

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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ACTION AGENDA

June 24, 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

Elaine Kilgore from Fayette County

My name is Elaine Kilgore, and I am a proud Fayette County poll worker and I worked in this last election. However, I think we're doing great things on our end. I do not see any irregularities and you know, with the polls during the elections, however, I am concerned about the Dominion machines, you know about the DeKalb County race that the Democrats had a hand recount. And they found that the third person was the first person and she had she had she and her husband had gone to vote on Election Day, of the primary and then she looked at the results and her vote and it was a zero in her precinct. So, she went to DeKalb County and talked to about talk to them and they did a hand recount of the Democrat race. And I so I have very little faith in the Dominion machines and how they are counting our votes. And you know, that doesn't affect me as a poll worker because I'm not counting votes except, you know, to say how many votes that are, but I know that voter GA has done a lawsuit to all the counties of Georgia, and that will be held in Spalding County, I believe, and they would like a hand recount of every County for the SOS primary election. So, I just wanted you to think about it. And it would be great if we could get the same results that we reported my mind would be much at ease. And it will be Yeah Dominion instead of I don't know about Dominion. So., I urge you to, you know, do election transparency, and I feel good about our Board of election. But you know, they had like missing votes for that lady and to flip her from third place. Not in the Runoff and went up to first place as a major concern, especially in a little precinct like hers. But thank you for listening to me and I appreciate it. And thanks for all you do.

2nd Speaker

Alyson Otto from Fayette County

Hello. I'm Alison Otto. I recently sent you all a couple of different emails. And it is nice to put faces to the names. But today I just wanted to bring, bring it up to speed on where I'm at the last time. I believe I spoke with Brian, when I dropped the last emails or last letters off to you. And since then, I have submitted information to the sheriff, along with a variety of different people from the governor. on down because I found a lot of irregularities in my precinct specifically, I ran for school board in Fayette County, District two if you don't recall, and I have a lot of questions. Since May 24. I talked with a lot of people and 90% of the people do not have competence in the results, not necessarily just my race, but the entire election. And if we are to do our due diligence and have fair and free elections, then I believe that people will have the competence put back but some of the things that I came up with since I spoke with you, one of the big things is I was able to get on the Cast Voter record and on there. One voter ID in Oak Ridge precinct. has nine votes for me. Get it right now. Let me go back in the Oak Ridge precinct. Roy Rabold; My opponent received three votes. Janice Bennett received one vote, and I did not get any votes and that caused me to question and in doing some research, I actually found that Oak Ridge is not even in my district anymore. So, because of the redistricting, it is not in, and I submitted maps to Sheriff, and you'd like to see an updated map. Oak Ridge is nowhere near district two. So, my question was, where are those four votes? Where did they come from and where did they go? They are clearly marked in the voter ID as Oak Ridge, and they are clearly marked four votes. Total three votes for Mr. Rabold and one vote for Janice. So that was a big, big question and were they legally attained? Do they legally cast that vote? The other one that I shared with you; I believe was the last one was a gal in district two. I'm sorry, district one. District Three sorry to get them mixed up in Peachtree City. And she voted in person. So, she's not in my district, and she was able to vote for me. And that is a big question. She signed an affidavit. She is clearly not in my district and yet I was on her ballot. Her mother can attest that when they came out of the polls, Brianna was very excited that she was able to vote for me when she didn't think she was able to so she didn't know that she would not have legally been able to vote for me at the time. But she was excited because I was on her ballot. So she is not in district two she I should not have been on her ballot correct. So that would be another flag where it would need to be researched. Another one is in Flat Creek, which is another district and are another precinct in District Three. They had nine votes by one voter ID for Allison Otto that is a big question. How did they vote nine times did that voter id get Mark nine on that same voter ID.? They made a vote for Stacey Abrams. Stacey Abrams isn't done on the Democratic ballot. I'm on the Republican ballot. So why is there that discretion? Again, that is another regularity and something to question. These are things that you know, cause you to go hmm, maybe we should take a look at these. In wind Windgate, okay, which is in district one. They had four votes from one voter, and again, that's district one, not district two and that voter ID had four votes for Mr. Rabold. So again, that begs the question. What ballot did they use? And how did Mr. Rabold get on district one? ballot? So, these are some of the things if you would like to see some of the maps and information that I have here the affidavit I gladly let you see them. But I am asking imploring you, the people have lost confidence and I think if we just do a hand count in district two, there is eleven precincts, and we can get this done in a day. Really easy peasy and be done and answer the question. Was this fair? Are the numbers correct? As Elaine said, a lot of people have questions about the Dominion system. I do too. And hand count would alleviate that. So again, I'm Alison Otto, and I would really appreciate if you yall consider doing a hand recount anyway,

