



**BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
APPROVED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – August 11, 2022**

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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**Presiding:** Ms. Cathy Woolard, Chairperson

**Other Board Members Present:**

Mrs. Teresa Crawford  
Mr. Aaron Johnson  
Dr. Kathleen Ruth  
Mr. Mark Wingate

**Staff Attending:** Mr. Patrick Eskridge, Deputy Director; Ms. Nadine E. Williams, Elections Chief; Mr. Dominic Olomo, Information Systems Manager; Ms. Shamira Marshall, Registration Manager; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Ms. Janell Barganier, Financial Systems Manager; Mrs. Cheryl Ringer, County Attorney; Mr. Thomas Johnson; Ms. LaShandra Little; Mr. James Reese, Production Manager; Regina Waller, Senior Public Affairs Officer

**Guests Attending:** Susan Ortiz, David H. Hubert, Jason Frazier, Kathy Whitehouse, Earl Ferguson, Lucia Frazier, Cliff Hops, Gil Trammel, Kevin Muldowney, Candy Muldowney, Lauren Waits, Sandra Burkhardt, Elizabeth Ann Delmas, Catherine Muldonado, Linda Harris, Audra Melts, Tracy Taylor, Bruce Crawford

**#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Ruth, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE**

**Jane Shapee**

*My name is Jane Shappie, I live in Fulton County. I'm here today because of early voting because of the house bill 202, the absentee ballot processing time has been shortened.*

*Every effort must be made to notify voters of any ballot issues. Voters must be notified through every method possible to remedy issues with their ballots including but not limited to phone, email, and regular mail. I want to thank all of you on the Board of Elections for providing a strong access to early voting. All eligible voters should have access to the Ballot Box. Please ensure that early voting locations are equally distributed across the County, please plan to increase the number of locations with high capacities and on college campuses. The Board of Elections, I believe should ensure that our all in-person early voting locations are open 7am to 7pm every day including both Sundays during early voting. Please continue to support poll workers and their managers to ensure smooth operations during early voting and election day.*

**Alex Ames**

*Good morning um thank you for your time. I am a registered Fulton County voter and I'm also a student at Georgia Tech um and I'm here today to ask you guys to please ensure that college campuses are on the list of early vote locations. Early voting locations on campuses are not mobile voting locations and they're really important for students like me. My precinct is in OC Elementary up in Johns Creek and that's anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour from my college campus and I don't have a car. So, if I had to vote on Election Day, I'd have to use a chunk of my paycheck, some of my time off, and Uber my way up there and back which is not doable for most students. It's really important that students who have less access to transportation, less control over their schedules, who are studying full-time, many of us are working full-time, like me, are able to access the ballot and early voting makes that easier and that is a right we should all have. I'm here to ask that Spelman, Morehouse, Clark Atlanta, Atlanta Metropolitan, GSU, and my own College, have early voting precincts on campus with poll workers inside of buildings not mobile voting locations this November thank you so much.*

**Lucia Frazier**

*Good morning um last month you guys announced a process change of leaving bad data registrations on the poll as pending that doesn't make any sense to me. These are registrations that should never have been added to begin with. Any registration that shows up with missing information or addresses that don't exist should never be added and you send them a card saying the registration is incomplete and even though some of these may be represented by real people, many are not. And the ones that are represented have probably already re-registered and that line is now obsolete. So, now you have all these extra lines in the registration that you're counting in your budget because you just look at the Active voters. And if I'm not mistaken, if you're putting them in pending they might still be active so please verify what your budget is based on active canceled I don't know but you're counting all those people in your budget. So, in light of that we have taken off a lot of people, a lot of lines I should say, that shouldn't have been there so we should be saving some money now so that means we should have less precincts I think we've saved enough to remove a couple of precincts because it's based on number of people per Precinct I just want to make sure we're not purposely trying to bankrupt ourselves I think the money's going to run out that we just keep spending it and by the way as far as precincts around Georgia Tech there is the High Museum of Art which is walkable distance thank you.*

**Melissa Fiorillo**

*Good morning my first concern is the security of our elections, you have heard that it mentioned that the QR codes go against Georgia law and that it states the voter has to be able to verify his vote. Yet we are still using uh these tabulators to count our ballots and we don't know what's in that QR code. Also I worked the Primary runoff when the scanner was*

*delivered I saw the memory card flap was not secured and I was told we don't need to report it because we don't want to get anybody in trouble. Things like this do not give me great confidence in our elections. With more and more information coming out about the integrity of our elections for example "2000 Mules" the ballot harvesting scheme which was not uh debunked. Also, DeKalb County's vote discrepancy we're a Democrat candidate who won and was told she was third place but she really won and we were told this was a candidate alignment issue but if you had realigned the candidates and taken the one out, the votes didn't match and with the recount they actually found more votes than actually the scanner counted. So this is this is not just a democrat or a republican issue this is an American issue someone is picking our candidates. By the way, "Selection Code" is another movie it's coming out August 1<sup>st</sup> and I suggest you see watch it and also there's a demonstration in Georgia that's taken place so voters can see live their ballot being scanned and what's being recorded on the image live. So I suggest maybe you take a look at that as well thank you.*

### **Crafton Langley**

*Good morning to everyone here to discuss these important issues, my name is Crafton Langley. This morning I'm here as a pro voter advocate to urge you all to offer the gold standards of early voting. Here are those four standards: one, offer two days of Sunday voting; two, offer 7am to 7pm daily voting; three, open all locations for the duration of early voting. Thank you all for providing 31 in-person Early voting locations and that brings me to point number four, please continue to offer an increased number of early voting locations including high-capacity locations that are culturally relevant and easily accessible to those without transportation. Um in closing, thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express these views.*

### **Sandra Burkhardt**

*My name is Sandra Burkhardt I live in Fulton County. I want to ask you why you're trying to expand the number of early voting locations. These people that are asking for them are any of them willing to work? It cost a great deal of money to open all these places seven days a week, seven to seven, and right now we're doing it with all these temporary agencies. We don't need any more early voting locations in this County. Have you actually checked the number of people that vote on early voting? Have you checked the traffic? The election department spent less than 10 million dollars in 2010, and we are projected to spend close to 50 million in 2022. An increase of more than 500 percent. Fulton County contains about 10 percent of the state's registered voters. If the rest of the counties in Georgia operated like Fulton County, we would spend roughly 500 million each election cycle. Let me say it another way, half a billion dollars. Your job is not only to ensure access to voting but also to be responsible stewards of the taxpayer's money and run an effective operation. There is zero justification for additional voting locations. This items unquestionably should be voted down today thank you.*

### **Mason Goodwin**

*Hey everyone, I'm Mason Goodwin, I'm a student at Georgia State and I'm here to address the issue that right now we don't have early voting precincts on our college campuses. Although we've seen a change in agenda that you will starting to make the effort to provide us with these early vocations, I'd still like to remind you why this is important. First of all, a lot of us don't have access to cars that particularly affects low-income students like myself who can't necessarily get around especially here in Atlanta where there's low access to public transportation and then I'd also like to address the previous comments with you guys not having funding and not having poll workers to run these precincts. If this had been done two months before this, we could have had students run these early voting precincts which again*

*takes them out of budget you have to put into these early voting precincts but it also allows us the students to learn how to do this work and you build a future generation of poll workers thank you.*

