

CLAYTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Virtual Regular Business Meeting
4:30 PM

August 18, 2020

APPROVED POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Wesley, Vice-Chair Dorothy Foster Hall, Secretary Johnson, Treasurer Givens, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Director Shauna Dozier, Supervisor Trivis Houston, Attorney Charles Reed, and Elections & Registration Assistant Brianna Garrett.

REGULAR BUSINESS BOARD MEETING

1. Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Moment of silence observed.

3. Adoption of Agenda:

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, seconded by Board Member Pullar. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

4. Approval of July 14, 2020 Regular Business Meeting minutes.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall; seconded by Secretary Johnson to approve the July 14, 2020 Regular Called Board Meeting Minutes with corrections as noted. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizens will be given a three minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections and Registration about various topics, issues, and concerns. Public comments will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. Following thirty minutes of hearing from the public, the Board of Elections and Registration will allow the remainder of citizens who have signed up to be heard at the next regular business meeting.

In an effort to maintain the spirit of openness and transparency during this time and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, citizens are invited to submit their public comments via this submission form:

1. Larry Auerbach submitted an online public comment: As the Board knows, many voters are hesitant or even unwilling to vote in person due to the pandemic. Added to that, significant concerns have been created about the security of voting by mail. Under these circumstances, ballot drop boxes have become a critical element to permit voters to cast their ballots safely, securely, and with confidence. We are aware that the Board has significant financial concerns regarding drop boxes. We are in no way minimizing those concerns. However, given how critical ballot drop boxes are to this year's election, we believe that it is important for the Board to make every possible effort to obtain necessary funding to allow for multiple ballot drop boxes spread strategically through Clayton County.

Director Dozier informed the Board that (4) four additional official absentee drop boxes have been purchases to be placed at the following locations: Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center in District 1, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center in District 2, South Clayton Recreation Center in District 3, and the newly added recreation center in Commission District 4 upon opening. The

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newly added official absentee drop boxes will be installed to be used starting with the 2020 November General Elections upon delivery by the vendor.

2. Rhonda Cook submitted an online public comment: I've been asked to ask my counties to send absentee ballot applications to all voters. I don't recall if the board discussed that last month so I am asking again.

6. Old Business:

A. Board Directives as necessary.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a letter has been drafted and presented to the county legal department for review regarding utilizing nonessential county employees to assist with polling place needs on Election Day as necessary. Upon approval, the letter will be submitted to the Human Resources and Commissioners' Office.

Director Dozier informed the Board that a flyer has been created advertising the location change for Forest Park 5 from Victory Point International Ministries located at 721 Morrow Road Forest Park Ga, 30297 to the new site at Living Faith Tabernacle located at 5880 Old Dixie Highway Forest Park, GA 30297. The flyer has been submitted to communications to be sent via media blast as well as given to voters during the August 11, 2020 Election Day at the precinct.

B. By-Laws Review

Attorney Reed informed the Board that in a previous meeting he was asked to add remote meetings as well as language relating to terms of services as officers of the Board. The section for the term stature is presented without a numeric value for the Board to discuss and formally adopt.

Motion made by Board Member Pullar, seconded by Secretary Johnson, to table the By-Laws review until the September Regular Called Meeting. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

7. New Business

A. Director's Report & Election Update

Director Dozier informed the Board that Governor Kemp issued a writ of election to the Secretary of State for a special election to be held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 to fill the vacancy in Georgia's Fifth Congressional District for the United States House of Representatives pursuant to 21-2-543. The Clayton County Board of Elections was provided the writ on July 27, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the Fifth Congressional District covers portions of Clayton, DeKalb and Fulton counties.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Clayton County has 22 precincts involved in the Special Election. Should there be a runoff, it will be held on December 1, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are approximately 36 Managers and 72 Assistant Managers whose polling locations are not being used during the Special Election. Director Dozier

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informed the Board that the contingency plan in place allows for these poll workers to serve as needed on Election Day.

Director Dozier informed the Board that there are approximately 74,000 Clayton County voters eligible for the Special Election. Saturday voting is required and will take place on September 19, 2020 along with Sunday voting on September 20, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that UOCAVA ballots have begun being mailed on Friday, August 14, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the office will continue to mail ballots as requested until the last day to request a ballot, September 25, 2020.

Director Dozier informed the Board that due to the newly added Special Election, we will be required to conduct Post-Election activities associated with the August Runoff simultaneously with the start of mailing ballots for the Special Election. Additionally, several Pre Election Day activities associated with the Special Election will overlap Election deadline driven activities associated with the November General. The Board of Elections and Registration Team will require additional monies to conduct this election as well as work a significant amount of overtime to perform all duties associated with the multiple elections.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Georgia's State Election Board unanimously voted to approve a rule authorizing the Secretary of State's upcoming online absentee ballot request form portal. The online portal will make it easier for both Georgia voters to request absentee ballots in the future and for county officials to process the dramatic increase in absentee ballots seen during the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Advanced Voting Locations-September 29, 2020 Special Election.

Director Dozier informed the Board that Advance Voting has been scheduled for September 8, 2020 to September 25, 2020. The Elections and Registration Department will upon Board of Elections approval request the Board of Commissioners to approve the usage of the following facilities: Historic Courthouse Ceremonial Courtroom, Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Morrow City Hall for conducting Advance Voting with extended operating days/hours for the September Special Election.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Board Member Pullar to accept the recommendation made by Director Dozier to utilize four advanced voting locations located at Elections & Registration Main Office, Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, Morrow Municipal Complex, and Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center for the 5th Congressional Special Election to be held September 29, 2020. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

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C. LJ3-Proposal No. 10/20-Precinct Boundary Change

Director Dozier recommended to the Board that Lovejoy 3 and Lovejoy 6 be divided to create an additional precinct to further split the precinct to reduce lines on Election Day. Lovejoy 7 will be located at Lovejoy Community Center, 11622 Hastings Bridge Road Lovejoy, GA 30250.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, to approve the precinct boundary change for proposal 10/20 Lovejoy 3 Precinct Boundary Change. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

D. EW1- Proposal No. 3/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

E. LJ3- Proposal No. 4/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

F. JB01 & JB17- Proposal No. 5/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

G. OAK3- Proposal No. 6/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

H. MO5- Proposal No. 7/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

I. MO3- Proposal No. 8/20- Precinct Boundary Change Amendment

Director Dozier informed the Board that agenda items D-I were presented to the Board during the last Regular Called Board Meeting.

Director Dozier informed the Board that the newly added Writ of Election from Governor Kemp does not allow enough time for the office to complete the implementation of the new precincts for the September Special Called Election to be held on September 29, 2020.

Director Dozier recommended to the Board that the effective date for the newly added precincts be effective for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Motion made by Secretary Johnson, seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall to approve the precinct boundary changes listed as D-I agenda items to become effective for the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

J. Hearing to remove felons.

There were no felons to remove.

K. Removal of deceased from the elector's list.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall, seconded by Treasurer Givens, to remove 89 deceased voters from the electors' list with noted corrections. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

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8. Executive session:

Motion made by Treasurer Givens to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel at 5:20 PM. Motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Givens to end Executive Session. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall. Vote Unanimous. Motion carried. The Board of Elections ended the Executive Session at 6:20 P.M.

9. Adjourn.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Foster-Hall to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 6:22 P.M. Motion seconded by Treasurer Givens. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

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ATTEST:


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