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration of staff's request to approve the May 27th, 2022, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hicks made a motion to approve the May 27th Election Board Minutes. Mr. Rower seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

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**)

Mr. Hicks 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 (**Page 4**)

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

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Review and consideration of Provisional Ballots cast for June 21st, 2022, General Primary Runoff Election

County Registrar Maria Chevere Reviewed the June 21st Runoff Election Provisionals

Approved Provisional Voters

Voter # 1: Voted in Correct Precinct/ Full Credit

Voter # 2: Voted in Correct Precinct/ Full Credit

Voter # 3: Voted in Correct Precinct/ Full Credit

Voter # 4: Voted in Precinct 35, Registered in Precinct 18/ Partial Credit

Voter # 5: Voted in Precinct 35, Registered in Precinct 10/ Partial Credit

Voter # 6: Voted in Precinct 35, Registered in Precinct 23/ Partial Credit

Voter # 7: Voted in Precinct 35, Registered in Precinct 04/ Partial Credit

Voter # 8: Voted in Precinct 35, Registered in Precinct 03/ Partial Credit

Voter # 9: Voted in AIP Polling Location (Peachtree City), Registered in Precinct 19/ Full Credit

Denied Provisional Voters

Voter # 10: Voted Republican in the May 24th Primary Election (June 21st Runoff Election was ONLY a Democratic Election)

Voter # 11: Voted Republican in the May 24th Primary Election (June 21st Runoff Election was ONLY a Democratic Election)

DIRECTOR REPORT:

NCOA & Cross State Elector's List maintenance (**Page 5**)

Director Hill stated to the Election Board that there was a email from Blake Evans (Director of SOS office) that there will be list maintenance done to the Voter Registration database right after the June 21st Runoff election is certified at the State level. Mr. Hill also stated that the State will mail out all of the confirmations at no cost to the local counties in Georgia.

Fire station 4/Elections office Rebuild Update (Page 6)

Director Hill stated that there was a little red tape with the General contractors and the architects with the rebuilding of Fire station 4. The Façade was the issue. Mr. Hill stated that demo will start soon on Fire Station 4.

Registration System Database Update (Page 7)

Director Hill stated that there was a email from Blake Evans (Director of SOS office) stating that counties will be using Electionet until 2023 and that GARVIS will not be implemented until sometime next year.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report

The Certification Meeting was suspended by Chairman Wright to allow staff to scan Accepted Provisionals at 5:35 PM

Mr. Hicks made a motion to reinstate the Election Board meeting Mr. Rower seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

The Certification Meeting was reinstated by Chairman Wright at 5:45 PM

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

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Chairman Wright stated: So, Miss Allison Otto, you and I've spoken before on the phone, about each of these specific instances that you list, we always encourage voters to bring forward any irregularities that they even possibly perceive so that we can look into them to find out what's going on. It is always possible that in any organization or large-scale data entry operation for errors to take place, certainly. And so, anything that any member of the public ever brings to us we want the public to know that we welcome those with open arms. And we will research each of these individual instances to find out what we can do about each particular instance. If there is a data entry error, we can potentially correct that if there's a procedural error or anything along those lines or if we just need to clarify what exactly took place, we'd be happy to do so. As far as the hand recount is concerned, there are various, none of these items were brought to our attention prior to our certification of the election. And what certification of an election has taken place. We're not legally allowed to conduct a hand recount. There are rules that we have to follow that were put in place by people through their elected representatives. We are not a body that is able to sidestep the law because we wish to do so. So, any irregularities that we find as a result of the investigation into these three instances. We will take into account and move forward with corrective action for future elections, certainly. And then look and look to any additional remedies the law would allow for us for this past election. Certainly. That's where we stand as far as that's concerned. So very much welcome any and all complaints, questions, concerns, anything a member of the public ever observes, we're, we're here to serve the public so very much appreciate that bringing that to our attention.

