairman Lester stated he, Mr. Hicks, and Mr. Wright had written notes and those could be discussed. Mr. Jones asked for the notes so he could prepare for what was written and he asked the Board to let him know what they would like to discuss about the conference. Mr. Hicks added that he is wanting procedures.

Ballot Proofs: Director Jones reported that he and staff reviewed the ballot proofs earlier in the day and found two errors. He said the errors were made by the State of Georgia and had been returned for correction.

April Crosby Graduated: Director Jones reported that April Crosby had graduated earlier in the day from her Local Government Management program conducted by the University of Georgia and Carl Vinson Institute of Government. The Board congratulated Mrs. Crosby on her accomplishment.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

State Election Board Hearing: Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough stated he is available to attend the State Election Board Hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. He said he had spoken to Chairman Lester and Mr. Hicks about attending and that they had replied there was little need for him to attend. Mr. Stough asked Mr. Wright if he wanted him to attend. Mr. Stough added there is very little information he can provide. It was agreed that Mr. Lester would attend the hearing but that Mr. Stough would not be required to attend. Mr. Stough agreed to be available by phone if needed.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Wright: Mr. Wright stated he thought the conference went well and he was proud of the team. He said he was proud of Mr. Jones who had to stand and speak in front of a bunch of folks and even got a three-person standing ovation. He thought there would be some time at a future meeting to discuss greater use of social media. He also thought the presentation from Homeland Security was very sobering. He said the Homeland Security presenters were not as concerned with someone hacking the system as much as the perception.

Mr. Hicks: Mr. Hicks mentioned that Mr. Jones ought to recognize the newest staff member. Director Jones gladly introduced Mr. Brian Hill as the new County Registrar. He said Mr. Hill had been with the county for just over one week and was a joy to work with. Chairman Lester added that last month the meeting included discussions about the interviews and one month later here he is. He welcomed Mr. Hill to Elections. Mr. Hill spoke about his appreciation of being on staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the March 29, 2018 Board of Elections meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The March 29, 2018 Board of Elections meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Director