



**FULTON
COUNTY**

**REGISTRATION
& ELECTIONS**

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 8, 2023

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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Presiding: Cathy Woolard, Chairperson

Other Board Members Present:

Mrs. Teresa Crawford, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Aaron Johnson

Mr. Mark Wingate (virtual)

Dr. Kathleen Ruth (virtual)

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mr. Patrick Eskridge, Deputy Director; Mr. John Ross, Election Chief; Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Election Chief; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Manager; Ms. Mariska Bodison, Absentee Manager; Ms. Janice Dickenson, Administrative Manager; Mrs. Janell Barginier, Financial Systems Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO Manager; Mrs. Jodi Brittan, Absentee Supervisor; Mr. Thomas Johnson, Registration Supervisor; Mr. James Reese, Production Manager; Ms. Regina Waller, Communications Division Manager; Mr. David Lowman, Supervising County Counsel; Chad Alexis, Senior Assistant County Counsel; Mrs. Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Legal Counsel

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Vice Chair Crawford, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, and carried by a vote of 4-0.

#2-COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

No communications from the public.

OLD BUSINESS

#3– APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting –May 11, 2023
- Special Meeting – May 16, 2023
- Special Meeting – May 22, 2023

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Meeting minutes of May 11th, 16th, and 22nd, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Vice Chair Crawford and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#4-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR MAY 2023

Director Williams greeted the BRE.

Mr. Eskridge reported:

- **Summer Internship Program:**
 - Worked with Finance & HR and received approval for three (3) interns.
 - (1) Intern will be assigned to VEO and (2) interns will be assigned to Information Systems
 - The targeted timeframe will be a start date of June 7th to run through mid-August
- **Absentee By Mail Equipment Replacement:** Working with Legal and Staff to finalize the current vendor agreement, and working with Finance and Purchasing to initiate procurement of an advanced absentee by mail system for the 2024 Presidential election cycle.
- **Internal Operations:** Created interview schedule and acted as panelist for over 46 interviews during the month of May. Registration Manager (8) Registration Officer (22) Administrative Coordinator (16)
- **Cross-Training Schedule & Local Certification** – Continuing work towards implementing permanent staff to cross-train across divisions. Managers currently working on training agenda with a deadline of June 9th, as well as obtain the Georgia Registrar Official Certification (GROC) & Georgia Election Official Certification (GEOC), established a completion date of June 30th

Vice Chair Crawford asked about the equipment that will replace the current absentee equipment

Mr. Eskridge responded that the equipment has not been operational for years and the DRE is currently manually processing all request.

Chair Woolard highlighted the internship program, how many positions and how long does the program last

Mr. Eskridge responded that it's 3 intern positions and HR advertised the program will last the duration of the summer

Mrs. Brittan reported on the **Absentee Division:**

- Weekly Meetings with the Division's personnel
- Assisted other divisions as needed (DDS applications and SEB Investigation research)
 - **GARVi** Roundtables
 - REIF Submissions
 - Updates: 5/4, 5/18 & 5/25
 - **Provisional** Ballot Overview

- Preparing training material

Attended

- **GARViS** Q&A sessions
- **GA Region 3** Meetings: ongoing
- **Performance Review Evaluation Training**
- **Budget/ Procurement Meetings**
- Vendors engaged during **May 2023**
 - Tattnall Ballot Solution, Quadient, HBSolution

On-going:

- Review of **GARViS** weekly enhancements/ updates for training material
- Indexing of all scanned documents (electronically storing 2022 Absentee Records)

DEADLINE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MAY 16TH SPECIAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION FOR JUNE 13TH The last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the general/special election and runoff shall be at the close of business on the fifth Monday prior to the date of the election. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-224; 21-2-501	April 17, 2023
FIRST DAY TO MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION The superintendent shall, in consultation with the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk, prepare, obtain, and deliver before the date specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection an adequate supply of official absentee ballots to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk for use in the primary or election or as soon as possible prior to a runoff O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384(a)(1)(2)	As soon as possible
Last day to request an Absentee ballot O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381	June 2, 2023
ABSENTEE BY MAIL STATISTICS:	
Ballots Mailed	5
Ballots Accepted	3
Applications Rejected	1; ineligible electors

Madam Chair asked why the application was rejected

Mrs. Brittian responded that the elector was not in House District 68

Ms. Dickenson reported on Administration Division:

- Submitted requisitions to establish purchase orders and submitted invoices for payment.
- Processed requisitions for recruitment, separate resigned employees from HR system and provided responses regarding unemployment claims.
- Completing P-Card and T-Card reports
- Prepared **IGAs** for **BRE** Approval: **City of-** Atlanta and Milton (Leasing Equipment **IGA**)

PERSONNEL VACANCIES:		
	POSITION TYPE	STATUS OF RECRUITMENT
Registration Manager	Existing Position	Interviews conducted and selection submitted to HR. Expected to onboard in June.
Registration Officers	Existing Position	Interviews conducted and selection submitted to HR. Expected to onboard in June.
Administrative Coordinator 1	Existing Position	Interviews conducted and selection submitted to HR. Expected to onboard in June.
Executive Assistant	Existing Position	Register available. Reviewing applications to schedule interviews.
Elections Equipment Manager	Existing Position	Requisition processed. Job announcement posted as "Countywide Promotional". Closing May 30, 2023.
Registration Chief	Existing Position	Requisition processed. Job announcement to be posted within the next few weeks.

Director Williams introduced **Mrs. Kathryn Glenn (Registration Manager)** to the **BRE**. **Mrs. Glenn** comes to Fulton from another county in Georgia.

Mrs. Benjamin reported on Advance Voting (Election Division):

We recently concluded the House District 68 election on May 12th and are currently engaged in post-election activities.

- Reconciliation which is an audit of the EV location operations for compliance with state and county policies and procedures,
- Review and assessment of the newly implemented Poll Pad voter processing system and a general review of the EV process.

As part of our continual improvement program, we concluded an in person round table evaluation to gain additional insights from our Advance Voting poll worker team. Information gathered from this session will be further studied and evaluated by the management team. (Summary attached)

ADVANCE VOTING ROUNDTABLE FEEDBACK HIGHLIGHTS

The evaluation and assessment of the new Cellular poll pad was conducted during a roundtable discussion, with the current advance voting staff as they conducted the Fulton County House District 68 election.

* EV staff was very pleased with the new Cellular poll pad process which curtailed the possibility of erroneously processing a voter, due to the new method of scanning photo I D"s on the Cellular poll pad.

*The timing for processing a voter was also conducted. This revealed approximately 3.5 minutes from the entrance to the exit of the voter, which includes accessing the CELLULAR POLL PAD, BMD and SCANNER. This processing time was due to less paper handling as the voter was able to confirm their information by signing on the Cellular poll pad.

*Staff made suggestions that enhancement needs to be added to the advance voting option to Cellular Poll Pad in order to search for voter's information.

*The group agreed that the Cellular poll pad were very favorable and provided efficient processing abilities.

Mr. Wingate asked are the poll pads connected to the internet

Mr. Olomo responded yes

Mr. Wingate asked about administrative procedures and security measures in place

Mr. Olomo responded that the Poll Pads are managed by the vendor and the Secretary of State's office

Mr. Wingate asking about the **DRE's** ability to identify hacking of the Poll Pads

Mr. Olomo responded that the **DRE** monitor the Poll Pads through *ePulse* to ensure they are online and assigned to the right location

Mr. Johnson asked if there are any issues with the Poll Pads, what is the **DRE's** procedure

Mr. Olomo responded that the Poll Pad will be removed from the Election and Know Ink and

Secretary of State's office will be contacted

Mr. Wingate concluded it's very important that you all ensure that you are making very clear to the general voting population as we all are aware that where the security chain of command lies within this new applications that if anything happens that this thing does not turn on you all for any reason. This is not your responsibility in terms of if anything happens. I just implore you to make sure that it's very clear to the general voting population here in Fulton County.

Chair Woolard asked about back-up protocol if the Poll Pads lose service.