Chairman Wright said I did have a question for you. Brian. I know Ms. Allison has been in contact with you. Have you made any progress on these three yet?

Mr. Hill answered What I did was forward those complaints to the board and board and Secretary of State's office I did not receive any type of response.

Chairman Wright answered Okay. All right. Let us see if we can find out anything out on our end and then let's remind the Secretary of State and let's see if we can get some answers for these

Mr. Hicks stated, Can I just ask a question?

Do we have the ability to go back once a vote has been cast to determine whether or not a vote was cast for a person out of their district?

Mr. Hill answered, No, sir. Because we do not know who the person is from cast about.

Unknown 0:59

So, So if a person's name on a ballot, and they know that that person is not in the district, they should probably notify the Poll manager right away, right?

Mr Hill answered: Yes, sir. So what procedures are for both workers, managers and assistant managers? So, if and signage sheets, the ones on privacy shields and all around the voting precinct and there's a question anything at last for, you know, they cast their vote, they need to ask that question. Once they cast their vote.

They should not do it before they cast her vote because the cast the vote, you can't go back and retrieve it.

Mr. Rower stated Just to clarify the school, in this case, the school board district lines, do they align overtop of the precinct lines? In other words, if there's everyone in that precinct, fall within that school board district

Mr. Hill answered: I would have to change the lance. But if I do not have a combo sheet in front of me and not necessarily. Some of the proceeds do go into different districts. Like I said, I cannot speak on it now because I don't have a combo sheet in front of me. But yes, I'm pretty safe to say that some other precincts go into another precinct as far as districts in addition to school board,

Mr. Hicks: Another thing I can think of question I want to ask is when they are combos, you can have them you can have two people inside of a precinct voting but they're voting for different people.

Mr. Hill answered Yes, sir. That is correct. Yes. That's why we have combos, combos are used for, you know, to our lineage and to determine what purchasing he made me in what district or jurisdiction residing as far as the address, it depends on the address

Mr. Hicks stated, is it possible? That a precinct that has a combo that the person could be given the wrong ballot?

Mr. Hill answered: Not so, because with dominion, I mean we're doing this we're proofing the ballot. Our staff proofs the ballot. It is coming down from CES, the Center of Election Systems. They are checking all that they're seeing if there are any kind of irregularities, irregularity, excuse me. They will contact the County, and we haven't got any transmission looks like that from the SOS.

Mr. Hicks stated, What I'm asking is if I went into a precinct where I was in a combo, and just accidentally they gave me the wrong, that means that they would have had to check me in and correct.

Mr. Hill answered: Yes, that can happen in AIP. Now in a Precinct that can't happen. For AIP it could, human error whenever you are dealing with humans, it can be an anomaly, so they can Yeah, they can get you the wrong thing. But like I said, again, it's up to the voter to raise their hands and make that question to say, hey, something's wrong.

Attorney Stough stated Just to add to that last discussion, I know that there is one other way that that could happen. Is if they were placed in the wrong combo during the redistricting process. And there is one way that a recount could be requested after certification that's required that if the candidate comes in a very narrow threshold. It is basically the difference between their vote totals and the winning votes, or has to be more, or less than half a percent less than one half of 1% of the total votes cast. It's very narrow. And they can request a recount up to two days, two business days after termination.

Unknown 4:56

Chairman Wright stated, and that is right in this particular instance it doesn't fit that so; very good. Thank you very much.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wright made a motion to adjourn the June 24, 2022, Election Board meeting.

Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The election board meeting adjourned at 6:05 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 24th day of June 2022. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.