

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**MINUTES**

December 3, 2021  
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 Darryl Hicks calls the Election Board meeting to order at 5:00 PM

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Darryl Hicks, is there a motion to approve the agenda?

Addison Lester: So, moved.

Darryl Hicks: I'll second the motion. All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Speakers will be given a five (5) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections about various topics, issues, and concerns. Speakers must direct comments to the Board. Responses are reserved at the direction of the Board

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Consideration of staff's request to approve the October 26, 2021 & November 5, 2021, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Darryl Hicks asked "I'm seeing no public here. So, I don't we don't have any public comments. I will move to the next item on the agenda, which is approval of the October 26, 2021, and the November 5, 2021, Board of Elections meeting minutes".

Addison Lester: Move to approve both minutes.

Darryl Hicks: Okay. I'll second that motion.

Darryl Hicks: All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There is no Consent Agenda

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. 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 1-5**)

Darryl Hicks: We've had a chance to look at the deceased records, so I entertain a motion to approve or any discussions

Addison Lester: I'll move to approve those deceased.

Darryl Hicks: I'll second. All in favor, say aye. Aye. Aye passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

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 felons (**Page 6**)

Darryl Hicks: Public Hearing related to the felons list; we've had a chance to review those, and I want to entertain a motion to approve

Addison Lester: Second the motion

Darryl Hicks: All in favor say aye. Aye. Passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

There is no Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review and consideration of provisional ballots cast for the November 30, 2021, General Municipal Election Runoff

Darryl Hicks: There's no old business. Then we'll move to the new business, which is a review in consideration of the provisional ballots cast on November 30, 2021. General municipal election runoff at this time.

## **County Registrar Review of Provisional Ballots:**

Tina Bass: So, we have nine Well, we have 11 Provisionals. Nine of those are dealing with SB 202. The voter can vote in the wrong precinct after 5pm. So, we had nine voters that showed up between the hours of 6:35 PM and 7:07 PM. Voting added precinct. They are all active registered voters but just at the wrong precinct.

Addison Lester: Okay, your recommendation is to allow?

Tina Bass: Yes Sir.

Darryl Hicks: I'm curious you said 7:07 PM.

Tina Bass: Yes. That's because they joined the line before seven and it took them seven minutes to get inside the to the Poll Worker. Okay, so then we had two that their name was not on the electors list. So, their name did not appear on the list. And they were given a provisional ballot for us to research, and we found that they are active in ENET, and they made the deadline for registration.

One was a date of birth issue. He was not active until his date of birth changed to 18 in ENET. He turned 18 between the election and the runoff. And when it flipped, it did not flip him over to active in ENET, so he did not appear on that registers list. And the other one was through CES due to the electors list; Brian spoke with Knowink at the state, and I think he can fill you in.

Brian Hill: So, Michael Barnes; the director of CES, he was sending the files over to Knowink and I had a long conversation with David Greenwalt. He's over each one of the GA supports people for Knowink. And he explained to me that some of the data that was sent over from CES didn't reflect right so because of this error, it kept a couple of voters off. So, it was out of our hands so to speak. It was more of CES doing a data entry error. And that's why some of them weren't on the Elector's list; the one even that Mrs. Tina talk about the date of birth because they automatically flip over once a person turns 18 And ENET put that person though 17 and a half people that were supposed to be on the Bulk Update data upload for the poll pad which is done on the Saturday before election day. They didn't come over and that was as opposed to what happened with CES and sending them the wrong files. So, it was to say all that it was wasn't in our hands. It's not that we could have done anything about it. It's all we could do was just issue the person a provisional and take care of it that way.

Darryl Hicks: So, your recommendation is as follows all your Provisional Ballot's should count?

Tina Bass: Yes Sir.

Darryl Hicks: You've heard staff recommendation, is there a motion to approve.

Addison Lester: So moved.