**Kevin Muldowney**

*Kevin Muldowney, I am a resident of Fulton. You know uh by the way the High Museum was about a mile from Georgia Tech and uh and Georgia State and they're open for early voting. We really uh on that point we really don't need any more advanced voting locations on the North side or the South side of the county. I worked as a poll watcher in several locations, CT Martin, East Point Library, Buckhead Library, Sandy Springs Library, as well as various locations on the North side. The staff at these locations were all quite helpful but for the most part they were never busy with the exception of the last day of early voting. They were never crowded, the lines on the final day of Advance voting could be alleviated by educating the voting public to vote earlier in that two-week period uh or on the actual election day where we have many many precincts manned and opened all day long. We do not need any more early voting locations or drop boxes. As was stated earlier we spent 50 million dollars this year for 10% of the state's vote. Our goal is to be responsible to the citizens and run an efficient operation, not the typical government bloat that spends every penny it gets and always wants more. One other thought that was uh mentioned uh would be to have board members work one day of early voting, get an idea what the process is and get an idea of what the crowds really are thank you very much.*

**Marjorie Park**

*Good morning my name is Marjorie Park, I live in Fulton County I work at Emory, and I do voter education work all over the metro area, so I have paid attention to different counties ways of doing elections um and I want to start by thanking you for some things that I think Fulton elections does especially well. Um the website is informative and relatively easy to use, these kinds of mailings that get sent to registered voters are tremendously helpful for people who have trouble getting online. Um I think having lots of early voting locations um and having weekend voting during early voting is uh crucial for a lot of the people I've met. Um I would like to see Fulton elections do even better on a couple of things, one of them is expanding early voting action um access which several people have already spoken against. I won't repeat what they've said um but I think with this election in particular it's very important that Fulton County do everything possible to educate and prepare voters for the reduction in Dropbox availability that they're likely to experience this fall due to recent changes in voting law. I've talked to many people in our community who rely on absentee voting because they work very long or unpredictable hours. Um this mailing last time told us that drop boxes are the fastest, safest way to make sure your ballot is returned on time and I'm very concerned about voters who got this message in 2020 are planning to use it this fall thank you I very much hope that we can do some more voter education about this thank you.*

**Susan Ortiz**

*My name is Susan Ortiz at the last BRE meeting you were told that all poll workers get a manual, I wanted to show you what we received at training for early voting. A little pamphlet, just an agenda of what would be covered during the three days of training this manual is only received for election day training which is helpful for reviewing what one has learned but early voting is much more complicated with laptops poll pads printers and voters coming in from many locations and a little pamphlet is all we get so I came up with my own step-by-step processing reminder. On day one when we opened the polls for the primaries none of the clerks knew exactly what to do I stood behind them and went from one clerk to the other reminding them of the steps and gave them the sheet that I had to come up with. My point is*

*training is still lacking and it is inconsistent. For example, I was never trained how to edit a voter's history on ElectionNet when voters came in with a ballot that had been mailed and decided to vote in person but guess what the two clerks from Alabama who had the same instructor on a different day were trained how to do it and they showed me I also met a poll worker from Chastain Park location who said they were not asking voters to surrender their mail ballot when they came in to vote in person so many inconsistencies are still there thank you.*

**Cathy Woolard**

Thank you. If you'd like to share your checklist with the staff, I ask you to give it to the officer and he'll uh he'd be happy to share it with him.

**Candy Muldowney**

*My name is Candy Muldowney, I would like to speak to you about getting rid of the electronic machines that we vote on according to Georgia Code title 21, chapter 2, ballot markers shall produce paper ballots showing voters who they chose to vote for in such a way the voter can read it with their own eyes. When you go up to the BMD and make your selections you then review it and print your ballot, you read it over to make sure all your choices are correct, then you take your ballot to the Dominion scanner which actually looks like a janitor's trash bin and you can scan your ballot into the machine. The scanner takes a beautiful picture of your ballot but that's not what the scanner counts. Scanner files your image away but it actually reads what is located in the QR code box at the top of your ballot. You cannot verify what is listed in that code with your own eyes, this is the code that's actually going to relay who you voted for to your Precinct and then to the SOS's office. This equipment is illegal even Judge Amy Totenberg in her opinion piece on pages 81 and 82 suggested the QR code is not aligned with Georgia's election law. The good news is you board members along with county commissioner approval can choose to get rid of the equipment via good old paper and Pen thank you.*

**Jason Frazier**

*Hello my name is Jason Frazier I guess first off I wanted to Echo some of the comments that were made uh just a minute ago about the early building locations I know when I was a college kid I watched more than a mile every day there's an early voting location not far and those early voting locations are incredibly slow I worked one of them last year and it is painful for the first oh all over the last two days very few people come um maybe you can move that location a little close to the campus that's fine but having more locations I think would be uh not in the spirit of helping people that are struggling to pay the bills and you guys are already raising our taxes to have more of these locations the other point mentioning uh somebody mentioned a 7 A.M to 7 P.M seven days a week you guys don't want to hire people that can work you know two days a week you want it to be the same person there all seven days for all three weeks that makes it into almost 100 hours a day when they come in early to set up they have to stay later to finish it you've got people working if you follow that plan you're you're requiring the same person to work 100 hours a week for almost three weeks that's tough I worked early voting last year it was tough on me the hours that they had then and I'm a Young Man the older folks it it would be a struggle it's a struggle today that's that's part of why you struggle to find people that are willing able to do this and I love it guys or college kids working the elections because they can learn they can see but there's no way they can take three weeks off of college to do this so yeah utilize them but allow them to work a day here and there or something of that nature time thank you.*

**Earl Ferguson**

*I'm a registered voter here in Fulton County I failed to put on my uh sign up sheet what I wanted to talk about but I have received a copy of the Eliza sloth firm letter where I got the one that was addressed to Augusta Richmond County opportunities the same that went to All Counties and that's what I'd like to talk about briefly foreign the latter references the national voter registration Act and the 52 U.S code 2057. which I think is the same piece of legislation with different titles neither of these federal laws contains directions on what to do when you have an out-of-state voter change and as a result and the way I interpret this gentleman's letter or this person I don't know whether it's a man or a woman is that it's okay to go ahead and vote both States or more if you want to I I don't think that's the intent of the law Atlanta also references Georgia 21-2-217 which is the rules for determining residence in 15 seconds and we use that it fails to mention two very important sections in there that one that says uh register to vote in the other state the other one deals with homestead exemptions those are fatal errors I hope you will not pay too much attention to that letter thank you very much for your attention thank you.*

**Suzanne Hubbard**

*Hello my name is Suzanne Hubbard I am here to give feedback as a poll worker I worked the May 24th elections early voting and runoff I do not understand adding more precincts as a poll worker or as a taxpayer most days of the 21 days of early voting we spent waiting for voters and only occasionally we had bursts of people and very short lines Sundays were particularly slow most workers would have appreciated the Sunday's offer at least a later start time more precincts would cost more money and need more workers you could find more workers if there was better communication between the elections department and the temp agencies especially with recruitment fairs but why spend the extra money to have more people sit around for all but the last few days of early voting every day even day of my precinct only had 30 voters we definitely could have handled more voters even with a bigger election please think of the tax payers spending wisely should be a goal too thank you very much thank you.*

**Julian Fortuna**

*Hello everyone, my name is Julian Fortuna and I'm a college student who knows how difficult it can be to vote as a university student many college students don't have Jara uh don't have cars we have classes jobs and as such depend on you all to provide us access to the ballot I believe my fellow college students who are also taxpayers who are also workers when they tell me that difficult access to voting is not the same as accessible voting when students saw early vote precincts on Fulton college campuses had been closed and there's no assurance that they would reopen we were concerned our precincts are open for two days on these campus locations and are largely staffed by students like Mason and Alex who do their Duty their communities young people's voting habits at the beginning of their lives is shown to impact how they engage with our democracy for the rest of their lives it is all the more important then that students have easy access to the ballot we're not lazy we just need excessive the accessibility to make our voices heard not only do we like all voters deserve the right to make our unique needs known at The Ballot Box but an investment in young people's access to the ballot now is an investment in an active and engaged citizenry for decades to follow the students who inherit Georgia's future and our democracy are worth that investment I ask that you opened the Israeli vote precincts on Spelman Morehouse Clark Atlanta GSU and Georgia Tech campuses thank you.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

### #3- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting – July 14, 2022
- Special Meeting – July 26, 2022

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes from July 14, 2022. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

#### **Ms. Woolard**

The minutes are approved. We'll now move into the operations report.

