

BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
May 13, 2019

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

The first item on the agenda was the recognition of newly appointed and duly sworn in Board Member Marcia Brown and recently re-appointed Board Member Terence Dicks. Chair McFalls, fellow Board Members, and staff welcomed Ms. Brown to the Board and congratulated Mr. Dicks on his re-appointment.

The next item on the approval of the minutes from the April 15, 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 that road improvements in close proximity to the Friedman Branch Library were well underway and expected to be completed in November 2019. Continuing, she stated that parking lot improvements were underway at the library and should be completed soon. Ms. Bailey further reported that she was still gathering information on the location of future bus shelters and any effect it may have on access for voters.

Continuing, Ms. Bailey reported that the administration at Crawford Avenue Baptist Church had been contacted and made aware of necessary renovations required in order for the facility to continue to serve as a polling location. She began by stating that as a private facility the church was under no obligation to make the renovations, but in order to serve as a polling location, certain improvements would be required. Ms. Bailey stated that the church leadership had the matter under consideration and would be back in touch with the Board when a decision was made. She stated that she would keep the Board apprised as new information became available and that the deadline for making a polling place change for the 2020 elections would be around November 1, 2019.

The next agenda item was a discussion of Georgia's new voting system. Ms. Bailey reported that at least 4 vendors submitted a response to the State's Request for Purchase – Dominion Voting, Election Systems and Software, Hart InterCivic, and Smartmatic. Continuing, she stated that the next step is for the selection committee to do its work and make the vendor selection and that a decision was expected no later than mid July.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of High School Voter Registration Month. Ms. Bailey stated that High School Voter Registration Month was observed each year during the month of April. Continuing, she stated that all local public and private high schools had been

notified and were encouraged to contact the Board of Elections to schedule a drive at their facility. She stated that during April 2019 staff visited 8 high schools and third party groups visited 5 others covering all facilities. Continuing, Ms. Bailey stated that 383 total applications had been submitted for processing. A discussion then ensued regarding data collection on any applicant for voter registration who was 18 or younger at the time of registration and the fact that many were now using an automated process to register to vote rather than a paper form. Following the discussion, Mr. Dicks made a motion asking staff to research whether or not it would be possible to gather information on all applications submitted during April whether completed on paper at a high school or online. Mrs. Barnes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Ms. Bailey stated that she would report her findings to the Board.

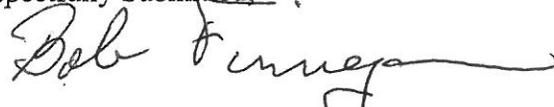
The next agenda item was the selection of new officers for the upcoming year. Mrs. Barnes nominated Board Member Marcia Brown as Secretary to the Board. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Continuing, Mr. Dicks nominated Board Member Sherry Barnes as Vice Chair of the Board. Ms. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was Old Business. Ms. Bailey gave an update on the National Change of Address Confirmation Process. She stated that in Richmond County 4,689 confirmation notices for voters with in county addresses and 4,643 confirmation notices for voters with out of county addresses would be mailed out during the process. Continuing, she stated that the notices would be mailed out state-wide on the same date and she expected to receive the go ahead for mailing towards the end of May. Continuing, she stated that the Secretary of State's Office would be conducting training for county officials during the last week of May 2019.

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

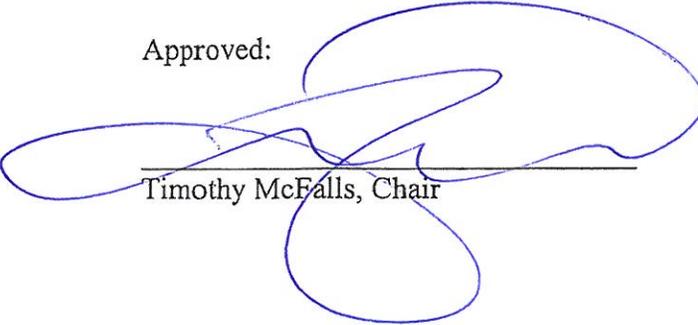
There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Barnes made a motion that the meeting stand adjourned. Mr. Dicks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Finnegan, Secretary for the Board

Approved:



Timothy McFalls, Chair