Director Williams answered that all precincts have paper ballots and all precincts would revert to the emergency procedures:

- Utilizing the Alpha Voters list to allow staff to check-in voters manually to vote an emergency/provisional ballots

Director Williams explained that all 159 counties are using the same system and the security of the system depend on Know Ink and the Secretary of State for all 159 counties. Also, each voting location is required to conduct daily reconciliation with the physical numbers

Dr. Ruth inquired about the Advance Voting Roundtable and feedback

Mrs. Benjamin answered

- Staff is please
- Big difference hands-free not using paper
- Voters love it because they interact with the Poll Pad (signature required)
- The voters love it because it was a fast process
- More efficient process
- One-Stop efficient processing

Chair Woolard acknowledged the **DRE** for implementing part-time shifts. **Madam Chair** noted that many stakeholders had expressed the need for part-time work

Mr. Ross reported on the Election Division:

There are no concerns regarding the House District 68 Special Election	
Runoff Date:	June 13, 2023 House District 68
House District 68:	Portions of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairburn • Union City • South Fulton
Election Date:	November 7, 2023 – Municipal Elections
Runoff Date:	December 5, 2023 – Runoff Elections
Municipalities for November 2023 Election:	All Municipalities minus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton – self conducted • Palmetto – self conducted • Sandy Springs – no election to be held Awaiting IGA from the City of Atlanta City of Milton – Equipment Lease IGA

Vice Chair Crawford asked what equipment did the City of Milton request

Director Williams answered City of Milton requested Poll Pads and privacy screens.

- The poll pads to check-in voters
- Privacy screens to cast their paper ballots

Director Williams reported on the Election Day:

- All Poll Managers along with their team will return for the Run-off Election:
- A Zoom was scheduled on May 25th to close out the May 16, 2023 Election
- A Zoom has been scheduled to discuss the June 13, 2023 Run-off Election
- Poll Worker Training is not required for the Run-off Election
- Kiosk is available for any Poll Worker who needs additional training.

Mrs. Barganier reported on the Department's Finances:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Financial Systems Manager has updated the various 2023 elections budgets ▪ We are tracking the budget to actual costs analysis for the May 16, 2023 Special Election and the June 13, 2023 Special Run-off Election to ensure we adhere to the budget ▪ Updated the NOV and DEC 2023 Municipal Election budgets as we meet with the Elections Department management ▪ We are continuing to process vendor invoices for payment 	
2023 Budgets as of 5/31/23:	
Operations Budget- Approved by BOC	\$4.9 Million
Special Election House District 68 Budget MAY 2023- Approved by BOC	\$639.6 K
Special Election House District 68 Budget for Run-off JUNE 2023, if needed- Approved by BOC	\$309.8 K
General Election Proposed Municipal Budget NOV 2023	\$5.7 Million
General Run-off Election Proposed Municipal Budget DEC 2023	\$2.45 Million

Vice Chair Crawford referenced the Audit Report regarding timely payment of invoices

Mrs. Barganier explained:

Part of that is when we have the December runoff, for instance Enterprise trucks and temp staff were needed through the end of December even though Finance gave us an extended date to get invoices in by the cutoff date, December 20th. The **DRE** receive those invoices after the cutoff date or on January 1st. Finance had already cut off anything from being processed for the year, so in the years that we have a December runoff it's going to be very hard to get those invoices in and then with the way Fulton County's Budget Cycle works we weren't able to process any new invoices related to the elections until the budget was approved and that funding was available in February. Auditors were documenting that as a late payment but there's nothing we can do about that within our department that's the way the Finance process works

Mr. Olomo reported for the Information Systems:

- **HD68 Special Election:** System Specialist conducted Logic and accuracy on voting equipment for the HD68 Special election, provided technical support during Advance voting and election day, and successfully tabulated and reported the election result.
- **Cyber Security Analyst Seminar:** Information Systems manager attended a week Cyber security seminar organized by the Department of Homeland Security.
- **Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)** – Information Systems attended meetings and webinars organized by MS and EI-ISAC.

- **Poll Worker Management System:** We received approval for the new Poll Worker management system from the County manager's office, and the system workflow was presented to the director and election management staff for feedback.
 - **June 13th Special Runoff Election:** The Information Systems staff begin preparation for the June 13th Special Runoff Election. The main items in preparation are listed below.
 - **L&A Testing** – Perform L&A Testing and program all equipment for Advance Voting and Election Day Sites. L&A will begin on May 30th.
 - **Technical Support** – Provide technical support for Advance Voting and Election Day Sites.
 - **Election Night** – Closing out advance voting tabulators. Uploading memory cards from each precinct and tabulate. Display results and send reports to the SOS.
- Post-Election** – Receive in all voting equipment. Conduct final tabulation and prepare reports for certification.

