

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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MINUTES

February 12, 2021
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 Hicks called the Board of Elections meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Lester moved to approve the Agenda and to add an additional public comment after the presentation of New Business #2 in order to give audience members the ability to the matter. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Consideration of staff's request to approve the January 26, 2021 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wright moved to approve the January 26, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Hicks asked is there any public comments at this time.

Mr. Laird had a public comment about the Dominion Voting Machines. Mr. Laird said that something needs to be done about the Dominion Voting machines being connected to the internet. Also, Mr. Laird said that at the Tyrone Early voting polling location, he was taking pictures of the Dominion voting system and was told by Brenda Wicker to not take pictures. Mr. Laird said that he needed to be escorted out of the polling location. Mr. Laird went on to say that the Dominion voting machines took votes from previous elections.

Mr. Hicks answered that the Elections Board could not speak on the Dominion Equipment. Mr. Hicks told Mr. Laird to contact SOS about questions about Dominion Voting equipment.

Mr. Wright told Mr. Laird that he would speak more on this matter later in the Election Board meeting.

Mr. Lair continued on referencing a construction story and compared it to the Dominion Voting Equipment and how easy it would be to hack into the equipment.

CERTIFICATION

2. Certification of February 9, 2021 DA Special Election and Election results.
6 Provisionals to Review

Mr. Hicks gave the floor to Mr. Hill to let the board know about pending Rejected & Accepted Provisional ballots.

Mr. Hill said that there were 6 potential accepted provisional ballots:

Accepted Provisional Ballots

6 Provisional Ballots accepted

Rejected Provisional Ballots:

All of the following were Ballot Cure Affidavits that had expired due to not responding to Ballot Cure Affidavit Letters that were sent out by the Elections Office. Each voter had until COB Friday February 12th to get signature Ballot Cure Affidavits back to the Elections Office. The following voters failed to respond to the letters:

5 Provisional ballots Rejected

Mr. Hill excused Chief Deputy Registrar Karrington Dean from the Board meeting to scan the Accepted Provisional ballots.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was not Consent Agenda

PUBLIC HEARING:

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 deceased (**Pages 4-5**).

Mr. Wright moved to approve the cancellation of the recommended Deceased Voters. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

4. 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 (**Pages 6**).

Mr. Wright moved to approve the cancellation of the recommended Felon Voters. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

OLD BUSINESS:

5. Election Board signing of March 27th 2020 approved amended Fayette County Board of Elections Bylaws (**Pages 7-9**). Mr. Hicks explained to the Board that these Bylaws were from a previous Election Board meeting and needed to be signed.

Mr. Stough ask the Election Board was the Bylaws amendments approved.

Mr. Hicks answered yes that the amended Bylaws were approved. The Bylaws just needed to be signed

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no New Business

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

6. Fire Station #4 planning is going well. Matt Bergen and I met with Steve Rapson on February 2, 2021 and discuss the rough draft of the Fire Station #4 renovation and he was pleased with the modifications. Also, previously the structural damage that is currently at the Fire Station was coming out of the Elections Office budget. But after the meeting, Mr. Rapson agreed to take on the expense of fixing the damage so that the Election Office budget would be the full 148,000 for renovations. We also met with Jefferson Brown Architect Company to discuss implementing the renovations.
7. Summary of the February 9, 2021 DA Griffin Special Election.

Mr. Hick gave Mr. Hill the floor to talk about the Director's Report.

Mr. Hill told the Board that the meeting with Jefferson Brown Architect Company, Steve Rapson and Matt Bergen was a success and that at this point of the process of renovating Fire Station 4 was at a good point. Mr. Hill also told the Board that there was a meeting with Jefferson Brown Company to do a walkthrough of the Fayette County Elections Office but was still waiting on confirmation to when next week that we will be doing the walk through.

Mr. Wright told Mr. Hill that he wanted to be a part of the walk through of the Elections Office with Jefferson Brown Company next week and to let him know when it would be.

Mr. Hill answered Mr. Wright that as soon as Jefferson brown confirms the meeting time that he would let the Board know.

Mr. Hill also talked about the February 9th Election Day. He said that overall it was a pretty smooth election. Mr. Hill said there was a few hiccups in the beginning of the day but other than that it went smooth.

Mr. Hicks said that he agreed that the February 9th Election Day went smooth and that the Office was very clean and everything was very organized.

Mr. Wright & Mr. Lester agreed

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Mr. Hicks asked were there any Attorney Reports?

Mr. Stough talked about the previous SEB meeting that was held on Wednesday February 10th at 9:00 am. Mr. Stough said the State Election Board Meeting didn't really allow people to speak about the investigations. Mr. Stough said that one of the Investigations were thrown out. Mr. Stough said the Provisional Ballot issue from May 2018 election that Ms. Judith and Mr. Hill claims were dismissed, while the acquisition of the Board disenfranchising Mrs. Jarvis Ridges Provisional ballot was sent to the AG Office for further investigation.

Mr. Hicks asked Mr. Stough about the State Board wanting copies of the Minutes from the Certification meeting for the May 25th 2018 meeting.

Mr. Stough answered Mr. Hicks saying that because it has been passed to the AG's Office, that it was the AG's Office responsibility to request the May 2018 Minutes.

Mr. Stough spoke about the memory card Investigation from the November 3rd 2020 General Election. Mr. Stough said that this Investigation has been passed to the AG's Office for further investigation.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Hicks asked if there were Board members that had a report.

Mr. Wright commented about Mr. Laird's comments about the Dominion Voting Equipment. Mr. Wright said that he wanted to set up Voter information walk troughs maybe in April or May of this year because there won't be any elections until November.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the February 12th Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Brian W. Hill, Interim Director

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 12th day of February 2021. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.