

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Elections Office, Suite 208
Fayetteville, GA 30214

ACTION AGENDA

July 25, 2023
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

Vice Chairman Rower called the Election Board Meeting to order at 5:01 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Hicks motioned to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Rower second the motion. Motion approved 2-0 (**Chairman Wright was 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.

Jamie Harmon: Aware of open records request for copies of signature cards and provisional ballots signature cards. Would like the board to not honor the request. Concerned about signature being given out.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration of staff's request to approve the June 16, 2023, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hicks motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Mr. Rower second the motion. Motion approved 2-0 (**Chairman Wright was absent**)

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. **(Pages 1-6)**
Mr. Hicks motioned to approve the staff recommendation to cancel Vitals. Mr. Rower second the motion. Motion approved 2-0 **(Chairman Wright was 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. (Felon list for February, March, April, and May) (Pages 7-8) Mr. Rower second the motion. Motion approved 2-0 **(Chairman Wright was absent)**

NEW BUSINESS:

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Fire station 4/Election office rebuild update. (175 Johnson Avenue):
Will be ready for November 7th municipal elections and the Presidential primary next year.
Earliest move in will be September. (After qualifying for the November 7th election, August 21st - August 25th)

State conducted training schedule for 2023 summer: In person and webinars.

Campaign Ethic Filing Officer Training: Attending 07/26/2023 in Atlanta from 9.00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NGE/NCOA List Maintenance: Done every odd year. SOS office has started mailing those to prospective electors and counties.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no Attorney's Report

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Hicks (question for the attorney): What does the state law say about signatures?

Dennis Davenport (attorney) response: Bound to provide records that are responsive unless they're exempt from disclosure, either under the Open Records Act itself or under another law. Either in federal or state law. There are particular exemptions that apply to elections records. Don't believe signature cards are covered. Don't think there's anything that would exempt signature cards from disclosure.

Mr. Rower (question for the attorney): Is there anything about privacy in the state constitution about signatures?

Dennis Davenport (attorney) response: Don't believe there is anything broad enough to cover something like a signature card. When the Open Records Act has to be strictly construed. If it is not specifically spelled out in the Open Records Act, there's nothing we can do as far as exempting those records.

Mr. Rower: We will follow the law to the best of our ability and if we cannot respond with signatures, then we will not respond. Will take every legal action that we possibly can.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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 25th day of July 2023. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.