Chair Woolard asked about more information on the Poll Worker Management System

Mr. Olomo explained that this is a new database for applying for Election Day positions, training, training modules, assessments, testing, and attendance on Election Day

Vice Chair Crawford asked would this help with payroll for the poll workers

Mr. Olomo answered yes

Mr. Eskridge reported for Voter Registration Division:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This Monthly Report provides a summary of the critical registration activities, workload levels, and voter registration statistics for May 2023. ▪ The primary activities the VR staff worked on in May were researching street issues, preparing for municipal street audits, redistricting, identifying, and merging duplicate records, and auditing the voter roll for invalid or business addresses. 			
REGISTRATION STATISTICS:			
May 1, 2023		May 31, 2023	
VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		1,530	
ACTIVE VOTERS		760,197	
INACTIVE VOTERS		102,819	
TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS		863,016	
APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED		31,844	
NEW REGISTRATIONS TO FULTON COUNTY		*	
TRANSFERS TO FULTON COUNTY		1,804	
TRANSFERS FROM FULTON COUNTY		104	
REMOVALS FROM FULTON COUNTY		*	
List Maintenance Update			
Our GIS department and a 3 rd party vendor performed a full audit of our voter rolls. We received and reviewed all the findings and the Division will resolve all findings in accordance with the Election Code.			

FULTON COUNTY GIS DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

Addresses Not found	0	Address with double street types. Example: Main St St SW	<i>No action needed</i>
Duplicate Records	566	Potential records that may be the same person	<i>Currently under review</i>

88888 + 99999	735	99999 – Voters that have been disconnected from their street segment 88888 – Voters that were previously in a cancelled status, but when they were moved out of cancelled status they were not districted correctly or not reattached to a street segment. Some records are cancelled records and will remain listed as 88888	287 found as valid 448 missing information; notice sent to voter to advise
Missing Address	953	Voters who did not provide a valid residential address when registering to vote	Currently under review

BLUE RASTER SUMMARY

Commercial addresses	12, 412	Possible commercial address	<u>Research on this portion of the report has been concluded.</u> 10,320 - found as valid residential addresses 2,092 – not validated; notice sent to voter for verification
Addresses Could Not be Verified (Records to Review)	26, 044	The address was mapped, but did not meet geocoding threshold and could not be verified	<u>To date:</u> 10,434 - confirmed as valid 2,482 - not validated; notice sent to voter for verification
Unmapped Addresses	7, 704	The geocoder could not find a location to map the address input	<u>To date:</u> 491 - confirmed as valid

Madam Chair Woolard explained the list maintenance:

There's been a lot of numbers bandied about in the last couple of days one of the things with the Blue Raster report (a consultant) that we've used both to help us with redistricting as well as to help us identify commercial addresses part of the usefulness of identifying the commercial addresses is our ability then to migrate those addresses into the GARVIS system so that when we are registering people to vote it will kick back to us automatically without us having to do it by hand each and every time and I think that's going to be enormously useful and let me just say this you know this transition from ENet to GARVIS has been a challenge needless to say I think we're on year 2 now of that but the ENet system didn't give us some of the capabilities that we'll have to automate some of this when you say that we had 10,000 valid commercial addresses that you've checked through and then worked through one of the things that doesn't come forward when you see a raw number is that the bulk of those addresses were dormitories in seven colleges and universities that we have in the Fulton County as well as apartment complexes that may or may not have had the apartment numbers that migrated over through the Secretary of State system so we're working through that but when you hear a number like 10,000 understand that that's an identification that we have asked for so that we can plug them in appropriately but what I want to say about that is when people see a number and then they infer a rationale to it that may not actually be an accurate reflection of the work that's in progress that we have specifically asked for so I want to commend the staff on responding to this issue last year was a bit of challenge not to overuse a word challenge but you know trying to comply with state and federal requirements both for the election but as well as for voter registration as well as the increased work that we have to do in those years having this breathing room which we have been anticipating and working through gives us the opportunity to move forward on this so I want to thank the people that have come down and raised this issue with us it's been a long time coming including **Mr. Wingate** in particular who has worked a lot on this issue that we're you know we're finally getting to the place we want to get to and I think you know we I ask that we go to July 1st because that was the staff recommendation so I feel like we're on track but then what that will allow us to do there will never be zero right there will never be a time when there's not an address to investigate a voter to notify or something else one day we'll be able to maybe find some way to you know kind of compare ourselves with a you know sort of percentage best practices of other counties here and around the country in terms of you know sort of what the mismatch is but I'm really gratified that we're getting to the place where what we'll be doing then is month to month