### #4- MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JULY 2022

#### **Ms. Williams**

Good morning chair members of the board on we will present the operation I'm sorry the operations report and ordered by division starting on page 92. um the first division is Administration.

#### **Ms. Dickenson**

Good morning board and citizens the July report for the administration division is as follows.

#### **Ms. Woolard**

Excuse me one second would you lean into that microphone and speak real loud so we can make sure that **Mr. Wingate** can hear okay thank you.

#### **Ms. Dickenson**

Can you hear me?

#### **Ms. Woolard**

Yes

#### **Ms. Dickenson**

Okay, good morning again, the July report for the administration division is as follows, vacancies we are currently recruiting for the positions director which is an external recruitment. This position was reposted and the closing date was August 8<sup>th</sup>, HR informed us of 35 applicants and information will be forwarded. Registration manager, we are interviewing and hope to select a candidate shortly. Voter Education Outreach Specialists, we are working with HR for the position to be posted, Registration officer we are waiting on a register and preparing for interviews. We onboarded 60 employees as Time-limited positions with starting date August 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, these are 43 election systems Specialists and 17 logistic assistants. In regards to special elections, IGAs were approved by the board of commissions for city of Milton, Roswell, Atlanta, East Point, and Fairburn to conducts special elections in November. In regards to CCDR reports, a late and non-filer report has been submitted to the state all candidates last date to file these reports was July 8<sup>th</sup> is concludes report for July 2022.

#### **Ms. Woolard**

Okay, any questions? Thank you.

**Ms. Williams**

We will continue with the absentee division.

**Ms. Bodison**

Good morning board. Uh in the month of July, absentee concentrated on uh retention. That is accepted, rejected, spoiled, null/undelivered ballots, provide well submitting those to the clerk of court not only that but just retaining our paper records and archiving those documents. We, we completed uh internal training and we spoke with a few vendors in the month of July but that's it for absentee.

Can you all hear me?

**Ms. Woolard**

Yeah. I think okay and you want to talk a little bit aboe um applying for an absentee ballot for the November General election. What people need to do to apply for a ballot.

**Ms. Bodison**

You cannot apply for an absentee ballot until August 22<sup>nd</sup>. August 22<sup>nd</sup> is when you can begin to apply for a ballot and those ballots are not mailed out until August, excuse me, October 10<sup>th</sup>. It's the mail out date.

**Ms. Woolard**

So you can't receive them prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup> or you have to return them.

**Ms. Bodison**

You can request a ballot as of August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay, I see.

**Ms. Bodison**

We don't begin mailing out those ballots until October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay, thank you. Just for the folks who are watching, t3hat's mandated by state law. That's what we have to deal with. It's very challenging when somebody sends us something on August 21<sup>st</sup> and we have to send it back and tell them to do it again. That is not us, that is the state law.

**Ms. Bodison**

Also to that end, that is also what we did in the month of July, we had to send notices that their request was too early.

**Ms. Woolard**

My sincere hope is that, particularly for seniors who want it for the entire cycle, that we could find some way for those deadlines not to apply because uh it gets very very confusing but again, that's not in our hands.

Are there any questions?

**Ms. Crawford**

What's the last date for absentee ballots to get to you?

**Ms. Bodison**

Election Day, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.

**Mr. Johnson**

The application is the week before the Friday

**Ms. Bodison**

Yes

**Mr. Johnson**

A week prior

**Ms. Bodison**

Yes, no 11 days, it's 11 days prior.

**Mr. Johnson**

Right not the Friday before but the Friday before that.

**Ms. Bodison**

Yes.

**Dr. Ruth**

And we will have the ballot tracking or we will not?

**Ms. Bodison**

No ma'am.

**Dr. Ruth**

I thought we would have it for November.

**Ms. Bodison**

Yes if it was automated but it's going to be manual.

**Dr. Ruth**

It'll be manual?

**Ms. Bodison**

Yes, we're mailing our ballots manually

**Dr. Ruth**

And then can you talk about any vendors that you will be using?

**Ms. Bodison**

Uh usual vendors. Opex of course, and probably that will be the only one. And well we may use Quadiant. So Opex and Quadiant. Opex is the vendor, so they'll do some maintenance on the cutters of the ballots and Quadiant is just the software that we use to print out ballots with a barcode.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay thank you for that.

**Ms. Woolard**

Other questions? **Mr. Wingate** do you have anything? Okay.

**Ms. Williams**

I will read the portion for the elections division.

Um we have reached out to all municipalities regarding contests or in questions to be placed on the ballot um as we receive those they're being forwarded to the SOS Center for election systems ballot builder. For supplies and Logistics, inventory and preparation supplies is currently being conducted for the November election. Moving companies are being secured to assist with expediting the voting equipment retrieval post-election, polling locations for November election have been confirmed, one precinct location change will be presented to the board today. A pending change may be presented in September if necessary, absentee ballot drop boxes places for November election will also be presented today they have been assessed and will be presented to the board as well. For recruitment and training poll manager feedback roundtables were successfully conducted via Zoom, the election day poll worker manual is being updated for print production, the regional coordinator positions are fully staffed, and poll worker recruitment has commenced, and the poll worker training schedule has been posted and is live for class registration. For advanced voting, I will let **Ms. Benjamin** give a summary.

**Ms. Benjamin**

Hi good morning board. What we've been working on is actually streamlining advanced voting training. On August 3rd we had a round table with the compliance managers and the AV managers. Basically asking them give me one good statement, how would you see us improving advanced voting? it was very informative. In addition, after every training we asked staff to give us feedback give us an evaluation. For example, did the training meet your expectations? Do you believe that everything that you have learned in training you can actually perform an advanced voting the first day? We ask you do you think you can conduct early voting? Let's evaluate the trainers. Did the trainers meet your content to make sure that you follow?

Each person was giving at the last event training and agenda and a training manual to follow along their feedback matters to us and because of that we decide to enhance the early voting process. We have had problems whereas waiting for password. We value the time that we ask our staff to come and sit so with that an enhancement we will be given the password on the first day. we will make sure that staff had a Hands-On training from the day one, we will make sure that we revamped a whole early voting manual. So based on the evaluation and based on hearing from the team we know that we have to make a difference and that's exactly what we're doing. If I'm asking you to evaluate the process, we have to make sure that we're doing something to enhance the process. In addition, we will have the advanced voting training manual and supplemental training packet by print production before Advance voting start which is August 22nd is the first step Advanced voting.

Dover staff and along with the voting education team is actively conducting job fairs to make sure that we recruit prospective candidates for advanced voting. We have a Fulton County Advance voting fair scheduled for August 17 along with the VEO Team, Staffing Dover

Staffing would also be in attendance. When that segment comes and going over approving the locations you will see that we have added additional location to make sure that we service the whole public. recruitment started July 26th the last day of recruitment will be November 4<sup>th</sup>. We will continue recruiting and recruiting because I expect a large turnout for this election, we want to make sure that we're ready and we're effective and make sure to solve the voters that's my short summary thank you.

**Ms. Woolard**

Thank you. Questions?

**Dr. Ruth**

Thank you so much for sharing about the round table and for doing that I'm sure it sounds like it was very valuable will there be a summary uh report that can be sent to the board?

**Ms. Benjamin**

Yes. I have one.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay great and uh when could we receive that?

**Ms. Benjamin**

I can send it by Friday.

**Dr. Ruth**

Thank you.

**Ms. Benjamin**

You're welcome.

**Dr. Ruth**

And when will the changes be made to the training manual?