Darryl Hicks: I'll second that motion. All in favor say aye. Aye passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

#### **Fire Station (Election Office Renovation) Update**

Brian Hill: So, good evening board. Fire Station 4, just a quick update on that. We have December 8 That's next Wednesday. We'll be having a contractor meeting with whoever comes to the meeting. And the purchasing department will be going over bonding insurance, things of that nature, their credentials and make sure to get the right paperwork, contracting licenses. And whoever they say is the best bidder or the best candidate. That's what we'll go with. We're projected to go ahead and put whoever we choose, or whoever purchases the department recommends to me and I will forward to you all and you're able to look at the contracting lists and whoever you all choose will be working fast to put that on the January 9, 2022 BOC Board of Commissioners meeting, doing an agenda request going ahead and getting that done as soon as possible. Because even after that is about 30 days after BOC approves the contractor, they must still go through different little things like it's still a process. It takes about 30 more days for them to even start nailing the hammer or anything over at the fire station 4. So, we're trying to get that done as soon as possible. It's looking like because of a lot of contractors are saying that they don't have supplies and things of that nature. It's looking like at earliest, at best will probably be about September of next year. And that won't work. Because we have deadlines and things of that nature. We must contact CES they have to come down and move our EMS server, we have to put out notice to let Fayette County voters know that we're moving. There must be done in the timeline. So that's what's holding us up kind of, I don't know when we're going to be able to move in. So, it most likely will be early 2023 we'll maybe not be moving in because of the elections and all the things that's going on next year. So, it's kind of like where we're at right now. I wish it could get done faster.

#### **Fayette Men's Republican Party invite (Page 7)**

I have been invited to the Republican party Men's meeting. I have provided a sheet; there was a email that was sent to me. They reached out to me; they want me to come speak. It's going to be on January the 25th 2022. I believe that it is same day of our Election Board meeting, but it's at 630 It's right here to Republican Party headquarters in Fayette County. They wanted me to invite of course the board as well if you wanted to come, I told Aaron about it last election night. This past election night he said he will be there. So, what they're wanting to know is how we do the list maintenance, things of that nature. And you know how we're keeping it fair and, you know, without any prejudice in our elections, and I was going to do some printouts forms to answer any of their questions Now when it comes down to any Dominion questions of course I'll refer it to Dominion. So, that's coming up on January 25.

## Redistricting Update (Page 8)

Redistricting update: we were able to go to Clayton County yesterday. Me, April, Crosby, and Tina Bass were able to go to a redistricting meeting yesterday with some counties. They invited us out to it. They had Secretary of State there, they were able to well, some of the representatives of the office were there and they were telling us about some good updates on redistricting efforts. Of course, they you know, Governor Kemp has not signed off on the congressional I believe the congressional and Senate, all of them now house. He hasn't signed off on any of those redistricting to propose plans and maps. But as soon as he signs off on those, it's a little process in which reapportionment state reapportionment had sent us our maps and things of that nature. I've been working with Brian Keller, he's the director of Orion middle management, and he is working on the ArcMap reader of course, War Department uses it a lot of other departments use it for their processes and for their jobs. But he's making it for elections. So, he had to put election data in so let's take a little minute with that, but that'll be ready. I have arrow surveys. That's a company that prints maps. They provided for us in the past they already printed us a book our bought a book with all the maps in it he's going to make us a good wall map of all the districts for the Board of Education for the districts for the commissioners, things of that nature. And, you know, overlays. So, it will help us in our redistricting efforts is going to be a little tedious process, beginning of the year. Of course, we have redistricting, excuse me qualifying coming up also in March beginning of March. So, we'll have to have redistricting done by that time. So, we were working against the clock with deadlines, things of that nature, but we'll get it done. We're have a whole office concentrating on that. I wanted to get with the lawyer I don't know the lawyers name was it was the same Brian Tyson Yes, Brian Tyson, I will get with him and see what other maps he may have already. Because I know what he would from my understanding. He had got some maps for the Board of Commissioners. So, I want to see whatever he had. I want to see if we can get copies of those. as well. And approval of the resolution requesting the new districts is on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners next meeting, okay,

Darryl Hicks: Next Thursday. So, they'll be voting on that.