Chair Woolard mentioned a Tweet that referenced an address in Fulton that appeared abandoned with 20 voters registered at the address

Director Williams answered that the 20 people didn't have voter participation history but we are researching that matter so there was two different addresses we received another tweet update

Chair Woolard stated it's really important when things get sort of wide attention that we're really careful to be accurate both about the process behind what we're doing but also about the substance of the accusation so thank you for doing that research continue with the research and do what you need to do to make any corrections

Mr. Wingate asked about Registration statistics on new registration and removals from Fulton

Director Williams explained that the issues in GARViS prevented some of the reporting information from being available but it will be added to future reporting

Mr. Johnson referenced an article by Center for Election Innovation and Research regarding the increase or rise in voter registration. **Mr. Johnson** mentioned DDS automatic registration and verifying the information that DDS submits to the county. One thing that needed to be outlined is that it seemed as though a lot of people are confused between what an illegal voter is and someone who's not registered properly

Director Williams answered that a clerical error on a voter's record does not make them an illegal voter

Mr. Wingate inquired about list maintenance of Challenged voters and the Voter History.

Director Williams responded yes the voter's history is checked. We received a Challenge we have to treat them as such. The **DRE** want to ensure the person has received the correct ballot and they're able to vote in our County. We have not run across anything fraudulent from the challenges that we ever received to date

Dr. Ruth stated the true intent of the challenge is not to identify voters that have errors or corrections in their addresses it's to identify voters that may be ineligible to vote in Fulton County

Director Williams agreed

Mr. Wingate inquired about SOS using ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center)
<https://ericstates.org/how-does-it-work/>

Mr. Eskridge clarified how the ERIC data and GARViS work to ensure voters that are no longer residing in Georgia are resolved. SOS receives the ERIC data and the report is compiled and submitted to the impacted counties in Georgia on their dashboards

Mr. Ross reported on the Supplies and Logistics (Election Division):

- All election day locations have been updated and confirmed for the runoff date
- Election day voting equipment will be delivered on June 12th and Picked up On June 14th
- Confirmed the South Annex Advance for Poll Manager Sunday Pickup and Election Night Drop off
- Completing various S.O.S investigation requested documents

- Actively assisting the Registration Division with the unloading and clearing out the Lektriever units (massive file cabinet) located at the EPC

Ms. Little reported on Voter Education and Outreach (Administration Division):

- The VEO team begin contacting municipalities to plan events for the upcoming November Municipal election
- VEO also will be planning municipal poll worker recruitment fairs
- The VEO Manager continuously conducts deputy registrar training for new and those needing recertification
- The VEO manager also started outreach to the colleges and universities in the Fulton County area to plan campus outreach events when schools begin in August/September
- The VEO team is assisting the Registration Division in processing DDS applications and scanning voter registration cards
- The VEO team has planned several awareness events in the District 68 area to bring awareness to the Special Runoff Election
- Attended Events: **17**

VOTER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
Activity	Total for the Month	Year Total
Deputy Registrar Training	22	131/ Total Active =251
Voter Registration	51	231
Poll Worker Recruitment	0	0
Voter Identification Cards	0	6
Outreach Events	18	63
Absentee Application	0	0
Deputy Registrar Events	3	8
Connections for VEO.	50	300
Event Interactions	1000	2479
Media Inquiries	2	6

#5-APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

- **City Of- Atlanta** (Atlanta Public Schools)

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for the City of Atlanta. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Vice Chair Crawford and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#6-APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

- **City Of- Milton:** [Leasing Equipment](#)

Chair Woolard asked about the terms of how many days before and after the election the City of Milton will pick up and bring back the equipment

Director Williams responded that the information will be included prior to the contract being fully executed

My Wingate inquired about IGA written as a lease; although, there's no financial transaction involved

Director Williams answered that it's being categorized as a lease but there is no charge for the equipment

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements for the City of Milton to Lease Equipment. The motion was made by Vice Chair Crawford and was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#7-APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ADVANCE VOTING LOCATIONS

