



APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2019

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Elections Preparation Center, 1365 English Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Presiding: Ms. Mary Carole Cooney, Chairperson

Other Board Members Present:

Mr. Aaron Johnson
Dr. Kathleen Ruth

Board Member(s) Absent:

Mr. Mark Wingate, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Vernetta Keith Nuriddin

Staff Attending: Mr. Richard Barron, Director; Mr. Ralph Jones, Registration Chief; Mr. Blake Evans, Elections Chief; Ms. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Elections Chief; Nadine E. Williams, Elections Equipment Manager; Mrs. Pamela Coman, Registration Manager; Mr. Darryl Carver, Division Manager

Guests Attending: None

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Ruth and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

NONE

#3- DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER 3, 2019, GENERAL MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION

- College Park, Johns Creek, Roswell

Mr. Barron recapped the General Municipal Runoff Election cycle for the listed Municipalities

- Five Early Voting (EV) Locations; November 25-27, 2019:
 - *College Park Historical Bldg.*
 - *East Roswell Branch Library*
 - *Park Place at Newtown*
 - *Roswell City Hall*
 - *South Fulton Service Center*
- **3,742 Unofficial EV Results**

- **6,900** Votes Cast on **Election Day** by 6pm
- **344** Absentee by Mail received and **4** Rejections before the polls closed
- **675** Absentee By Mail and **7** Rejected Absentee By Mail

Chairperson Cooney inquired about the Absentee by Mail votes rejected.

Mr. Barron informed the **BRE** those rejections were due to **voters residing in** cities that did not have an election

#4- DISCUSSION OF GAVREO CONFERENCE

Ms. Bodison informed the **BRE** of the information provided in their travel packet, to include:

- **Per Diem Check**
- **Hotel Confirmation**
- **Conference Receipt**
- **Credit Authorization Form**
- **Hotel Tax Exemption Form**
- **ST-5 Form**

Ms. Bodison requested the **BRE** provide specific documents upon return to reconcile expenses, in accordance with county policies.

Chairperson Cooney inquired about the conference locations

Ms. Bodison informed all attendees the conference is hosted at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront; however, attendees are confirmed at two of the assigned overflow hotels

#5- REVIEW OF 2020 PROPOSED BRE MEETING CALENDAR

Mr. Barron informed the **Board of the need** to call a Special Meeting no later than December 23, 2019, to approve polling **locations** that will affect the March 24, 2020, Presidential Preference Primary (**PPP**). The 2017 version and 2019 version **of the Georgia Election Code** differ **as** to the length of time **required** to advertise in a legal organ, **to notify the** Secretary of State's office (**SOS**), and **to notify** voters.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that **DRE** secured all polling locations to be compliant with the 60 days **stated in HB 316**; however, GA - Official Code of Georgia Annotated **O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(e)** states 90 days **is required** to be compliant for polling locations outside boundaries of precincts and to submit a report to SOS/State Election Board (**SEB**)

Chairperson Cooney requested a memo from **Mr. Barron** explaining **O.C.G.A. § 21-2-265(e)** in writing

Mr. Barron informed the Board that he will be completing two days of Dominion Voting Equipment training and will not attend the Regular BRE Meeting on December 12, 2019. **Mr. Barron** missed the previous training in November due to a court proceeding regarding an Election Contest.

Chairperson Cooney discussed the proposed 2020 calendar

Mr. Barron inquired if the calendar illustrates the implementation of Audits to the elections

Ms. Bodison informed all that according to **HB 316**, counties are required to begin Auditing no later than November 2020 and that is provided on the proposed calendar

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items requiring the Board's action, **Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Ruth seconded the motion.** Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary