

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Minutes

March 15, 2024

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Rower motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Livsey second the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and consideration of Provisional Ballots cast for March 12, 2024, Presidential Primary (**Page 3-11**)

Director: Nine Provisionals. Two rejected and seven accepted.

Chairman Rower motioned to accept the provisional report. Mr. Livsey second the motion. Motion carried 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.

Laura Line, 110 Knights Ct., Fayetteville, GA: Requesting an additional ramp at the Fayette County Library.

Walt Hanley: Thank you to Ms. Daniel and staff for getting all the candidates qualified and helping with learning the process. Would like clarification on rules transporting ballots and chain of custody. When should ballot boxes be emptied and is it in compliance with state rules. Is there a need for four weeks of early voting?

Chrissy O'Neal, 115 Robinson Bend Trail: Vote at Braelinn Elementary. Would like to move voting location.

Jamie Harmon, poll manager at Braelinn Elementary: Fayette County officers who normally watch throughout the day generally leave at 3 pm.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Consideration of staff's request to approve the February 27, 2024, Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes. Mr. Livsey moved to approve.

Chairman Rower: Full detail transcript of minutes should only be done if voted on by the board.

Mr. Livsey: All meetings are online.

Minutes carried 3-0.

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. **(Deceased list) (Pages 12)** Chairman Rower motioned to accept the staff's recommendations. Mr. Livsey accepted the Staff's recommendation. Motion carried 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 Cancelled. **(Cancelled) (Pages 12)** Chairman Rower motioned to accept the staff's recommendations. Mr. Livsey accepted the Staff's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0
3. 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) (Pages 13)** Chairman Rower motioned to accept the staff's recommendations. Mr. Livsey accepted the Staff's recommendation. Motion carried 3-0
4. 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 Mentally Incompetent. **(Mentally Incompetent) (NA)**

DIRECTOR REPORT:

Provisionals (9) 7 ACCPTED 2 REJECTED

Absentee By Mail: 10 returned after deadline and rejected as of 3.14.2024 11:00 am

Risk Limiting Audit March 20, 2024-March 21, 2024

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

No report.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Mr. Livsey: Thank you to poll worker and poll managers. Sincerest gratitude to all those who step up to the plate and serve their community.

Chairman Rower: Aware of Braelinn precinct interaction. We do not have another structure. We work with the Sheriff's Department to enhance the safety of all of our school children as well as the staff.

Chairman statement: Poll managers have an issues and concern form. Managers are trained to use these when an issue comes up. It is staff's job to address these issues, not the board's job. Board should not bypass this process. We depend on the election staff as well as other county departments to function. Without them, we simply cannot operate democracy as we know it. It fails. Like any organization. The chairman of the board shall be the Chief Executive Officer and shall generally supervise, direct, and control the administration of the affairs of the board pursuant to law and duly adopted resolutions of the board as prescribed by laws.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Livsey motioned to adjourn. No second is required for a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Beverly Daniel, Interim Director

Gary Rower, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia,
held on the 15th day of March 2024.

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