LOCATION	ABSENTEE DROP BOX	ADDRESS
Alpharetta Library	DROP BOX	10 Park Plaza
Buckhead Library	DROP BOX	269 Buckhead Avenue, NE
C.T. Martin Recreation Center	DROP BOX	3201 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.
Chattahoochee Hills City Hall		6505 Rico Road
East Point Library	DROP BOX	2757 Main Street
East Roswell Library	DROP BOX	2307 Holcomb Bridge Road
Election Central	OFFICE	5600 Campbellton Fairburn Road
Fulton County Government Center	OFFICE	141 Pryor Street SW
Fairburn Annex		40 Washington Street
Ocee Library		5090 Abbotts Bridge Road
Ponce De Leon Library		980 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
Roswell Library		115 Norcross Street
Southwest Arts Center		915 New Hope Road SW
Gladys S. Dennard Library	DROP BOX	4055 Flat Shoals Road

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the recommended Advance Voting Locations. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Vice Chair Crawford and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#8-APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BRE BY LAWS

Article III – Meetings

Section 1 – Except as provided herein, the Board shall meet monthly on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Additionally, the Board shall meet at 6:30 p.m. on days of elections conducted by the Department, to oversee election returns, and ~~at 10 a.m. on the Saturday~~ on a date and time following any such election and prior to the Secretary of State election certification deadline, to certify election results. The Board shall hold such meetings....

Chairwoman Woolard entertained a motion to approve the By Laws Article III Section I as amended. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson Vice Chair Crawford and was seconded by Vice Chair Crawford and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#9- APPROVAL OF PRECINCT CHANGES:

- 10.23, 13.23, 15.23, 18.23, 21.23, 22.23, 24.23, 30.23, 31.23, 62.23, 63.23, & 64.23

Mr. Ross outlined the proposed precinct changes, each locations was surveyed and is ADA compliant.

2023 POLLING PLACE CHANGES

Precinct To Be Relocated	Proposal #	Current Facility Name	Current Facility Address	Reason	Proposed New Facility	Proposed New Facility Address	Additional Precinct Housed at New Facility	Combined # of Voters Assigned	Mile(s) to New Location	Comm District	Election Date Effective
FOR BRE APPROVAL June 8th											
02L1A	63.23	The Fox Theatre	660 Peachtree Street	Facility unavailable	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer	731 Peachtree Street	02L1	6400	0.2	4	11.7.2023
03N	64.23	Lindsay Street Baptist Church	550 Lindsay Street	Facility unavailable	Simpson Street Church of Christ	800 Joseph E. Boone Blvd	03G 03L	5690	0.8	6	11.7.2023
04T	10.23	West Oakland Missionary Baptist	1025 Violet Street SW	Precinct location merger	James Orange Park	1305 Oakland Lane SW	04G & 04M	3069	0.9	4 & 6	11.7.2023
08G	62.23	Peachtree Presbyterian Church	3434 Roswell Rd	Facility unavailable	Cathedral Towers	2820 Peachtree Road	n/a	2765	1.6	3	11.7.2023
08M	13.23	Peachtree Presbyterian Church	3434 Roswell Road NW	Facility unavailable	Buckhead Library	269 Buckhead Avenue NE	07D	5132	0.4	3	11.7.2023
09B	15.23	Coretta Scott King Young Womens Leadership Academy	1190 Northwest Drive NW	Precinct location merger	Springfield Missionary Baptist Church	1730 Hollywood Road	09M	2934	1.8	6	11.7.2023
10R	18.23	Concord Baptist Church	3270 Boulder Park Drive SW	Precinct location merger	C.T. Martin Recreation Center	3201 Martin Luther King Jr Dr SW	10D 10D1 10D2	5450	0.6	6	11.7.2023
12L	21.23	The Love Center	1680 Campbellton Road	Precinct location merger	Adams Park Library	2231 Campbellton Road SW	11G	3882	1.3	4 & 6	11.7.2023
AP01B	22.23	St. James United Methodist Church	3000 Webb Bridge Road	Facility unavailable	Alpharetta Library	10 Park Plaza	AP10	2340	1.3	1	11.7.2023
AP07B & AP07C	24.23	St. James United Methodist Church	3000 Webb Bridge Road	Facility unavailable	Alpharetta Elementary School	192 Mayfield Rd	AP07A	5572	1.3	2	11.7.2023
FA01D	30.23	New Beginnings Senior Center	66 Brooks Drive	Precinct location merger	First Baptist Church of Fairburn	23 Malone Street SE	FA01B	6300	0.6	5	11.7.2023
JC02	31.23	Johns Creek United Methodist Church	11180 Medlock Bridge Road	Facility unavailable	Northview High School	10625 Parsons Road	JC06	5690	0.5	1	11.7.2023