**Ms. Benjamin**

Uh it's a work in progress. What I can do is share the changes with you.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay. I know **Ms. Crawford** has also been really instrumental uh in that process as well. Um and what's the goal for recruitment for AV, advanced voting.

**Ms. Benjamin**

Estimated about 500 staff.

**Dr. Ruth**

And what about election day?

**Ms. Williams**

For election day, we are actively recruiting at this time. Is your question the number of?

**Dr. Ruth**

Just the goal. What is the goal that we're trying to achieve? That we need

**Ms. Williams**

The total number of people? I'm sorry I don't have those numbers in front of me but um I can I'll email you the staffing allocation sheet. So, you can see exactly per precinct how many people in each precinct, we're going to be recruiting for each precinct.

**Ms. Woolard**

Just for the people watching, it's several thousand, right?

**Ms. Williams**

I'm sorry

**Ms. Woolard**

It's several thousand?

**Ms. Williams**

Let me pull the numbers up

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay. And that's not an accurate number, I just wanted people to understand the magnitude of that.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay and we're still working with um these staffing agencies to help with the recruitment process right?

**Ms. Williams**

Yes

**Dr. Ruth**

And can you remind me the two, Happy Faces, and it's three right?

**Ms. Williams**

Yes, Happy Faces, Corporate Temps, and Dover.

**Dr. Ruth**

And Dover, that's what I missed.

**Ms. Williams**

Yes and we're also um our VEO team is also going to be conducting recruitment fairs as well in all municipalities.

**Dr. Ruth**

And are we, is there going to be a meeting with all of them just so that this process is streamlined across the different you know, I know they may have different onboarding or different processes but streamlining that so that each person has the same experience across.

**Ms. Williams**

Yes

**Dr. Ruth**

Across agencies

**Ms. Williams**

Yes ma'am. Um all the we are going to meet with each temp agency to ensure they're all from the same process and we also want to track to make sure everybody's being contacted and has put an application. So we're having and we're going to be setting up admin to setting that up so we can meet with them individually.

**Dr. Ruth**

Great. Thank you so much.

**Ms. Woolard**

Other questions? **Mr. Wingate?** No. **Mr. Johnson?** No. Okay.

Um just to bring home the point of staffing, particularly for the young man who made the comment about it was too late. It's not too late, we'd love to have you either for advanced voting or on Election Day. Anything that you can do to encourage students to participate. It's paid, we'd love it. Come on down. You've got plenty of time.

Okay. What's next? Registration? Excuse me, Information Technology.

**Mr. Olomo**

Good morning board members um for information system division um for the month of July we worked on application solutions. Um we met with managers and vendors to discuss issues reported during the May and the June elections, we met with uh easy vote. We had a meeting with the vendor on the application printing issue um we have a follow-up meeting scheduled for next week with the vendor that outcome of that meeting will be published in the August report. Um for Outlook we met with um the Microsoft 365 and the active directory team from the IT department to draw up an action plan to effectively manage accounts and licenses for temporary workers working during the polls for uh Advanced voting. On project manager with scheduling meetings with division managers to assist them in updating their task for the November election project, and um webEOC we're trying to improve our response time and to effectively collect data and ideas to this with discussing that with the webEOC team.

For voting equipment, right now system specialist start working on the post-election procedures on our voting equipment this include testing equipment that will report that to have issues in the field during the June runoff election and preparing those equipment to be shipped out to the vendor for repairs. We're removing the whole election files from the imagecast X bmds and we're conducting asset checks on those voting equipment cabinets and all BMDs, scanners, and printers to make sure we had our proper inventory back from the election. We're also removing the whole seals from the ballot marking device, the image cast precinct scanner, and voting cabinets this concludes our report for the month of July.

**Ms. Woolard**

Thank you. Any questions? No. Now registration.

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Good morning board members, how you all doing? As of July 31st we had a total of 849,191 total active voters residing in Fulton County. I'm sorry, excuse me. And 750,362 were active 98, 829 were inactive and as of July uh we had uh voter registration applications come in at

16,752. For our workload statistics, we completed voter registration applications processed and we had a total of 296 new and we had a total number of changes in uh Fulton County with addresses which was a total of 9981 and a total number of removals in Fulton County was 7116. As far as any other training meetings that we held, we did our Street Maintenance training that we also are doing our blue raster team meetings which we have our blue raster under 1000 at this time and we have been working on our challenge discussions also and uh cyber security training also.

**Ms. Woolard**

Questions

**Dr. Ruth**

So the total voter registration applications for 2022 is 91,000?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay. We'll move on.

**Ms. Williams**

To give you those totals um back to election day, it's approximately 2,850 workers. There's all positions combined to include security officers, line monitor, assistant managers, all positions.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay and what about advance voting? Especially since that was, I was just a little wanted to know a little bit more about the allocation there given that they have to commit to the entire time. What's the number?

**Ms. Williams**

It's over 480.

**Ms. Woolard**

Any other questions? All right. Voter education and outreach.

**Ms. Little**

Good morning board members and citizens. For the month of July, we trained 20 Deputy registers giving us a total of 334 for the year we submitted 75 voter registration applications giving us 1914 for the year we recruited 121 poll workers giving us 497 on the year we created four voter identification cards held 51 events and because we were event heavy we didn't do as many email outreaches as usual so we had about 100 connections and 2 000 event interactions in July I really wanted to focus on with my team making sure we updated all of our materials in preparation for the November election so making sure everything was updated with dates and locations and I also began doing the Outreach to all of the mayors for all of the municipalities to ensure that we can conduct poll recruitment fairs again in every city in Fulton County.

We're also planning for some of the national holidays well planning for all of the National voting holidays that take place including next Tuesday which is the first one for National poll worker recruitment day will be what we will be hosting two events one here and one at North Point Mall we also began doing Outreach to our senior centers as we had begun getting

requests we had to make sure they were aware because they often times reach out to us to help them with processing the absentee applications also we had to make them aware that they cannot start submitting applications into August 22<sup>nd</sup> so you will see in August we'll be really heavy with visiting senior centers to help them with voter registration absentee applications as well as processing any free voter identification cards that are needed.

I also worked with the Atlanta public schools in July to train all of the social studies teachers they wanted to be Deputy registers and so that they can start hosting some drives within the schools and so I trained the that was the 20 for the month so it was the 20 social education teachers and we'll be doing another training with Atlanta Public Schools as well as Fulton County Schools as though they are all interested in making sure they are Deputy registers so we can be hosting events as well lastly as I stated we were we're planning for the national election holiday so we have National disability voter registration week in September that's coming up there's a national vote black voter registration day there's a national voter registration day and then National voter education week and National vote early day as well as chairman Willard has tasked us with uh planning an event to encourage early voting on the weekend so we are our team is busy planning those events and you can see the list of all the events where we were across the county as my focus has really been to make sure that we're doing as many events in North and South so make sure it's Equitable across the county and that concludes my report.

**Ms. Woolard**

Thank you. I believe **Mr. Johnson** had a question or comment.

**Mr. Johnson**

When are all these, when are all these dates? I'm looking for them.

**Ms. Little**

Are you talking about the national holidays? I did not drop them in there but I can, do you want me to send it to you now?

**Mr. Johnson**

No you can send it

**Ms. Little**

So, I'll make sure I send it to all the board members all of the national uh election holidays.

**Ms. Woolard**

Alright, other questions.

**Dr. Ruth**

Yeah are we working with all the Commissioners? I see Commissioner Arrington and uh Commissioner Hall. Are we reaching out to Commissioner Hausman and Ellis to see if they are wanting to host any?

**Ms. Little**

Yes

**Dr. Ruth**

Events in their areas.

