

BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
June 10, 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, members of the public, and media.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the May 13, 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:

- The sidewalk and road improvement project is still on track for completion in November 2019
- The parking lot improvements including re-stripping and new signage for accessible parking spaces has been completed
- Information on the location of bus shelters is still uncertain
- Acknowledgement that if the polling site is relocated to the Friedman Branch Library it will be necessary to hire a traffic control officer for the day

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

- Crawford Avenue Baptist Church was contacted and made aware of the deficiency in the ramp and after careful consideration determined that improvements to the facility could not be made at this time
- Other sites for consideration are the Kroc Center, Julian Smith Casino, and the Bethel AME Church
- Regardless of the new location of the polling site, staff recommended that the precinct boundary for Precinct 102 be split along Walton Way and that those voters located on the south side of Walton Way be relocated to the polling location at the Paine College HEAL Complex, because it is in closer proximity to the neighborhood, and those voters residing on the north side of Walton Way be relocated to the yet to be identified 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.

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 that the selection of the vendor was still on track for mid-July.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of High School Voter Registration Month. Ms. Bailey reported the following:

- All 15 public and private high schools in Richmond County were contacted and offered onsite voter registration at their facility
- BOE staff was invited on site at 8 schools, third party organizations visited 4 schools, and 3 schools conducted their own drive.
- In total, approximately 430 students completed voter registration applications during High School Voter Registration Month in April

The next agenda item was an update on the National Change of Address Confirmation Process. Ms. Bailey reported the following:

- The process compares the National Change of Address database maintained by the US Postal Service to the voter registration database and generates notices for all Active Registered Voters when a match is made between the two databases.
- All counties in Georgia were to mail the notices between June 5th and June 10th
- On June 10th, 9332 notices were mailed by first class, forwardable mail from Richmond County
- During the 2015 Process, 12,140 notices were mailed and in 2017 8,362 notices were mailed
- Voters are given 30 days to advise the Board of Elections Office of any change to be made on the voter registration list
- All voters whose address has changed to a different in-county address will automatically have their address updated at the end of the 30 day period and will remain in an Active status
- Voters who have reported and been identified as moving out of the county and do not notify the Elections Office otherwise will be transferred to the Inactive List of Voters at the end of the 30 day period
- A voter in an Inactive status remains eligible to vote for 2 general election cycles before being removed from the list of voters unless the voter updates their record or votes during that period of time
- No voters are transferred to a Cancelled status as a result of this process except by written request of the voter

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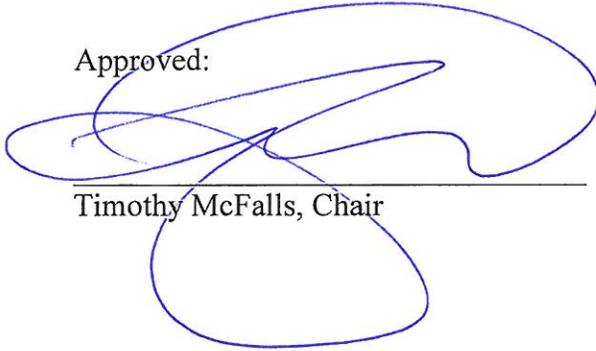
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dicks made a motion that the meeting stand adjourned. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Marcia Brown, Secretary for the Board

Approved:



Timothy McFalls, Chair