

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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MINUTES

January 21, 2020
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 January 21, 2020 Board of Elections Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Wright moved to approve the Agenda as published. Mr. Hicks 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 December 5, 2019 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the December 5, 2019 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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. Wright moved 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. Hicks 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 Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as felons.

No one spoke during Public Hearing.

Mr. Hicks moved 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. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 2," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was no Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Discussion concerning staffing needs both in the Elections Office and for conducting the 2020 Elections.

The Elections Director and County Registrar discussed additional staffing needs both within the Elections Office and at the polling locations. The Board was supportive of the request for additional staffing and provided guidance to the Elections staff on proceeding forward with the request. The Board did not vote in this matter. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 3," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

5. Discussion concerning supply needs for conducting the 2020 Elections.

The Elections Director discussed the need for supplies in order to conduct the upcoming Elections and how those supplies would be additional impacts to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. It was understood that these needs could not have been anticipated at the time when the Fiscal Year 2020 budget was prepared and ultimately approved. The Board provided direction on this matter. The Board did not vote on this matter. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

6. Discussion concerning community outreach in preparation for the March 24, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary.

The Elections Director and the Board discussed opportunities to educate the voting public on the new elections machines. This effort would include scheduling time in the Public Meeting Room, visiting the political parties, and going to the Fayette Chamber of Commerce. The Board provided direction to staff. The Board did not vote on this matter. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 5," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

State Elections Board: The State Elections Board are set to vote on rules that will provide instructions on how to conduct elections. The rules include how to calculate deploying the machines to the polling locations. This discussion also addressed how municipal elections may be conducted in the future.

Dominion Equipment: Based on a phone call with Scott Tucker at Dominion Voting, Fayette is slated to have its remaining equipment within the next week or two.

Qualifying Packet: A qualifying packet and information has been drafted and is under legal review. There are some questions about some of the offices and how they qualify. Once the packet is completed, it will be placed on the website for the public.

Polling Places Reviewed: Three contractors visited every polling place and AIP voting location to inspect for electrical sufficiency and ADA compliance. A report of their findings if forthcoming.

Mandatory State Training: Key Elections staff will be in mandatory training on January 23, 2020 in North Atlanta. This training will focus on the EMS Server and Logic and Accuracy Testing of the equipment. This is an all-day training event and therefore staff will be out of office the entire day.

Regional Training: Key Elections staff will be in regional training with Elections staff from surrounding metro Atlanta counties in order to learn from each other as the Election approaches. This will mean that staff will be out of office for the majority of Friday, January 24, 2020.

Pallets versus Carts: There was discussion about whether pallets or carts should be used in transporting the equipment to the polls.

State Election Board Rules: There was discussion about when the revised State Election Board rules would be available and if there would be any legal review of the rules. The Director replied

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Reports.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Wright: Mr. Wright stated he was excited about getting the new machines out to the public and working with community engagement in educating the public on the machines.

Chairman Lester: Chairman Lester gave a humorous story about the how one of the contractors went to the Methodist Church instead of the Baptist Church to do his inspection and of the miscues that were involved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the January 21, 2010 Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The January 21, 2020 Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Director

Addison Lester, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 25th day of February 2020. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.

Floyd L. Jones, Director