**Ms. Little**

Yes ma'am. I reach out to all the Commissioners and then commissioner Hausman has asked me to make sure she's abreast of everything that's happening in the North 4th and so I send that to her and so I'll be getting ready to do a new round of emails to all the Commissioners probably this week as we're getting ready to plan for November. The two Commissioners that you mentioned they reached out to me directly for those events as I hadn't done Outreach yet for I wanted to make sure all of our materials were updated before I did Outreach to them again.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay. Great. Thank you.

**Ms. Little**

You're welcome

**Dr. Ruth**

Very busy schedule

**Ms. Crawford**

How is, How are you um Deputy Registrar trainers uh coming volunteer-wise coming to show up at the at your trainings.

**Ms. Little**

They actually have been very helpful and so we with our events or what I typically have been doing every Friday I send out the events for the upcoming week and ask for them to volunteer so we typically are getting one to two Deputy registers to come out uh for every event to assist.

**Ms. Crawford**

That's good. Okay. Great. Thank you.

**Ms. Little**

You're welcome

**Ms. Woolard**

**Mr. Wingate**

**Mr. Wingate**

Yes, thank you madam chair. Um if I reviewed the VOE event information correctly uh 51 events and as I looked at this I see that there were only two in what we consider to be North Fulton is there a reason behind that?

**Ms. Little**

I'm not sure that accurate

**Mr. Wingate**

Correct me if I'm wrong

**Ms. Little**

No, we were spread out pretty much all over the county I would have to point out the ones that were in North Fulton but I also can send you the actual list that we also have planned out

through November but we had events in Alpharetta and Roswell we had a couple events in Alpharetta as I'm looking as well as um John's Creek and John's Creek so we were pretty much we were spread out and then also some of these events also include voter registration drives hosted by our Deputy registers as well and also the um voter registrar uh several voter registers in John and the North Fulton area will be reaching out to the high schools to do voter registration so I know that's in the works.

**Dr. Ruth**

just a comment it also might be helpful to plot these on the map so that we can just kind of see how they're they're spread out throughout the throughout the county.

**Ms. Little**

okay I will work on that maybe with Dominic to help me put these on the map so we will have that we will update it for the upcoming Monday August and then if you want to see it for the full year we've been tracking and when they're submitting now we actually uh asked them to put what district the commissioner's District so we can also track how many events have been in particular districts because early on we were very much heavy North Fulton and so I wanted to make sure we started doing some events down south because we hadn't we had been in North Fulton for the first five months of the year heaven so we're trying to spread it out as well in South Fulton.

**Mr. Johnson**

So actually that's what I wanted to bring up I think that if you look at it by the month it may be unbalanced but that's based on events that these organizations when they have them but when you look at them over a longer period of time you may see that I can attest they are everywhere and it may not be a situation where yeah in July it may be Atlanta down but in March it was all North Fulton and nothing in the South so I think our greater focus should be on making sure that they are everywhere and you know looking at a longer period as opposed to one month.

**Dr. Ruth**

Most definitely

**Ms. Woolard**

Alright, where are we? Does that conclude the operations report?

**Ms. Williams**

Yes that concludes the report

**Ms. Woolard**

Alright, any comments on the operations report?

**Dr. Ruth**

Oh I just want to make a comment on how well organized the information was and thank you so much for adding the section on uh election uh I think it was systems Information Systems which was very helpful so thank you for a very well organized report.

**Ms. Crawford**

And I'd like to thank you for the round tables I think they were very effective and that we all learned a lot from the round tables with all the poll workers early vote and um election day.

## NEW BUSINESS

### #5- POLLING PLACE CHANGES

**Ms. Woolard**

All right ready to move on all right we are going to talk about polling place changes everybody's favorite topic because nobody likes to do it.

**Ms. Williams**

Okay um today we're requesting a move of one polling Place change um to be presented today the new location has been surveyed for handicap accessibility the proposed change was advertised in a legal organ with the reason for the change noted and all affected voters will be notified to be opposed to mail upon approval um we are requesting the precinct change for South County zero four and it's sc04 from fire station number 17 to Cedar Grove Church of Christ it's approximately I'm half a mile from the fire station um your Exodus request to have better accommodations for HVAC and heat um in the new the new the the new facility that we're relocating to and that's the only proposal we have today.

**Ms. Woolard**

It's a sad statement that our fire department doesn't have adequate heating and air conditioning but we will let the Board of Commissioners address that are there any comments or questions relative to that.

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the polling place changes. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

### #6- Advanced Voting and Absentee Dropbox Locations

**Ms. Woolard**

Let me just say one thing um because I heard a few things I try not to speak directly to public comment but I just want to correct some things we didn't change the agenda to add voting locations today we have anticipated for months now that this August 11th meeting would be the meeting where normally we would approve Advanced voting locations and as such our staff has been working to prepare those and as the director mentioned um uh we have a lot of things we have to go through with Advanced voting locations including making sure that they are Ada accessible that they are accessible to the general public and with our new voting equipment which again to somebody's comment we don't determine the Secretary of State and the general assembly determine have created really a lot of power constraints because they use a lot of power so we can't just go in anywhere unless we blow all their circuits and then never get to go back so I just wanted to mention that and also relative to early voting because somebody said something that I can't remember what it was during Advance voting in Fulton County you can vote at any Precinct you can't do that on Election Day but so for folks who might be uh constrained about um you know where they are and not wanting to go back to North Fulton from the city of Atlanta for example there are locations that are closer and you are welcome to use those during the period of advanced voting so just to make sure that that is clear and I will you take us through it.

**Ms. Williams**

We are proposing 36 Advanced building locations to be open from October 17<sup>th</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> to include Saturday and Sunday voting Monday through Friday voting will be from 7 A.M to 7 P.M Saturday voting will be from 7 A.M to 7p.m and Sunday voting will be from 11 A.M to 5 P.M we are also proposing five Outreach locations and I can read all the sites to you if you'd like um I will start quickly with the 36. Um at Atlas Park Library, Alpharetta Library, Buckhead Library, Burdette Park Gym, CT Martin Recreation Center, Cedar Grove Church of Christ, Chastain Park Recreation Center, College Park Library, Dogwood Library, Dorothy Benson Senior Center, East Point Library, East Roswell Library, Emma Darnell Community Recreation Center, The Fulton County Government Center, Gladys Denard Library, High Museum of Arts, Johns Creek environmental campus, Metropolitan Library, Milton Community Center, Milton Library, New Beginning Senior Center, North Fulton Annex, Northeast rural Oaks Library, Northside Library, Northwest Library, Scott's Crossing, Palmetto Library, Park Place at Newtown, Ponce de Leon Library, OC Library, Roswell Library, Selena Butler Park, South Fulton Annex, Southwest Arts Center, Welcome All recreation center, and Wolf Creek Library.

For the Outreach locations it will be Atlanta those will be for two days each um they'll be in October up until the dates as I read them Atlanta Metropolitan College from on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Georgia State University on the downtown campus off of Courtland Avenue it was for the Veterans Memorial Hall October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Georgia Tech 7 October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Morehouse College October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and we have one pending site which is Georgia State Alpharetta Center we are asking for October 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> but the facility is attempting to confirm they have a room for us to use so we'd like that to be approved in case they do if they're able to accommodate. So, it would be a total of 36 and a total of five outreaches.

**Ms. Woolard**

Just for a point of clarification, I think you didn't say the Evelyn Lowery Library at Cascade so I'm just going to say it.

**Ms. Williams**

Did I skip that one? I'm sorry.

**Ms. Woolard**

Or I just blacked out.

**Ms. Williams**

Yes. Yes. I'm sorry. Yes. Evelyn Lowery Cascade.

**Ms. Woolard**

All right, any questions or comments.