Brian Hill: Okay. And what day is that?

Darryl Hicks: Next Thursday's Board commissioners meeting.

Brian: Okay

## **GAVREO Conference 2022**

Brian Hill: And we have GAVREO conference in 2022. Of course, you all know about already reserved our rooms are just waiting on them to give us go ahead and get our registrations done. So, I will start paying for those and getting that squared away?

Darryl Hicks: Is that the host Hotel?

Brian Hill: Oh no, sir. That is big Hotel. It's not even 0.3 miles away. Not even that far. One of the dates that can't leave this is the last week of March. So, it'd be after quantifying. So, I will have qualified out of the way by the end March, and I'll get you some good days for the Conference

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

Patrick Stough: just briefly gotten a notice of another state board of elections complaint that was filed against the county. I'm having a hard time understanding from the inspection report what their position is on this right now. It sounds like there were three different things and they've combined them into one. But they're only noting a violation on one of them. And it sounds like we don't think we ever got I think it was a poor request for an absentee ballot or something. We don't think we ever got it. They think we did. So, I don't really know how that's going to play out. So, I guess we just need to get some more information

Brian Hill: So, from what I understand that you UOCAVA week, and I kind of remember a vague look and I was there at state when did they kind of did it what it is when we have you Aqaba week. The state at that time was checking every county there you Aqaba mail because there's two types of you UOCAVA, you have a call for mailed and electronic EBD electronic ballot delivery. So electronic ballot delivery just SOS handles that we just flip a switch, and it sends all you know the people that want to do their EPDs but for the mail ins we printed a list for every county and we will send it out email saying hey, you need to mail out your own stuff. And so, from my

understanding she didn't Agnes did not mail out in the time because we'll cover week was Tuesday through a Saturday and I believe she mailed it out on that Monday is a something it was disrupts I'm not sure what the deal was. But that's kind of the gist of what happened. She didn't send it out within that week. And that's why we use that as Sep for that. I'm not sure why it was the reason maybe I don't know I'm not sure she couldn't find or maybe the person didn't give. But during that you Aqaba week, whatever you have Gus it's a rollover list that we have elderly and disabled and it's your cover rollover. So, during you Aqaba week, you're supposed to send out the ones that you have in your possession which is on the rollover list. Those are the ones that we actually have in our possession and the ones that people are given new applications within or before or during that week. You have to get them out during that week. Now if anything comes in afterwards, you know, you have to send it when you send it but during that you Aqaba week whatever you have in your possession which is on that rollover list, you have to mail out before if you got a new application before that week or during that week. You had to send it out so I'm, so it was discrepancy of which she didn't mail that out. Sure, why should anything else?

Patrick Stough: I'll be I guess I'll be participating in that meeting. As I've done before. I don't really know what an additional information I'd be able to provide more but sounds like we just didn't meet that deadline.

Darryl Hicks: All right. The information is now in for the provisional ballots, they have now been entered into the system. And total vote counts have been updated. I'll entertain a motion to approve to certify what was the date? November 30, November 30. Runoff elections.

Addison Lester: Seconded the motion

Darryl Hicks: All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Passes unanimously. The motion passes 2-0 (Aaron Wright is absent)

#### **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

There are no Board Member Reports

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There is not Executive Session

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Darryl Hicks: Okay. I believe that's all that we have on the agenda. Unless there's anything else I would attain a motion to adjourn.

Addison Lester: Seconded the motion.

Darryl Hicks: All in favor say aye. Aye. Aye. Passes unanimously. The Election Board meeting adjourns at 5:22 PM.

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Brian W. Hill, 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 5th day of November 2021. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.