

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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## MINUTES

January 25, 2022  
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 5:01 PM

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Wright moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

### 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

Chairman Hicks: Any public comments?

Brenda Wicker, I work at Tyrone Election Day, and AIP This is my fifth year working and I very much enjoy it. That being said I had a couple concerns what seems like it's hard to get workers to want to work the elections and retention of workers. I am suggesting a little pay increase for certain positions to make it more appealing for someone to want to step up from a clerk position to an assistant manager or manager position. The number of hours that are put in for AIP and election day that I do in advance and don't get paid for and there are a lot of hours in finding workers scheduling, making sure we have every shift covered and having subs that can work the days that we don't and all the paperwork that goes with all those people too. And then I have other things but getting all the supplies getting the location we set up a new location and took a lot of trips back and forth to Tyrone to get it set up and approved and this will work this way and not that way. And it's my car my time and there's no pay for it because I'm only paid while it's nine or eight to 530 or 6 on those election days and AIP. So in lieu of a pay increase for the across the board, I was suggesting that you keep the paid the same amount but allow managers to add like four or five hours on to the pay sheet for all of the prep. That gets done. And then an extra hour per day above what everyone else is making. For the responsibility that is involved on the recap sheets that we have to sign at the end of the days and the election. We have to verify that are certified or that it's accurate. Is there a possible jail time or anything charges for a manager or assistant if something's not, right? I looked on and I couldn't find that. I don't know. It just seems to me if you're signing your name on this that it's important. A clerk doesn't have to sign it. But they're making the same amount of money. So, someone could go three weeks of working AIP and be sitting at the door passing out stickers for three weeks and they make the same thing that I do as a manager per hour for the responsibility that's involved. That was one and then I do have an assistant that will come and help me on setup days, but they only paid for either. And I was suggesting like to add two to three hours on to their pay period each time or not each time but each election cycle to cover that. And I also make sure that they're trained to know how to do all of that paperwork. In case I'm not there. And then they step out to a manager position at some point to, that was that. I just think that would make it a little more enticing because otherwise it makes the passing out sticker's positions even very appealing. And I don't want to

get back to that because it's I enjoy this job sure that it was there. I had the opportunity to work at a different AIP was last time just to fill in. The computers needs are very different. The number of computers that they get is more than what we get in ours. And I know Tyrone used to be like the coil sister spot but when people are coming now it's just very slow. We have 12 machines for people to vote on but that's not where we need it. We need it when they come in and register because that's the part that takes longest.

Chairman Hicks: Thank you so much. Seeing no other public comments, I'll bring it back up here and next item is the approval of the minutes. Is there a motion to approve or make changes?

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Consideration of staff's request to approve the December 3, 2021, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hicks: So, can we then get a motion from you to approve based on the changes you made and the grammatical error changes?

Mr. Lester, moved to pass the December 3, 2021, Minutes with recommendations to Director Hill to revise the grammatical errors

Chairman Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0 Mr. Wright abstaining (Mr. Wright wasn't present at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting)

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

There was no Consent Agenda

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairman Hicks: Okay, next item on the agenda is the public hearing. First item on the public hearing is the deceased records. That is those that have passed away or being removed from the Voter List. Do we have a motion to accept the list as presented?

Mr. Wright seconded the motion. All in favor say aye. Aye. All right. Next item is the list of Felons.

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 (**Pages1-5**)

Chairman Hicks: asked about the list of Felons being presented.

Director Hill: Election board excuse me, there are no Felons. So, the Secretary of State had just hired a new election system manager and he was still learning the ropes. So, he's been having some issues with uploading the Felons to the county so we didn't have one for the month of December so it can be presented for January.

Chairman Hicks: Strike that question about the Felons. Since there are no Felons presented. Chairman Hicks directed Mr. Hill to present the Felons for December at the next Election Board Meeting.

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 There are no Felons.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There is no Old Business

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There is no New Business

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Chairman Hicks: Are there any Director Reports?