Chairperson Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Polling Place Changes as listed. The motion was made by Vice Chair Crawford and was seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#10- RECOGNITION OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS' MEMBERS

Madam Chair announced the term expiration of the listed Board members on June 30, 2023:

- Catheren "Cathy" Woolard, Kathleen Ruth, and Mark Wingate

Dr. Ruth expressed:

This board for two years and we have overcome a number of challenges and made significant improvements in election efficiency and transparency and I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the BRE for your contributions in making Fulton County elections better and advancing election integrity and transparency and I also want to especially thank my board colleagues for the just the bipartisan way in which we've worked together on getting some hard things done and to Nadine you know I am so confident in your leadership in moving the board moving the election Department in a new and invigorating direction and I just wish you all the best

Mr. Wingate echoed Dr. Ruth's sentiments:

The department right now I think they have done a very fine job of addressing things that needed to be defined much better from an operational standpoint even though they continue to work on those but it is an ongoing process and will be but I think the staff that is there now is very talented and capable. I think most importantly to me is the Integrity of it and I know that word is often in our world today over used but I don't think that there's a better way to put that and I think that we all regardless of where we are at in the political spectrum that we all should want to have the utmost Integrity we have and that comes not so much from the board but clearly from the people who do the work and that's the staff Nadine and her staff so I wish you all the luck in the world and Godspeed

Vice Chair Crawford expressed:

I have to say I would have enjoyed the last two years working Mark with Mark and Kathleen and uh to use Mark's word the Integrity that you two have shown in going through some of these uh difficult things that we've worked on and I want to thank you very much and I hope that this is not the last time I see you

Mr. Johnson expressed:

I think that Dr. Ruth and Mr. Wingate both hit it on the head when they talked about a bipartisan way there's a lot of noise outside of this room before we get here and sometimes it's a lot of noise in the room at the beginning of the meeting but at the end of the day I think we work well together I think we've always had the best interest of the citizens of Fulton County at heart whenever we made a decision. I could be wrong but I'd be willing to bet we voted about 99 98 the same all the time most times on various issues and that's because we talk all the time people don't realize how much we talk outside of the what we were told was just going to be a meeting or two a month but I think we all have determined that that is so not true so for anybody's coming to the board just like you know it's not two meetings a month but you are always accessible you were always willing to listen you're always willing to talk even on Saturday mornings Sunday nights whenever we needed to have a conversation all three of you uh were a joy to work with and I truly learned a lot from each one of you and I know that we'll be working with you in other aspects after this so it's not goodbye and see you later

Vice Chair Crawford expressed:

I want to take a minute to speak as Vice chair for Cathy Woolard it has been an incredible year being the vice chair for her it's been an incredible two years working with everyone on the board and the department I have come to uh rely on them I have come to know who answers questions but they all go through Nadine but I want to thank everyone for everything but Cathy I want to thank you for the time and the efforts you've put in these past two years as our board chair thank you

Madam Chair Woolard expressed:

I too want to just thank all of you I'm really the short timer **Dr. Ruth** and **Mr. Wingate** have served longer terms than me I'm just two years but it's because it I'm filling the end of someone's term it's an appropriate time for me to leave so that our new chair **Mrs. Perkins-Hooker** can get her feet under her before we go into a presidential year the fortunate thing for us is she doesn't really need to get her feet under her because she's been here all along and can carry on the work that we've done and I know that I'm leaving things in incredibly good hands and will only return for public comment which maybe I'll just do regularly and entertain you with my observations but I do want to thank all the members of the board um there are some things that I want to make sure that people know we've accomplished uh in the last couple of years and I'll start with the most General thing but I think the most important thing is that we have always spoken with one voice and in terms of board governance that's one of the most important things that you can achieve that you can work together and come to a common vision and express that clearly to the staff so that they know very clearly what the priorities are and what the next steps are I think in my two years here and all the votes and all the meetings we've probably had you know one or two possibly three votes that were not unanimous none of which were consequential in terms of division but they were the expression of people's concerns about something in particular I think that's a remarkable achievement in this day and age when people think that people can't get along across the differences we have forged relationships which again in my mind is the most important thing when you're trying to work together is to have fundamental respect in relationships with each other and I think we've done this and I want to specifically thank you **Dr. Ruth** for reaching out to me when I was first nominated and giving me an orientation to the board it was a really kind gesture and um one that has cemented our friendship uh for long after this is over I also want to acknowledge some things that have happened since I arrived not to take credit for it but just it's my memory here is that you know we have transitioned from our long director a previous director we did two Nationwide searches not one but two and we had the opportunity to observe our former election Chief and now our director Nadine Williams in the course of a very long and difficult election year during which time she was independently analyzed uh with without necessarily us thinking specifically about her but both the state performance review board and the Carter Center observed our election processes through two primaries and run on primary and runoff in general and runoff last year and concluded that our operations were well done and that you know while as **Mr. Wingate** said there are always things to be done and always improvements that could be made we had the opportunity to watch you work last year and to decide that you were indeed our choice right here and again a unanimous decision uh and one that I think all of us are proud to have made because you continue to soar and you know just show what your experience brings and also what a quick you are in terms of sort of the changing environment that we present on a fairly regular basis the other thing that we'll see in the coming months after we're gone is the consolidation of all of our operations into a new headquarters that's a Board of Commissioners action but it is one that I think will continue to professionalize our operations that will give us increased security because all of our operations will be located in one place and I'll look forward to coming for the grand opening tour but that move for those who've been following this will happen in July and expect that by the Fall elections y'all will be working from that particular space um I want to make sure that I say oh and then on June 20th **Mrs. Perkins-Hooker** and I will appear at the state election board where I hope that the determination will be made to lift the performance review that has been going on for two years with no findings that I see that would cause that not to happen and frankly for me would be a really important step forward for us to continue the work that we're doing the improvements we're doing in last I just want to say that I think that one of the things that this board has done really well since I've been here and probably before is to provide the opportunity to give people some insight into what happens in elections you know we have a lot of bosses right we've got the federal law we've got this General Assembly writing laws we've got the Secretary of State issuing regulations we have a state election board that has determinations and that I think will have an increased role in the future we have a Board of Commissioners that approves and disapproves of things that we do we have the general public that has insight as well as media that has comments um and so anything we do as you've seen in the conversation today is influenced by lots of lots of lots of moving parts that go on behind this before the result gets expressed and I just want to thank everybody for continuing to educate people about the process

Director Williams presented plaques to the BRE members

On behalf of this strong team of managers, permanent and temporary staff that comprise the Department of Registration and Elections we want to sincerely thank our board chair and board members for their service to the voters of Fulton County we know like I will repeat what Aaron said we know that beyond the hours of um commitment to these appointments the work hours are not just these meetings that people see um the feedback that you all have gathered from the community of Voters whether positive or negative um has assisted Us in improving work processes and will continue until hours to do so we again thank you and we had truly enjoyed working with you and we wish you best on your endeavor

Attorney Patrise Perkins-Hooker expressed:

As a Fulton County resident, it was my delight to give all of you all these flowers to recognize you for the service, the dedication, and just the struggles you have gone through. The abuse and very few of us say thank you in a way that is worthy for all of your time and effort that y'all put in so as a Fulton County resident not necessarily the incoming chair and not necessarily as your attorney who's working on behalf of the county attorney's office to provide assistance. You have done a phenomenal job I'm proud of all of you. I'm proud of the degree of civility that the Board exhibits and I hope that the next board will do the same.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Woolard entertained a motion to close the regular session and convene into executive session to consider litigation matters. The motion was made by Vice Chair Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

After executive session, **Chairperson Woolard entertained a motion to resume into regular session. The motion was made by Vice Chair Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

REGULAR SESSION:

Attorney Perkins-Hooker requested a motion to authorize the Madam Chair to sign a Consent Order resolving State Election Board (SEB) case numbers 2021-181 and 2022-025.

Chairperson Woolard entertained a motion to approve the Consent Order by the State Election Board: SEB 2021-181 and SEB 2022-025. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Vice Chair Crawford and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Woolard entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Crawford seconded the motion. Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 11:52 a.m.

The meeting adjourned.

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