**Mr. Johnson**

Um. Couple things we've heard a lot today about early voting but I want to make a couple of points and it's 36 locations and I really appreciate the staff for making Atlanta and Fulton County the most expansive early voting operation, I think, in the entire Southeast. We absolutely have more early voting locations on day one than the entire metro area combined and I think that's a testament to how hard the staff is working to make sure that in this environment of Highly politicized everything that we're doing all we can for all of our voters in Fulton County. We want everyone to know that we try to look out or that staff tries to look out

not just for one part of the county or another part of the county but everyone in Fulton County whether it's seniors whether it's working mothers working fathers all voting students everyone. Fulton County works extremely hard to make voting accessible and easy for everyone with absentee challenges there's a shorter time period to get your absentee ballot in it's a little more challenging for some people now to get their absentee ballot in so being able to go vote in person early gives them an opportunity to make sure that their voice is heard and it gives them an opportunity during this time period from 7 a to 7 P or the times that we have available it gives them an opportunity just in case something happens when they get there they don't have their license instead of doing provisional they can go get their license and come back they might be able to go before work or after work there's so many it gives them greater opportunity to go and vote and there was a comment made about not a lot of lines and not a lot of people that's because we put it out there so that people the goal is not to have long lines the goal is for people to get in and out if we have long lines we get in trouble for long lines if it takes more than 10 minutes we get in trouble for more than 10 minutes we break it down to where they don't have to take more than 10-15 minutes to vote and then we're told uh they didn't take them it didn't take them long to vote so that's the ultimate goal at least in my view and 50 we're still over 50 percent of Fulton County residents that vote vote early correct isn't that our number right about our number we're pushing uh we got some numbers from 2010 to 20 um 2022. um I wish um mortgage rates and rent was the same as it was in 2010 as it is in 2022 so a lot of things have changed since then but one thing has changed is that people are utilizing early voting more than they ever have before because they know that that's a great way to go and I'll that's that's about it I just wanted to make those couple of points that why we are doing all we can as a board and as a staff and again thank you for all that you all are doing to make sure that the citizens of Fulton County are able to vote early as often as they are.

**Ms. Williams**

Thank you for your support.

**Ms. Crawford**

I second what Aaron said.

**Mr. Wingate**

Yes, thank you madam chair. Um for the record I've had a variety of input from Milton citizens that have stated that they do not believe that the uh an early voting location for the Milton Community Center is needed and I just wanted to because I'm under obligation to pass along that message you know to the board and to the staff that they believe that the Milton library is more than sufficient to cover early voting for their citizens.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay thank you. **Mr. Johnson**

**Mr. Johnson**

Well, since then um if we decide not to use it and is determined that Milton Community Center is not one of the things I know that we've been talking about is trying to relieve pressure off of Wolf Creek Library; I thought about Sandtown Recreation Center, I don't know if the city of South Fulton is available is amenable to Sandtown Rec. The Clifftondale uh Clifftondale Arts Center, I'm sorry Clifftondale United Methodist Church and um and the South Fulton Art Center are a couple of places that may be able to relieve it so if we don't use it and we want to keep the same number let's consider uh putting it to help relieve Wolf Creek Library.

**Ms. Williams**

Well the reason why we considered Milton Community Center when we looked at the map geographically the top portion of Milton needed more coverage. Actually our largest Precinct in Milton is All the Way North on the top of the county so we wanted to take some of the driving and the pressure off of Milton library but if we want to relocate those funds to another side of the county we can we'll be more than happy to do that.

**Mr. Wingate**

Well the other option uh for consideration is that that would you know at least give some alleviation of expense.

**Ms. Williams**

We would prefer to actually have 36 our goal is to ensure we want to encourage people to advance vote um to take the pressure off election day um our goal is to have short lines so instead of I would not want to eliminate the 36th site I would rather transfer it to another location if the board approves.

**Ms. Crawford**

I think transferring it would be would be beneficial to other voters in the county if we're if we're thinking about moving it out of the Milton Community Center

**Ms. Williams**

And like I said we were trying to evenly distribute but if we want to remove that one we can remove it.

**Mr. Wingate**

Was there let me ask during uh the primary was there any problem in terms of volume of voters reported at the Milton Library?

**Ms. Williams**

No there was no problems reported but we are have it's been reported that there's going to be a larger amount of people voting in a November election so we just want to be proactive and not have any problems we reached out to the city of Milton to ask them what would be a good site north um and they recommended this location to us.

**Ms. Woolard**

For those uh who don't see the map it is uh quite a long distance from the Milton library to the top of the county. Um I think the staff has made a recommendation, this would be a new early voting site is that right?

**Ms. Williams**

Yes, It'll be our first time use of that location.

**Ms. Woolard**

So I'm just going to State my opinion which is that we move forward with the list as recommended by the staff and then evaluate for future elections whether that is actually useful I don't live up there but if I had to drive from the top end down to the Milton Library I would guess that I wouldn't enjoy that drive very much.

**Ms. Crawford**

25 minutes

**Ms. Woolard**

Yeah

**Ms. Crawford**

Okay I make a motion to accept the um early voting locations as presented by the department

**Ms. Benjamin**

Okay can I make um one adjustment? Sorry yeah we are since we're planning facility approval from GSU-Alpharetta the dates if approved will be October 18 and 19<sup>th</sup>, I just want you to notate that thank you.

**Ms. Woolard**

So this would be if Georgia State University-Alpharetta Center approves our usage there for those students it would be October 18th and 19th {yes} as opposed to October 17th and 18th thanks for the correction. Okay uh it has been moved and I can't remember if there was a second to accept the list as um as presented. Properly moved, is there a second.

**Dr. Ruth**

I second.

**Ms. Woolard**

Properly moved and seconded, all-in favor please say aye.

Board

Aye.

**Ms. Woolard**

Opposed - there are none. You okay with that Mr Wingate?

**Mr. Wingate**

Yeah

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the early voting and drop box locations. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Ruth, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay there are no

**Mr. Wingate**

That's what you want

**Ms. Woolard**

None opposed, it passes. Thank you. All right, next up uh uh poll worker pay Increase.

#### **#7- Poll Worker Pay Increase**

**Ms. Williams**

Yes, we're um asking for approval to increase poll worker pay rates um due to SB 202 poll workers now permitted to work in adjacent counties. Um Fulton County is surrounded by 13 adjacent counties we did a study to see what the rates were in the other counties, and we were

less than of many of them therefore we're asking for a pay increase in appreciation for the poll workers that we have and all the hard work and hours that they work. The proposed rates would increase poll manager pay from 275 to 400; assistant poll manager pay from 200 to 300; and clerk pay for 175 to 275 and there will also be some stipend increases as well.

**Ms. Woolard**

Questions? Miss Crawford.

**Ms. Crawford**

Is this only election day? How is this going to affect early vote?

**Ms. Williams**

This is election day um we have not and at this rate we're comparable with it with Advanced voting. Our election day pay was low, so we wanted to be, we wanted to match up with the other counties surrounding us.

**Ms. Crawford**

I know this will be much welcomed.

**Ms. Woolard**

Other comments? Okay I think I have mentioned this issue before not that um we should uh necessarily base how we decide to go on something other than a comparable rate but Senate Bill 202 did open up the boundaries for where people can go and so it has become a price market as opposed to necessarily a proximity market and um I appreciate the staff's diligence and making the decision based on how we compare. Is there a motion?

**Ms. Crawford**

I make a motion to accept the new pay rates for the poll workers.

**Mr. Johnson**

Second

**Ms. Woolard**

Properly moved and seconded, all those in favor please say aye.

Board

Aye

**Ms. Woolard**

Opposed - there are none. Uh the motion carries. All right what else uh voter Residency challenge sorry. Who's taking us through that?

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the poll work pay increase. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**#8- Voter Residency Challenge**

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

I will thank you

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay speak right into that microphone and loudly and uh take us through. Oh, let's see, do we want to go ahead and swear folks in? So, we have challenges from Mr. Hubert and Mr. Henson, do you want to swear them both in at the same time?

