

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
CAMDEN COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING, KINGSLAND
MARCH 29, 2022, 6:00 PM**

In Person Attendance: Kyle Rapp; Barbara Hahn; Joseph Michaels; Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles; Elections Assistant Sandra Rayson. **Absent:** Anthony Kicklighter; Dr. Jannett Bradford.

A. Opening Ceremonies

Chair Kyle Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Rapp noted that all members were present, except for Anthony Kicklighter and Dr. Jannett Bradford. Chair Rapp also noted the threshold for a quorum was met.

Chair Rapp delivered the invocation.

Joseph Michaels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, that the agenda was adopted as written.

C. Public Comments

- **Linda Victory (Kingsland)** requested that full agenda packages be made available to the public instead of just being available in the Public Agenda Book at the meeting. Ms. Victory also discussed the need to expand the number of Advance Voting sites instead of concentrating on the County Annex Building.
- **Sandra Burch (St. Marys)** would like to know how many Advance Voting sites and dates the County had prior to this election and what was the basis of the decision to approve the current schedule. She thinks all locations should be open at all times.

D. New Business

1. Consideration of Advance Voting Dates & Location for the May General Primary

Chair Kyle Rapp reviewed the Motion Summary Sheet regarding this topic (See Attachment #1). He stated that the Board of Elections & Registration (BoER) has found that the Kingsland Annex Advance Voting Site is the site most used by the Voters. Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles added that one of the hurdles to overcome in adding additional Advance Voting Sites was not having enough Poll Workers to man the additional sites. Also, Absentee Ballots by Mail are available to all voters and no reason or explanans are required. The BoER will participate in a job fair at the Recreation Department in the hopes of attracting new Poll Workers. Board Member Joseph Michaels stated that since Early Voting started the Board Members and Staff have worked very hard to increase our efforts to provide sufficient opportunities for Voters. The Board will revisit this agenda item before the November election. Motion made by Joseph Michaels, seconded by Barbara Hahn, to accept the Advance Voting Dates and Location Schedule as presented. Voting was as follows: Ayes - Hahn, Michaels & Chair Rapp. Nays – None. Abstentions – None.

The motion was approved.

2. FY23 Budget Input

Elections Supervisor Nettles discussed the Pending FY23 Budget:

- Includes a new Full Time Equipment Technician position to maintain all Election Equipment, handle Election Night Reporting, etc.
- Poll Worker line item will be adjusted to reflect increased Pay and Reimbursement amounts.
- Absentee Ballots budget has been increased to reflect the rising costs of postage.
- Includes new Equipment such as rolling cages to help store and distribute Election Equipment more efficiently.
- More Flags and Festoons will be purchased to help identify Poll Locations on Election Days.

E. Important Upcoming Dates

Chairman Kyle Rapp announced the following upcoming dates:

1. Live Launch of the new Georgia Registered Voter Information System (GARViS) – **Moved to April 1, 2022**
2. NAACP Community Day – **April 9, 2022**
3. Good Friday Holiday (All County Offices Closed) – **April 15, 2022**
4. BoER Meeting – **April 21, 2022**
5. Voter Registration Deadline – **April 25, 2022**[^]
6. Advance Voting Begins for General Primary – **May 2, 2022**
7. May General Primary Election – **May 24, 2022**
[^]Deadline is for May General Primary.

F. Additional Public Comments

- Timothy Bessent, Sr. (Woodbine) discussed other ways to obtaining a full time position and that proposed increases to the Poll Worker salaries and reimbursements were too low.
- Linda Victory (Kingsland) discussed the need for additional Poll Workers. She would like to see the Advance Voting Sites stay open later than 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These times don't accommodate working Voters who may not get off work before 5:00 p.m. She suggested 12 Noon to 8 p.m.
- Kelvin Blue (Kingsland) discussed the responsibility for hiring and training Poll Workers. Offered to help recruit new Poll Workers.
- Sandy Burch (St. Marys) asked why Ballot Questions are separated by Party and why the Board does not include a designated representative of each Party? Ms. Burch also asked about the procedure for calling a Special Meeting.

G. Adjournment

Chair Kyle Rapp, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

By: _____
Kyle Rapp, Chair

Attest: _____
Shannon Nettles, Elections Supervisor