

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2021, 4:00 PM**

In Person Attendance: Kyle Rapp; Dr. Jannett Bradford; Joseph Michaels; Anthony Kicklighter; Barbara Hahn; Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles; Assistant Elections Supervisor Deborah Felix; and Elections Assistant Sandy Rayson.

A. Call to Order

Chair Kyle Rapp called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

B. Invocation

Chair Kyle Rapp delivered the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Anthony Kicklighter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Kyle Rapp noted that the date of the minutes to be approved under Agenda Item E was listed as "February 18, 2021" and should be "March 18, 2021". After receiving no objections or further corrections from the Board, Chair Rapp declared the agenda adopted as amended.

E. Approval of Minutes

Chair Kyle Rapp offered the following corrections to the March 18, 2021 minutes:

- Remove John Myers name from those in attendance at the meeting
- Item D. Adoption of Agenda: Strike existing verbiage and replace with "Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board, that the agenda was adopted as presented."
- Item E. Approval of Minutes: Strike existing verbiage and replace with "Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board, that the February 18, 2021 minutes as being accepted as written."
- Item G. Public Comments: Change "provide" in Line 2 of Mary Beckman's comments to "provided".
- Item J.2. Important Upcoming Dates: Change "Thursday, April 15," to "Wednesday, April 14."

After receiving no objections or further corrections from the Board, Chair Rapp declared the minutes approved as amended

F. FINANCIAL REPORT – March Month End

Election Supervisor Shannon Nettles gave an overview of month end financial reports and budget for the month ending March, 2021.

G. Public Comments

Mary Beckman, St. Marys

Ms. Beckman expressed her concern that there is no limit on the number of challenges that can be brought to the Board of Elections & Registration. She feels that the number of military voters removed from the Elector List could be very high. After reviewing the list of Challenged Voters that Mr. Gross recently presented to the Board, Ms. Beckman believes that a large percentage of them are still living in Camden County. She reminded the Board Members that it is the Challenger's responsibility to prove their case and pay for any costs associated with the Challenge, such as subpoenaing witnesses.

H. Old Business

1. Electorate Qualifications

Vice Chair Jannett Bradford stated that it is incumbent on this Board to bring closure to the Challenged Voter list Mr. Gross brought to the Board in December 2020. Vice Chair Bradford also stated that the Board has promised they would do whatever the Election Code required of them. Chair Rapp does not feel that the Board is required to take any further action on the List. Joseph Michaels stated that the Board was required to follow the law and he felt that the Board had done this. Vice Chair Bradford suggested sending a letter to the Challenger stating that the Board had concluded their work on the challenge. Barbara Hahn stated that she thought this would open the door to making sure we have done all we can to clean up the Voter rolls.

Motion made by Anthony Kicklighter, seconded by Joseph Michaels to send a letter to Bill Gross regarding the work done on his list of Challenged Voters. Chair Rapp will write the letter.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. FY2021 Budget Discussion-Budget Committee Meeting Scheduled for 4/21

Election Supervisor Shannon Nettles advised the Board that she would be attending a County Budget Committee Meeting scheduled for 4/21/21 and requested the Board Members to get her any comments/questions they had on next fiscal year's budget to her prior to the meeting. Joseph Michaels advised that he would not be able to attend the meeting. Election Supervisor Nettles explained that this meeting was for Department Heads any anyone that wanted to attend with her.

H. Old Business (Continued)

3. Summer Intern Applicants/Interview Recap

Election Supervisor Nettles reported that she had interviewed two candidates for the Intern position and has one more candidate to interview. Vice Chair Bradford asked who was funding the Intern program. Ms. Nettles stated that it was through a grant from the ACCG.

I. New Business

1. Review & Discussion of the Election Integrity Act of 2021- SB202

The Board Members expressed their concerns with the following portions of SB202:

- Suspension of the local Board of Elections & Registration by the State Election Board.
- Requirement for a minimum of one Drop Box in each County.
- Mandate for increase in Saturday voting from one to two Saturdays.
- Changes to the Absentee Ballot process.
- New rules for issuing Provisional Ballots for an "Out of Precinct" Voter.
- Required training for Poll Watchers.
- Changes to authority of the Secretary of State position.

The Board Members discussed how the above items could affect budgets, in light of having to change and adapt the process of running elections to these and possible future changes in the law.

J. Important Upcoming Date

1. BoER Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – May 20, 2021 at 4PM

K. Additional Public Comments

Mary Beckman, St. Marys

Ms. Beckman hoped that the City of Woodbine knows about the requirement of two Saturday voting days before their November election. She expressed her concern that the new rules on issuing Provisional Ballots for an "Out of Precinct" reason could disenfranchise Voters who were erroneously assigned to a precinct by the Registrar's Office.

Rachel Baldwin, Kingsland

Ms. Baldwin stated her concern that if the costs of bringing voter challenges to the Board had to be borne solely by the Challenger, this might prove to be a

deterrent to future challenges. It takes an enormous amount of time and effort to research Voters for a Challenge.

Vice Chair Bradford stated that she felt anyone preparing a voter challenge, should be familiar with the Code and the requirements thereof.

Joseph Michaels stated that he felt the Board should hire an attorney experienced in election law, who could give the Board Members good, unbiased counsel. Vice Chair Bradford expressed her concern on whether or not you could find an attorney with that experience that would be unbiased. Barbara Hahn agreed.

L. Adjournment

Chair Kyle Rapp adjourned the meeting at 5:04 PM.

By: _____
Kyle Rapp, Chair

Attest: _____
Shannon Nettles, Elections Supervisor