

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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175 Jonson Avenue
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Action Agenda

September 29, 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

Chairman Wright called the Election Board Meeting to order at 5:00 PM

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Wright motioned to amend the agenda to put new business in front of public comments. Motion approved 3-0. Remainder of agenda approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Braelinn Elementary Precinct Presentation – Presented by Director Brian Hill.

Attorney Patrick: There are different procedures for moving from one polling place to another that don't necessarily require going through the precinct revision process. One polling place can be moved to another.

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.

Erin Angelo: Principal at Braelinn Elementary School. During regular school day there is a four touchpoint. You would have to be buzzed in; you would have to use your driver's license to check in at the front desk. A human would have a conversation with you. None of those things happen on election days. The doors are open 12 hours three to four days a year. Would like the polling place removed. Consider collapsing the precinct.

Megan Nana: Parent of three children currently attending Braelinn Elementary. Braelinn has no way to segregate the public from children and staff. Public walk through the front doors and down the hallway into a gymnasium. Exposing children and staff as soon as they enter the door. Relocate the voting to another location that is adequately set up for voting polls.

Christian Cruz: Parent of two children currently attending Braelinn Elementary. Noticed he could just walk into the building. There was open access to the hallways. There is no way to stop people from entering. Polling place is not supposed to interfere with the function of that public facility. If you can't find an appropriate place in the precinct, you're allowed to go somewhere else in a different precinct.

Ken Huff: Braelinn voter. No problem with moving the precinct and driving a little further. Would like to see precinct moved rather than consolidated with another precinct.

Scott Hollowell: Braelinn Voter. Not against voting at schools, especially high schools. Braelinn has a particularly bad setup and that's the main issues. It has the potential for something to go wrong.

Hannah Webb: Parent of four. Two children at Braelinn. Parents' choice of whether to send their children to school. Having to deal with the fear of what if something happens. Some parents do not have a choice. Appeal to board to make them do everything to make this not a rising topic. We have to make a choice to send our kids to school.

Deputy Anthoy Rhodes: Constitutionally bound to guard all the precincts. Braelinn has an officer there all the time. Code red drills were done at Inman Elementary and Birch Elementary. The officers will be there to protect. Officers go through training and work on critical incidents and moving and dealing with active shooter.

Jonathan Patterson: Superintendent. School calendar decision made two years ahead of time, and part of that calendar decision is elections. The November elections is a big election. The primary is typically not done as well as for city elections. Braelinn is allowed flexibility specifically.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration of staff's request to approve the July 25th, 2023, Board of Elections' Certification Meeting Minutes. Passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Darryl Hicks: Questions about entrance into the gymnasium. Must keep thinking about a solution. There is not an opportunity for the election.

Gary Rower, Vice Chairman: Recommendation on how find locations for polls.

Aaron Wright, Chairman: Goal with this meeting was to educate everybody and get everybody on the same page about the problem. Braelinn is the only viable structure within precinct. Braelinn is the only option there. Not going to redraw precinct line. That's far more difficult than modifying the structure of the school itself. Only other options would be to potentially consolidate Braelinn's polling place with another polling place. That open another can of worms. For the moment, we have to stay at Braelinn.

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 (**Pages1-8**)

- 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 July, August, and September**) (**Pages 9-11**)

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Fire station 4/Elections office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Update (**Pages 12-20**)

NGE/ NCOA List Maintenance Update (**Pages 21 & 22**)

November 7th, 2023, General Municipal Election update (**Page 23**).

Staff Member Changes

GAVREO Elections Conference 2023, Athens GA Update

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There were no Attorney's Reports.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Entire board thanked April Crosby for her 18 years of work with Fayette County. A Very enthusiastic thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Manin Wright motioned to adjourn the Election Board meeting. The motion passed 3-0. The election board meeting adjourned at 6:35.

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 29th day of September 2023.

Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.