

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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MINUTES

May 27, 2022
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 Wright called the Election Board Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hicks motioned to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Rower second the motion. Motion approved 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

1st Speaker

Warren Otto from Fayette County

"I am not too familiar with the elections process, but I did speak with Brian Hill the other day and he was very helpful and informative. I had questions about the process because I am one of those people that feel that the mail in process in the 2020 election was abused. It was possible that we sent the wrong candidates in office. So, he was explaining, So I tried the mail in thing. I got the mail in ballot, and I went down on Thursday and that's when I bent Brian's ear. What I am concerned about are what are the differences in the ABM drop box processes from 2020 election as to oppose to the 2022 election? What can be done to avoid any abuse like 2020? Because in 2020 election, they delivered ballots by helicopter and this year you have to request an ABM ballot. The drop box is behind the counter and that is good. Brian pointed out that there is a video camera. What happens to that video footage? Does it just go away? What are we using it for? No one is asking for my ID when I drop off my ABM ballot in the drop box. How am I verified? Somebody should check my ID before I put it in the box. If someone is returning more than one ballot into the drop box, they should be asked for IDs. It is my understanding is that you guys are following the orders from the SOS in Atlanta, but you guys should be able to give feedback. You should let SOS office know that we have concerned citizens has feedback. When it comes to Dominion, I was telling Brian; when I go to a precinct and print my ballot and I go to another machine scanner to put my ballot in.? As a CPA, I've done a lot of auditing and you have to have a third party come in and verify the count. We have dominion verifying Dominion and I think that is a conflict of interest. The ballot to me is our inventory. That should be controlled by someone. We just can't go in and take the businesses word for the inventory. Then you all put your name on the certification. I think that is a big problem. Lastly, I do not think

there should be any release of the In Person voting numbers until all of the paper ballots have been counted. It is open to abuse then. This is all I have and thank you.”

2nd Speaker

Suzanne Brown from Fayette County

“The Voter Registration deadline is April 25th for the May 24th Primary. The Voter Registration deadline is April 25th for the June 21st Runoff. The Voter Registration deadline is May 23rd for the June 21st Runoff. But only for Federal runoff elections on that date. The two different deadlines are there to comply with Federal law and Georgia law. Voters who register between April 25th and May 23rd cannot simply be added to the voter rolls and permitted to vote in all runoffs on June 21st. Those voters may only vote for Federal runoff elections. That would be a U.S. Senate, or U.S. Congressional race. Whether they request to vote by mail, present in person for early voting or on June 21st at their respective poll, you must legally only permit them to vote for the Federal run off races. Otherwise, you violate the Georgia Constitution and O.C.G.A 21-2-501. What is your procedure to compile a list of electors who register between April 25th and May 23rd to ensure they only vote in Federal runoff races no matter which method they use to vote? Georgians have a right to vote, and a responsibility to comply with the law. We have to rely on you to have the procedures in place. Plus, you can only vote in one location, where you legally reside, not post-office box or a business address. It must be an actual residence. We want fair elections.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration of staff’s request to approve the April 29th, 2022 & May 6th, 2022, Board of Elections’ Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Rower made a motion to approve the April 29th Election Board Minutes. Chairman Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 (Darryl Hicks was absent at this Meeting)

Mr. Hicks made a motion to approve the May 6th Election Board Minutes. Chairman Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0 (Gary Rower was absent at this Meeting)

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was 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 (**Pages1-3**)

Chairman Wright made a motion to approve the Canceled Deceased, Mr. Rower second the motion. The Motion passed 3-0

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 (**No Felons List Sent By SOS**)

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Review and consideration of Provisional Ballots cast for May 24th, 2022, General Primary Election

County Registrar Review of Provisional Ballots:

Maria Chevere stated

Fayette County had 39 Provisional Ballots:

Fully Counted Accepted Provisional Ballots:

Voter #1 Precinct #10 SANDY CREEK

Voter #2 Precinct #10 WINDGATE

Voter #3 Precinct #10 WINDGATE

Partial Counted Accepted Provisional Ballots:

PRECINCT VOTED	CORRECT PRECINT
Voter #4 #3 EUROPE	05-393
Voter #5 #3 EUROPE	28-370
Voter #6 #9 RAREOVER	10 - 390
Voter #7 #9 RAREOVER	27 - 356
Voter #8 #9 RAREOVER	27 - 356
Voter #9 #9 RAREOVER	27 - 356
Voter #10 #9 RAREOVER	15 - 302
Voter #11 #9 RAREOVER	10 390
Voter #12 #9 RAREOVER	27 - 356
Voter #13 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	18 - 358
Voter #14 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	18 - 358
Voter #15 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	10 - 356
Voter #16 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	34 - 302
Voter #17 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	34 - 302
Voter #18 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	14 - 378
Voter #19 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	16 - 376
Voter #20 #12 SHAKERAG WEST	16 - 376
Voter #21 #22 BRAELLINN	34 - 387
Voter #22 #22 BRAELLINN	20 - 358
Voter #23 #22 BRAELLINN	14 - 358
Voter #24 #22 BRAELLINN	34 - 387
Voter #25 #25 WILLOW POND	13 - 307
Voter #26 #30 MURPHY	35 - 362
Voter #27 #33 CAMP CREEK	36 - 302
Voter #28 #35 SPRING HILL	08 - 370
Voter #29 #35 SPRING HILL	33 - 358
Voter #30 #35 SPRING HILL	07 - 371
Voter #31 #35 SPRING HILL	28 - 370
Voter #32 #35 SPRING HILL	14 - 389
Voter #33 #35 SPRING HILL	03 - 370
Voter #34 #35 SPRING HILL	04 - 301

Rejected Provisional Ballots:

Voter #36- Registered in Heard County

Voter #37- Not a US Citizen

Voter #38- Registered in Fulton County

Voter #39- Not Registered

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Hill stated that Mrs. Patricia Carole Thornburg's last day at the election's office was May 24th and that Mrs. Thornburg will be missed. Mr. Hill also stated that he held interviews to replace Mrs. Thornburg and that he chose Beverly Daniel.

Mr. Hill stated that he just received a Redistricting Precinct card grant application from SOS office and that he was going to fill it out so we can be reimbursed of the funds it took to mail out Redistricting Precinct cards.

The Certification Meeting was suspended by Chairman Wright to allow staff to scan Accepted Provisionals at 5:45 PM

The Certification Meeting was reinstated by Chairman Wright at 6:05 PM

Mr. Hicks made a motion to certify the May 24th General Primary election. Mr. Rower seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There were not Attorney Reports

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Hicks congratulated Mr. Hill and Elections staff on a smooth May 24th Election. Also, Mr. Hicks thanked Mrs. Thornburg for her work and stated that she will be missed.

Chairman Wright also stated that Mrs. Thornburg will be missed and thanked the Election staff for the great work on the May 24th election.

Chairman Wright asked Mr. Hill about how would we keep a accountability of the June 21st Federal runoff election registration deadline?

Mr. Hill answered that the local elections office doesn't keep an accountability of this because this is a logics that is kept by the SOS office database called ElectionNet. Mr. Hill stated that ElectionNet doesn't allow us to issue a ABM or AIP ballot to a voter that didn't make the cut off

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wright made a motion to adjourn the May 27th, 2022, Election Board meeting

Mr. Hicks seconded the motion

The motion passed 3-0. The election board meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Brian W. Hill, Director

Aaron Wright, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 27th day of May 2022. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.