

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
January 14, 2019

Chairman Tim McFalls called the meeting to order. Present were Board Members Terence Dicks, LC Myles and Bob Finnegan. Also present were Executive Director Lynn Bailey, Assistant Director Travis Doss and members of the public. Board Member Sherry Barnes was absent.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting, the October 8, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting and the November 9, 2018 Regular Monthly and Election Certification Meeting. The votes were as follows:

- September 10, 2018 Minutes - Mr. Myles made a motion that the minutes be approved as disseminated. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- October 8, 2018 Minutes - Mr. Finnegan made a motion that the minutes be approved as disseminated. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- November 9, 2018 Minutes – Mr. Dicks made a motion that the minutes be approved as disseminated. Mr. Myles seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was an update on the March 19, 2019 Special Election. Ms. Bailey gave the following report:

- There will be 7 polling locations open in the District 5 Special Election
- The qualifying period will open January 23 and close on January 25, 2019 at noon
- The voter registration deadline is Tuesday, February 19, 2019
- Advance Voting and Voting by Mail will be held beginning Monday, February 25 – Friday, March 15, 2019
- Consistent with the Board's policy for Advance Voting and past practices, the only location open for Advance Voting will be the Main Center downtown and Saturday voting will not be offered.
- A runoff, if necessary, will be held on April 16, 2019

The next item on the agenda was an update on the work of the SAFE Commission (the State commission charged with reporting findings on a new voting system to the Georgia General Assembly) and the Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board (the Federal Commission charged with developing voting system standards and developing best practices in election administration). Ms. Bailey explained that the final report of the SAFE Commission was approved at a meeting of the Commission the previous week by a vote of 13 to 3. She provided each Board member with a copy of the report. Continuing, she stated that the full report was currently available on the SAFE Commission website linked from the Secretary of State's website and gave a brief explanation of the recommendations contained in the report.

Continuing the update, Ms. Bailey explained that from its inception in 2003 and for the past 15 years, it had been her privilege and pleasure to serve as Georgia's local representative to the Election Assistance Commission's Standards Board. She stated that it had been one of the greatest, if not the

greatest, highlight of her career. She explained that after careful thought and consideration she had decided to resign from the Board effective January 2019 and had notified Secretary of State Raffensperger of her decision. Ms. Bailey explained her belief that it was time for a fresh perspective and that Secretary Raffensperger certainly had his choice of many smart and talented elections directors from across the state from which to choose her replacement. She also stated her desire to concentrate her efforts on the impending implementation of the new voting system. Continuing, Ms. Bailey expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve the elections community in such a distinguished manner and her appreciation for the past and present work of the Standards Board. The Board complimented Ms. Bailey on her service and accepted the update as information.

The next agenda item was a discussion of a previous agenda item regarding the process of re-registration followed by persons completing a felony sentence. Ms. Bailey reported that she was still seeking information, but had been able to determine that individuals completing their felony sentence are notified by the Department of Community Services in a general sense, but that the notification did not specifically address voting rights or any other specific civil right removed while serving the sentence. Continuing, she stated that she would continue to gather information and seek solutions and would report back to the Board as new information became available.

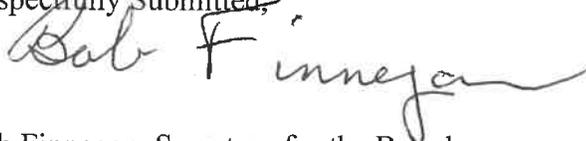
The next agenda item was a discussion of the upcoming training for Georgia Election Officials and Voter Registrars to be held March 24-27, 2019. Ms. Bailey provided each member with information on the conference and requested that any member who would like to attend let her know at their earliest convenience.

The next item on the agenda was Old Business. There was no Old Business.

The next item on the agenda was New Business. Ms. Bailey informed the Board that Board member Sherry Barnes was at the end of her second term and is not eligible for reappointment. She further stated that the term of Board member Terrence Dicks was also expiring and that he was eligible for reappointment to another term. Continuing, she stated that Board member L C Myles was currently serving an expired term and was not eligible for reappointment.

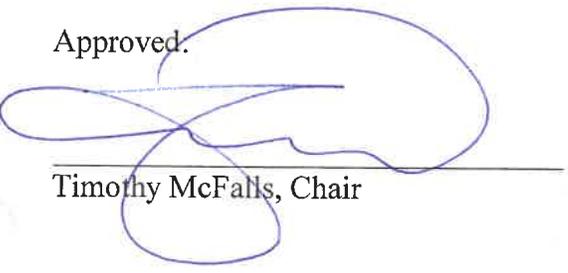
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dicks made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Finnegan, Secretary for the Board

Approved.



Timothy McFalls, Chair