

AGENDA

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING

21 June 2024 at 5:00 PM

Board members in attendance: Myesha Good, Michele Crochetiere, Kevin Evans, and Chad Word

Staff in attendance: Milton Kidd, Tesha Green, and Malcolm Unvala

Legal counsel in attendance: Cheryl Ringer

Call to Order

Mrs. Good called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. Mr. Evans made the motion and Mrs. Crochetiere seconded. The agenda was approved unopposed.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 9 May 2024 monthly board meeting and the 28 May 2024 certification meeting. Mrs. Crochetiere made the motion and Mr. Word seconded. The minutes were approved unopposed.

Citizen Comment

Mrs. Sharon Bachtel explained that she served as a poll watcher during early voting at the Old Courthouse voting center, and she commended the effort of all poll workers during that period. She noted that the facility has inadequate parking available for the voters and suggested that there should be reserved parking for voters in the future.

Mrs. Good informed Mrs. Bachtel that her comments would be taken into consideration.

Felon Hearings

Mrs. Green explained that there were no felon hearings for this meeting.

Office Operations Report

Mr. Kidd began by thanking the staff and poll workers for another successful election in Douglas County, noting that it was the fifth in as many months.

Mrs. Green explained that the Secretary of State's Elections Division has instructed counties in Georgia to begin list maintenance activities. She explained that cross-state mailings would begin on 26 June where voters who have been flagged as having possibly moved out of state will have 30 days to contact their registration office before being moved to inactive status. NCOA (National Change of Address) notices will be shipped to counties who are responsible for paying for postage and will also have 30 days to respond before being moved to inactive status.

Mrs. Green also informed the board that counties will begin conducting a list audit to examine potential duplicate records. She also explained that a mandatory, in-person training will take place on 26-28 August in middle Georgia. She noted that this is tailored to office staff, not board members.

Mr. Kidd noted that it is mandatory for the Election Superintendent and Chief Registrar.

Mrs. Crochetiere asked what a voter will need to do if they receive one of these notices despite not having moved.

Mrs. Green explained that the notice has an option to say that they have not moved.

Mr. Kidd explained that the Secretary of State's Election Division conducted parallel monitoring with Douglas County during the 18 June Primary Runoff. This exercise found Douglas County maintained election equipment that produced and tabulated results that were equal to the state-prepared test deck.

Mrs. Good asked for clarification regarding the results of the test.

Mr. Kidd confirmed that Douglas County did pass this exercise.

Old Business

There was no old business to report.

New Business

Mr. Kidd announced that the Douglas County Board of Commissioners asked the Board of Elections to issue a Call for Election for a TSPLOST to be conducted in conjunction

with the 5 November General Primary. He explained that the exact language will be transmitted to the board once the call is issued.

Mr. Evans asked why the board was being asked to vote before knowing the language of the question.

Mr. Kidd explained that the county attorneys are finalizing the language but noted that the vote is to accept the resolution that the Board of Commissioners passed and to conduct the election on the Board of Commissioners' behalf.

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Word made the motion. Mr. Evans seconded. The motion passed unopposed.

Mr. Kidd explained that the county will be responsible for all distribution and requirements to issue a special election and the board of elections will add that question to the ballot in November.

Certification of 18 June 2024 Runoff Election Results

Mrs. Good requested a motion to accept the results of the 18 June 2024 Runoff Election. Mr. Word made the motion and Mrs. Crochetiere seconded. The results were certified unopposed.

Director's Concerns

Mr. Unvala explained that a Risk Limiting Audit would be conducted on the US House District 3 (Rep) race beginning at 9:00am on Wednesday, 26 June. This process is open to the public.

Mr. Kidd explained that a candidate requested a recount for the District 3 Commissioner Race. Because the vote difference is less than one-half of one percent, Mr. Searcy is entitled to request this recount.

Board Member Concerns

Mr. Kidd requested the Board of Elections' presence at a July Board of Commissioners meeting in order to present its case for a new facility to house the Elections office.

Mrs. Good explained that this will be discussed among the board members after the meeting to coordinate the best Board of Commissioners meeting to attend with all board members.

Mr. Evans announced that the Douglas County GOP Chair, Will Jones, was involved in a car accident and offered his best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. Word thanked all poll workers for their effort this year. He requested to see precinct maps at polling places. He also urged voters to check their My Voter Page prior to voting in order to view their personalized ballot before voting. Mr. Word appreciated the law enforcement presence at polling places, noting that none appeared to be too close to polling places. Finally, Mr. Word requested an analysis of Early Voting locations to examine the cost per vote and requested a weekly update from election staff regarding developments and progress reports.

Mr. Kidd explained that large, precinct-specific maps will be posted at all polling locations for the November election, noting that previous maps were destroyed due to redistricting earlier in the year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM.

Next Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, 11 July 2024 at 5:00pm