### Fire Station (Election Office Renovation) Update

Yes, honorable election board. I just update on fire station 4 for the renovation for elections office. So right now, we're currently just waiting on the ones that bided, to bring another proposal forward. And from what I've been hearing from the county manager, Mr. Rapson is that he's trying to wait him out until some of this stuff kind of dies down. The supply chains. Because of the pandemic people are bringing a surplus of prices. But of course, not to say they are using this as an excuse, it may very well be the excuse being in a pandemic. So, he's waiting on that to die down. So, it's in a pending stage right now.

### GAVREO Conference Update

The GAVREO conference. I just went on and registered everyone for our conference to go. Also, I just put in a check request today for our seminar dues. So that's going to be a check that is going to be written out from Finance that is going to be mailed to our treasurer for the GAVREO committee. Travis Doss from Richmond County Elections Office.

### New Voter Registration System

Also, a new voter registration system update, we're going to be as it is called Garvis. It is called Garvis and I don't have an acronym for that right now in front of me. But the next update for that will be on the 28th of this month. I believe that is Thursday or it may very well be Friday at 10:30am. We're going to be doing a zoom call with SOS, they will be giving us an update. The last update that we got from SOS on Garvis a couple of weeks ago. I believe right after qualifying will be when the SOS will implement the new Voter registration system. They're going to let us do qualifying in the current database. Once we're done with that, probably a week after that a little bit before the conference when we go to Athens for our GAVREO conference. SOS will be implementing the Garvis voter registration system, I believe Secretary of state Raffensberger had a press conference about this recently. I'm not sure exactly when he did it, but it was very recent, he introduced it to everyone and he's going to be implementing it very soon in March.

### Fayette Men's Republican Party invite

Also, I had the Fayette Republican Party invite me out tonight at 6:30pm at the Fayette County Republican headquarters. I am going over at 630 and of course I sent an email to the whole board inviting you out. Please come out to the meeting as well. Just in case there's any questions towards the board that they may or may not have.

The Election Board agreed that they will be there at 6:30 PM.

### Redistricting Update (Page 6)

On the redistricting update front. Of course, you have there in your Agenda packet the letter from the reapportionment office. They have sent us the updated adopted state maps, so that, you know, the Congress, Senate and House districts. It is on that letter of the new districts, as far as the House. That is a good prominent change in this redistricting time, of course we're pushing out. Senate House. The house district 71 Which is really changing to 67 we're pushing out of Peachtree City, So it has all gone all the way completely into Coweta County. So instead of us having five House districts now we have four districts. So, House District 63 turned into House Districts 69, House District 64 changed into House District 68, House District 72 turned into House District 73, House District 73 has changed into House District 74. On that front we've completed our redistricting for Fayette County and as far as our local redistricting lines, we went on and did that as well. Also, we were able to do our local districts today we finished it today. The reason why we were able to do our local districts before Governor Kemp signed it because the SOS said that we could go ahead and go forward with changing the local redistricting lines in our Election database.

## County Registrar Position Update

Tina Bass, Our County registrar. She's going to be leaving us, she put in her letter of resignation yesterday on Monday. Her last day will be February 4, 2022. So, I've already been talking with HR, and I've already did her separation papers and also a request to fill that position. Also, I placed it on the Election Officials Buzz page on Firefly. I put Fayette County has an opening for County Registrar and what the starting pay was, of course it's not on our county website yet because we can't put that on there until she actually is gone. But I've gotten some good responses. I'm not going to name names, but I got people from Secretary of State's office that has contacted me. I got someone who use to be in Butts County as the director. She contacted me. I got a supervisor from Gwinnett County that is currently working with the county elections department that contacted me and a couple of other people. So, we're getting a good response.

The Election Board added that Tina Bass will be missed.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There are no Attorney Reports

## **BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

There are no Board Member Reports

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Hicks moved to adjourn the January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Board of Elections Meeting. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The Board meeting adjourned at 5:30 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 25th day of January 2022. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.