

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

13 March 2025 at 5:00 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Myesha Good, Maurice Hurry, Kevin Evans, Bob Proctor, and Chad Word

Staff in attendance: Milton Kidd, Tesha Green, Philbert Smith and Janet Swift

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00PM.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hurry made the motion and Mr. Word seconded. The agenda was approved unopposed.

Approval of Minutes of the 13 February 2025 Board Meeting

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Word made a motion and Mr. Hurry seconded. The agenda was approved unopposed.

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Felon Hearings

There were no felon hearings.

Office Operations Report

Mr. Kidd explained that the office has decided to change the precinct numbering sequence utilized by Douglas County in the voter registration system. He noted that over time the current sequence expanded from three and four digits, noting the office will streamline the sequence moving forward. He noted that this is primarily for internal use and is not an outward-facing component of elections.

Mr. Hurry asked how this implementation for Douglas County would affect the State's Voter Registration System.

Mr. Kidd explained that the change will primarily be implemented through GARVIS, however the State primarily uses data based off each precinct's physical polling place which will remain unchanged.

Mr. Proctor asked whether this would affect a voter's My Voter Page experience.

Mr. Kidd explained that currently the My Voter Page also displays data that refers to a precinct by its polling place.

Mr. Word asked whether there were quality control measures in place by the office to ensure that the change does not incorrectly affect voters.

Mrs. Green explained that the workflow in GARVIS is designed in such a way that any error is unlikely, noting that in GARVIS there are currently twenty-five precincts that will have the precinct code field changed, and that no voters will be reassigned.

Mr. Kidd added that the county is growing rapidly and part of the purpose of this is to prepare the precincts for any future splitting of precincts.

Mr. Smith announced that repair and replacement of damaged BMDs' handles and internal batteries has begun. This work has required coordination with Dominion for repairs and the Secretary of State's office for acceptance testing. In total 201 BMDs will be repaired. He extended his thanks to the Board of Education for allowing the office to use the Murray Building to allow this process to proceed efficiently.

Mr. Hurry asked if this will affect the weight of the BMDs.

Mr. Smith stated that such change will not affect the weight of the BMDs.

Mr. Proctor asked how the replacement parts are certified.

Mr. Kidd explained that Dominion, who is contracted with the Secretary of State's office is the only authorized vendor to make repairs to the election equipment. He explained that office staff is not allowed to open or tamper with the equipment or make repairs.

Mrs. Green presented a schedule of March's voter outreach events to the board, noting the following events.

- Thursday, 13 March 10:00AM-12:00PM Serenity House in Lithia Springs
- Monday, 17 March 1:00PM-3:00PM at the Lithia Springs Library
- Tuesday, 18 March 11:00AM-1:00PM at AARP in Douglasville
- Thursday, 20 March 11:00AM-1:00PM at the Greystone Amphitheater
- Saturday, 22 March 10:00AM-3:00PM in Wortham Park
- Monday, 24 March 10:00AM-12:00PM at the Douglas County Library

- Wednesday, 26 March 11:15AM-2:00PM at New Manchester High School
- Saturday, 29 March 10:30AM-12:00PM a third-party training held virtually in conjunction with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Mrs. Good asked whether individuals are invited or if it's open to the public.

Mr. Kidd explained that he has assembled a group of seasonal staff dedicated to hosting these events and that anyone is open to attend.

Mrs. Good asked whether board members are able to request voter outreach activities at any particular event.

Mrs. Swift advised the board that ample notice should be provided to ensure that there are no conflicts with scheduled events.

Mr. Word asked for clarification regarding the third-party training mentioned.

Mrs. Green explained that a deputy registrar training course is required for any organization that wishes to collect voter registrations to be transmitted to the office.

Old Business

Mr. Kidd announced that Villa Rica has approved of the agreement for Douglas County to conduct Villa Rica's municipal election in November.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Director's Concerns

There were no director concerns to discuss.

Board Member Concerns

Mr. Evans extended his congratulations to the Douglas County School System, noting that all five high schools in Douglas County received AP Honors from the state superintendent. Regarding election matters, Mr. Evans expressed concern about proposed legislation that would affect the identification required for voting and registration purposes.

Mr. Kidd noted that he has been monitoring the current legislative session and is ready to provide updates to this board at the end of the session regarding new or changed legislation as it pertains to elections and registration.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27PM