

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
July 8, 2019

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

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the June 10, 2019 Regular Monthly Meeting. Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the minutes be approved as disseminated. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was an update of the possible relocation of the polling sites currently located at the Augusta University Christenberry Fieldhouse and the Crawford Avenue Baptist Church due to accessibility concerns.

Ms. Bailey reported the following regarding the relocation of the Christenberry Fieldhouse polling location to the Friedman Branch Library:

- ADA Compliance Officer Carole Burrowbridge has reported that the parking space improvements made at Friedman Branch Library, the pedestrian route from the parking lot to the building entrance, the entrance to the building, and the interior route to the proposed voting area satisfy the requirements under the ADA for the establishment of a polling place.
- Staff recommendation is to hold off on a final decision on the move until September 2019 when more information on the status of the completion date for the road construction project may be available.

The Board accepted the report on the Augusta University Christenberry Fieldhouse polling location as information.

Regarding the relocation of the Crawford Avenue Baptist Church polling location to a yet to be identified location, Ms. Bailey reported the following:

- Director of Operations for the Kroc Center Rick Moore notified the Board of Elections on June 25, 2019 that the Center had been approved by the Kroc Center Divisional Headquarters in Atlanta for use as a polling location beginning with the March 24, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary.
- Staff recommendation is that the voters in that portion of Precinct 102 residing north of Walton Way be relocated to the Kroc Center and voters in that portion of Precinct 102 residing south of Walton Way be relocated to the Paine College HEAL Complex effective immediately.
- The change would increase the number of eligible voters at the HEAL Complex (Precinct 111) by approximately 300 voters. The remaining 1400 voters assigned to Precinct 102 would be directed to the Kroc Center for Election Day voting.

- Regardless of the new location, it is suggested that the precinct line be redrawn along Walton Way and the 275 voters on the south side of the new Walton Way line be re-assigned to the HEAL Complex and the remaining 1350 on the north side of Walton Way be assigned to the yet to be determined location.

In closing, Ms. Bailey stated that the deadline for making the polling location changes remained the first part of November 2019. Ms. Bailey stated that the item would appear as an agenda item on a monthly basis until resolved. Following the discussion, Mrs. Barnes made a motion that staff proceed with the relocation of the polling location currently at Crawford Avenue Baptist Church to the Kroc Center. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was a discussion of Georgia's new voting system. Ms. Bailey reported that there was no new information to report and as far as she knew the selection of the vendor was still on track for mid-July.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of third party voter registration efforts currently under way in Richmond County. Ms. Bailey reported the following:

- The Voter Participation Center (VPC) is a nonprofit group active in promoting voter registration. The organization sends mailings to citizens in Georgia who they believe are not registered to vote. Recipients of these mailings get a partially completed voter registration application, usually with name and address prefilled, but needing all other information to be supplied by the recipient.

Recently, 7,875 mailings were sent by the VPC to citizens living in Richmond County. Completed forms have begun arriving in our office and are currently being processed.

- The New Georgia Project (NGP) is a nonprofit organization active in promoting voter registration using person to person contact in the community. NGP has been very active in Richmond County submitting more than 6,200 paper applications for voter registration from January 30 through July 3, 2019.

The next agenda item was Old Business. There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

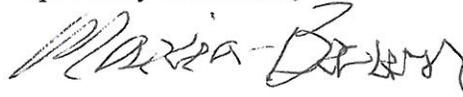
The next agenda item was New Business. Board Member Dicks brought up for discussion the fact that citizens of Puerto Rican descent were experiencing problems obtaining a driver's license and subsequently registering to vote in Georgia and inquired if there had been any communication between the Secretary of State's office and counties in the State. Ms. Bailey stated that there had been no conversation between herself and the Secretary of State's Office regarding that matter, but that she would monitor it and apprise the Board of any updates received on the matter.

Continuing with New Business, Ms. Bailey informed the Board that the interview process to fill the newly created position of Deputy Clerk was underway. Ms. Bailey explained that the Board's bylaws require that vacancies among positions other than the Executive Director,

whether by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by recommendation of the Executive Director and approved by a majority vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present and voting. The Board accepted the update on filling the vacancy as information and to be formalized at the next upcoming Board meeting.

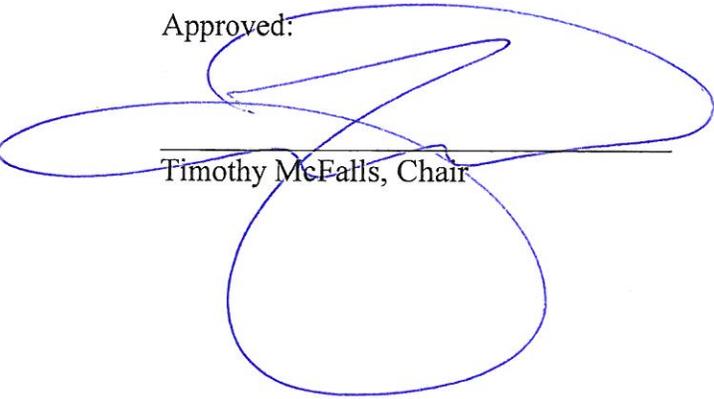
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dicks made a motion that the meeting stand adjourned. Mr. Finnegan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brown, Secretary for the Board

Approved:



Timothy McFalls, Chair