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Yes, and any witnesses or voters who are here to also give testimony during a hearing.

**Ms. Woolard**

So, if you are here because you were notified that your registration has been challenged, would you just raise your hand so I can see who's out there? Okay thank you sir I think, you got challenged? All right excellent um all right. So, we have four people uh let's see Mr. Hubert, raise your hand and Mr. Henson raise your hand. Okay.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker – 1:16:02

Would you all just stand okay all right thank you once you raise your right hand do you solemnly swear that the information that you will give before the board during this hearing is truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth to help you God thank you

**Ms. Woolard**

All righty all right Now take us through all right

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Thank you all. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, David Hill Hubert had submitted 216 names for a residency Challenge. 61 of those voters have a status of active, 126 of those voters have a status of Inactive, and 29 voters are in canceled moved out of state status due to no due to the NCOA response by the voter's request.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay. Mr. Hubert, do you want to come down? Good morning. Okay, uh is the microphone on? Press that little button on the platform. It's on the right. It has a little person.

Mr. Hubert

Okay, good I see it now.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay great thank you. All right so we've got a total of 216 names submitted.

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes, ma'am that's correct.

**Ms. Woolard**

29 are in canceled moved out of state because they were already removed as a result of the national change of address action from the Secretary of State.

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes and by their request they wouldn't want it to be removed.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay so they're uh we don't need to do anything with them. Uh, 126 have a status of inactive already?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am that's correct.

**Ms. Woolard**

And what would cause that?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

They was already in inact- what? why was they already inactive status?

**Ms. Woolard**

Yeah. Just a variety of reasons?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay uh and then

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

the 61

**Ms. Woolard**

Have a status of active because they just do. Okay. All right. So, the motion would be that we, I'm certain you're going to have to help a little bit. Um the recommendation is we put them in pending and then hearing status?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am that's correct. That's for the 61 active voters, the board can approve placing these voters in pending hearing status; and for those 126, the board can also approve by placing these voters in pending hearing status. With those 126 and that 61, these are 187 voters that are being challenged today.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay is everybody clear here? No?

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

If um, excuse me, **Mr. Johnson**. I'm not clear. It's Patrise Perkins-Hooker. I'm trying to find out, if they are already in inactive status, do we have to do anything at all to them?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am. We still have to; we still have to place them in status. Well, pending – hearing status. I do apologize.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Okay I don't understand why I'm just confused. I thought that if they- if we were, if we had moved them to uh inactive status, there was a different recommendation but if they are already in inactive status and there is a validity to the hearing which is why we were changing people to pending; I don't know why we would move them. That's all I meant looking for.

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Because they still show up to vote.

**Ms. Williams**

Yeah, if they were to come to the poll to vote, um, we just want to make sure that if something has to be reviewed, that it's called in; to make sure it's reviewed.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Okay, thank you. Because they're looking for information?

**Ms. Williams**

Exactly

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Thanks

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay, other questions? Is that clear to everybody? So, they'll still be listed as inactive but it'll be pending because if they, if they're inactive, they can still come and vote but we want to make sure that whatever the issue is relative to the challenge, gets identified so that they can correct that if they were to show up.

**Dr. Ruth**

So this is really just like a notation? For notation purposes in the system?

**Ms. Woolard**

Yeah. There's actually a pull down box and one of the things would be pending and if it they come up to vote, and it says pending, then there's another pull down box that says the reason for the pending. So, if the name's not correct, the address is not correct, something needs to be clarified they would have the option, at that point to make that correction.

**Dr. Ruth**

Um and so we're not, has there not been a notification already sent to them?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am there has.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay and then they have how many days to respond?

**Ms. Woolard**

Well, if they're inactive, they're, they're already inactive for another reason relative to the Secretary of State right?

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

That's what my understanding would have been. They probably have not voted within a certain period of time and been moved to inactive, is that correct?

**Ms. Williams**

Yes, like I said it's- there are people, persons are allowed to do these challenges even though it might not affect anything. The person might not ever come but it's permitted.

**Ms. Woolard**

There are people on on this list that are inactive, that date, that voted in May 2021.

**Ms. Williams**

It's a combination

**Ms. Woolard**

All of these are fairly. fairly recent.

**Mr. Wingate**

Madam Chair

**Ms. Woolard**

Yes sir, Mr Wingate

**Mr. Wingate**

Uh, the management of the, these uh particular voters and being flagged um pending if in fact they come in to uh vote and the notice is that they are a flagged voter account if you will. Will they be able to vote regularly if they provide photo ID or some of the discussion we've had is that they would be required to vote provisionally

**Ms. Williams**

It, it depends on the voter. Some of them will it either provisional or they'll be able to vote on the BMD. The staff is being instructed and to ensure they call the call center to look up those voters information and to find out what the situation is when the person, if the person, were to arrive.

**Ms. Woolard**

And so what would be the distinction between voting provisionally and then having us determine the correction and having them be able to correct on the spot.

**Mr. Eskridge**

So, once we mark them as pending hearing they will be allowed to vote provisionally and so at that point they will be able to provide their information clear up but again this pending hearing will mark them so at that point when they show up to vote it will be a provisional vote. Does that answer the question **Mr. Wingate**?

**Mr. Wingate**

Let me, let me, a quick follow-up to that and uh you know obviously you all can correct me where I may have the law wrong but with SB 202 in to vote provisionally uh is all of that have to be done after 5 PM; and how would that work?

**Ms. Williams**

After 5 PM is if you're out of Precinct. If you have an opportunity to go to your actual Precinct, if you're at the wrong location, you need to report to your correct location. But if you vote after five o'clock, you're- it's not going to count if you have the opportunity to go to your correct location.

**Mr. Wingate**

So that, okay good so there is no there is no uh underlying factor here in terms of time frames for those purposes.

**Mr. Johnson**

And that's just for election date right?

**Ms. Woolard**

And that's just for election day, that's correct.

**Mr. Johnson**

Election day; so if somebody came early voting to do provisional, the five o'clock doesn't matter.

**Dr. Ruth**

I've always thought that uh I was under the impression that if you're inactive you can still come in and vote and

**Mr. Wingate**

with ID

**Dr. Ruth**

And- and fix your problem and- and vote provisionally so I don't really understand the pending hearing, having that really there.

**Ms. Williams**

That's the reason why were changing it to pending-hearing that way we know it's been challenged. Because you could be inactive, show up, vote, if everything's okay but if it says pending hearing, it'll give the personnel notation that they need to call to find out.

**Dr. Ruth**

Okay, okay. That they need to call downtown and verify this, this person okay.

**Ms. Williams**

If somebody's just inactive, they'll be fine but this will flag it that this hearing, that the challenge was made.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay everybody clear? Good?

**Mr. Wingate**

Got it

**Ms. Woolard**

And then uh we have 61 that have a status of acting and you are confirming that we should move them into pending for what reasons?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

As far as us putting them in pending hearing status?

**Ms. Woolard**

Yes, the active voters. What was the basis of the challenge for the active voters?

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Because they was moved out of state.

**Ms. Woolard**

And you've got confirmation that leads you to believe that they have moved out of state but we're going to move them into pending so that if they do show up, they can give us

**Mr. Johnson(T)**

Yes ma'am. Mr. Hubert had used the Secretary of State's website for Colorado and the website Voter Reef for Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina to verify the information of the voters he is challenging. And we also was able to verify the voters on the list that provided match the records for the voters in this state of Georgia also.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay, questions, comments? Last time I went to the Vote Ref site, they had removed the state uh registration files because of some legal challenges that they had but I will assume that um the pending status will allow anybody to correct anything should they show up. Is there a motion? And the motion would be to accept the challenge.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

To sustain or uphold the challenge and move the 61 voters to pending status - hearing.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay. Can I have a motion?

