

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Darryl Hicks, Chairman
Aaron Wright, Vice-Chairman
Addison Lester

FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director
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ACTION AGENDA

February 27, 2020
10:00 a.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 February 27, 2020 Board of Elections meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

It was noted that the Agenda stated the meeting was to be held at 10 p.m. and that the Agenda be amended to note the appropriate meeting time.

Mr. Lester asked if a Vice-Chairman should be appointed if the changes to the by-laws are approved. The Board decided to add Old Business #4- "Election of Vice-Chairman" to the Agenda and to renumber the New Business Item to number 6.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda as discussed and revised. Mr. Wright 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 March 23, 2020 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.

Director Jones stated that the March 23, 2020 Minutes provided in the Agenda packet needed correction since while the motion and second were recorded in the Executive Session portion of the Minutes, the actual vote was not recorded. He stated that he had corrected the omission and provided the corrected minutes on the dais for the Board's consideration.

Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough stated that the Minutes would include the records provided by Ms. Audrey Holliday when she made her case. It was further discovered that Mr. Rick Lindsey had provided records but those records were not in the possession of the Director or Assistant County Attorney. Director Jones stated that the Minutes would have to be revised even further to include the records provided by Mr. Lindsey.

Mr. Lester moved to approve the March 23, 2020 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes with the changes as discussed. Mr. Wright 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 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. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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. 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 felons. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There were no items on Consent Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Continued review of the Fayette County Board of Elections Bylaws.

Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough stated that the Bylaws were under consideration with a change made in Section 4 providing for the election of a Vice-Chair. Mr. Stough further asked if there was any interest in reducing the terms of the Chairman and Vice Chairman from two years to one year. The Board replied they wanted to keep the terms at two years. It was explained that the question about the terms was based on previous discussions without resolution and was based on the idea that most boards have one year terms.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the additions to the Fayette County Board of Elections Bylaws. Mr. Lester seconded the motion.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Elections.

Mr. Wright moved for Mr. Lester to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Elections with a term ending in 2022.

Mr. Wright's motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Lester moved for Mr. Wright to serve as Vice-Chairman. Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. Mr. Wright stated he would serve as Vice-Chairman if voted in. The motion passed 2-1 with Mr. Wright voting in opposition.

Chairman Hicks said he was in favor of talking to the Legislative Delegation to make changes to the Elections law specifically to the numbers of machines provided at the precincts.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Update concerning the May 19, 2020 General Primary Election.

Director Jones provided the Board with a briefing on how the May 19, 2020 Election would proceed with a heavy emphasis on Absentee by Mail (ABM) voting.

The Board discussed talking to the Legislative Session about how many Ballot Marking Devices (BMDs) need to be placed at the polling locations. There was also discussion about the Speaker of House asking the Secretary of State to delay the Election. Discussion continued about the problems and concerns with the new methodology.

The Board agreed to discuss changes to the new laws with the local Legislative Delegation.

The Board did not make a motion or give further direction on this matter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

There was no Director's Report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough reported that the Board would need to enter into Executive Session to approve the March 23, 2020 Board of Elections Executive Session Minutes.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

County Registrar Position: Mr. Wright asked if there was additional information on filling the position of County Registrar. Chairman Hicks stated that the County Administrator is not willing to go outside the range and will not even go halfway up the range. He said other issues is that healthcare costs will be over \$1 million dollars and that places additional constraints on the County Administrator. It was understood that this would narrow the focus down to some other options that would be discussed later.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Review March 23, 2020 Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Wright moved to go into Executive Session to review the March 23, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. and returned to Official Session at 10:36 a.m.

Return to Official Session: Mr. Lester moved to return to Official Session at 10:36 a.m. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The Board returned to Official Session at 10:36 a.m.

Approval of March 23, 2020 Executive Session Minutes: Mr. Wright moved to approve the March 23, 2020 Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Approval of March 23, 2020 Executive Session Affidavit: Mr. Lester moved to approve the Executive Session Affidavit stating an Executive Session meeting was held on March 23, 2020 to discuss Pending Litigation. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Lester moved to adjourn the March 23, 2020 Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

The March 23, 2020 Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Director