**Ms. Crawford**

Can we, can we do the 61 and the 126 since they're both being moved to pending status.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Yes you can

**Ms. Crawford**

I make a motion to move the 187, 61 of those of who are have active status, 126 that have inactive status, into the pending status to flag them for information.

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay. Question? Uh is there a second? Sorry, no comments.

**Mr. Johnson**

Second.

**Ms. Woolard**

Properly moved and seconded. All those in favor please say aye.

Board

Aye.

**Ms. Woolard**

Opposed? Seeing none, the motion carries. Okay, thank you. Next one.

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to sustain the challenge. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

Mr. Hubert  
Oh could I get? Oh we're still working on mine?

**Ms. Woolard**  
We're finished.

Mr. Hubert  
Okay uh could I get a copy so I can tell what happened to each of the voters instead of just the totals number so I can track of the challenges I made, who, who got what and who was previous?

**Ms. Woolard**  
Yeah, just see me after the meeting, I'll give you my copy.

Mr. Hubert  
All right, thank you.

**Ms. Woolard**  
Thank you, all right. Mr. Henson.

Mr. Henson  
Hello

**Ms. Woolard**  
Hi, hang on one second. I'm going to let **Mr. Johnson** give us the scenario here.

**Mr. Johnson(T)**  
All right on July 27th Mr. John W. Henson submitted one name for residency challenge the voter has a status of active and our recommendations for the board to approve leaving this voter in active status.

**Ms. Woolard**  
Okay uh, Mr. Henson, do you want to tell us

Mr. Henson  
No, it just seemed like this voter uh had a business address, had a business address as his voter registration address.

**Ms. Woolard**  
Had a business address at his voter registration address?

Mr. Henson  
Seemed to be that he's operating a business from there.

**Ms. Woolard**  
Okay, all right. Uh Mr. Frazier, wanna come forward

Mr. Frazier  
Yes ma'am

**Ms. Woolard**

Do you have? I just wanted to give you the opportunity to speak to the challenge.

Mr. Frazier

Well, I live in a house. Okay I can show you my driver's license which says that I live in a house, I brought a picture of the survey of my house that says my house is a house, and in case the survey is not enough I have a picture that looks like my house is a house. I have a copy of a uh a subpoena that is addressed to my house with my name on it saying that I might live at that house. I've got a permit from the city of Roswell that I requested that says that my house is registered as rs30 defined as single family estate at uh about 2.7 Acres thus is a house. I've got my challenge letter mailed to my house. I got it because I live at my house okay bank statement mailed to my house where I live in that house brought my wife as an expert witness because she also lives at my house. I've got my Fulton County GOP poll Watcher document which I had to sign under penalty of perjury that I live at my house okay and

**Ms. Woolard**

Excuse me those addresses are all the addresses of which you're registered to vote?

Mr. Frazier

Uh I couldn't understand the mask.

**Ms. Woolard**

I'm sorry. Those are all the addresses at which you're registered to vote?

Mr. Frazier

Yes ma'am at my house

**Ms. Woolard**

Okay, you can continue if you wish or we will take your word for it based on the well I just evidence you presented

Mr. Frazier

Well I want to make sure that you understand that my house is a house. I've got my passport, got my children's IDs, my children also live at my house. They live in the same in that school district where this house resides three bedroom, two and a half bath residence looks like a house it doesn't look like a factory.

**Ms. Crawford**

Mr. Frazier, are you running a business out of your house?

**Ms. Woolard**

Wait, wait, wait, let's let it finish.

Mr. Frazier

I've got my car registration where I my my car resides at said house my motor my my title for my car at said house so security guards birth certificate if you want to see any of this all that says I am who I am I live at my house we have homestead exemption at my house here's a

gun permit discharge weapon Roswell signed by myself and the police officer with my address on it at my house thus I can fire a an air rifle which they have a silly permit for but I signed a document in front of a cop saying that is my house tax records state of Georgia believes I live at my house I've got some federal documents the feds believe I live at my house okay more car insurance at my house I can probably give you my my library card where I'm registered at my house donation to my church at my house clearly this is a frivolous retaliatory challenge because another individual in this room standing adjacent to me claimed to live in a factory where he has a woodworking business which is not a house which is registered as commercial okay my house is rs30 residential this is retaliation this has nothing to do with anything else however I am happy that now challenges are officially bipartisan, so I guess that's one step in the right direction. However clearly this is retaliation has nothing to do with facts.

**Ms. Woolard**

All right, all right, thank you. We don't unfortunately or fortunately have the ability to make judgments on our own about these things again I have asked and I just hope somebody takes me up on it that somebody goes to the general assembly and make some corrections that make these uh uh much more efficient for everybody involved. So thank you for coming down that concludes your comments. Thank you, the motion is that we will leave you in active status and I will take a motion.

**Mr. Johnson**

Can I ask a question?

Mr. Frazier

Sure

**Mr. Johnson**

I hate taking time but I just gotta ask

Mr. Frazier

Sure

**Mr. Johnson**

So what about this Frazier Urban Farm

Mr. Frazier

Yeah that I've got the permit if you wanted to see it

**Mr. Johnson**

No, no, I'm asking what is it?

Mr. Frazier

So I we have a large garden in the back and in the city of Roswell you need a permit to sell vegetables to your your neighbors so we grow extra vegetables all organically grown and we take it up to the stands a little honor System vegetable stand people drop in five bucks and grab a bag of tomatoes or okra things of that nature and people come all the time and they grab and go

**Mr. Johnson**

So if someone saw this they could possibly be confused by a commercial property versus a residential property and then make a challenge to a person's voter registration even though you have a whole lot of documentation to show that you actually live in your I think you called it a house. I believe that is how it's that's that's about right. So a lot of times, I just want to be clear, so a lot of times these challenges come towards people who are living their lives and doing the right thing but instead of finding out is the urban farm actually a urban farm or residential which will just take a few minutes to do you do these challenges and then you have moments where you have to prove that you live in your house right?

**Ms. Woolard**

We're not going to go back and forth. Okay that's a rhetorical question.

**Mr. Johnson**

That was a very rhetorical question.

**Ms. Woolard**

No, no, we're not going back and forth okay. Thank you. You're done with that okay. Comments? Questions? okay I need a motion.

**Dr. Ruth**

Yes, I make a motion that we accept the registrar's recommendation uh leaving this person is active right?

**Ms. Woolard**

That we reject, we would reject the challenge

**Dr. Ruth**

We would reject the challenge.

Ms. Perkins-Hooker

Yes and let them just reject the challenge it automatically

**Ms. Woolard**

okay we're just going to reject the challenge. Properly moved, I'm sorry did I hear a second?

**Ms. Crawford**

Second.

**Ms. Woolard**

Properly moved and seconded all those in favor please say aye.

Board

Aye.

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to reject the challenge. The motion was made by Dr. Ruth, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Ms. Woolard**

Opposed there are none. The motion carries, thank you. Thank you very much. All right, we've come to the conclusion of our agenda except for um the possibility of executive session we had do have some business to discuss a personnel matter, could someone make a motion

**Ms. Crawford**

I make a motion-

**Mr. Johnson**

I make a motion that we go into executive session for personnel reasons

**Dr. Ruth**

Second

**Mr. Johnson**

I'm sorry. oh and litigation, and litigation and litigation. I thought I got it right.

**Ms. Woolard**

Motion to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter and litigation. All those in favor please- properly moved and seconded all those in favor please say Aye.

Board

Aye.

**Ms. Woolard**

Opposed? There are none. Uh that concludes uh the more interesting part of our meeting y'all are welcome to wait around but um I'm not anticipating that we will take action when we return um and uh we'll be back as soon as we can thank you.

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Ruth, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to enter into regular session. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>
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**Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.** Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 1:16 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

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