

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 2023, 4:00 PM**

**In Person Attendance: Chair Kyle Rapp; Clara Harden; Kelly Stofflet; Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles; Assistant Elections Supervisor Deborah Felix, and County Clerk Katie Bishop.**

**A. Call to Order**

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

Chair Kyle Rapp noted that Barbara Hahn and Julia McCollough were absent and noted that a quorum was present.

Chair Kyle Rapp delivered the invocation.

Chair Kyle Rapp led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, that the agenda is adopted as presented.

**C. Approval of the Minutes**

Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, that the July 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes are approved as written.

**D. Public Comments**

No comments were offered during this time.

**E. Financial Report**

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles delivered an overview of the monthly end financial report to the Board.

**F. Election Supervisor's Update**

At this time, Election's Supervisor Shannon Nettles delivered the Election's Supervisor Update.

**G. New Precinct Opportunities (NPOC) Report \***

<b>New Precinct Opportunities Committee (NPOC) Monthly Report July 2023</b>			
Committee Members: Chair Shannon Nettles, Vice-Chair Deborah Felix, Dennis Irvin GIS/Mapping Lead, Dr. Julia McCollough, Clara Harden, Kyle Rapp, Kelly Stofflet, Dr. Jannett Bradford, Mary Beckman (Honorary Member).			
Previous Committee Meetings:	7/17/2023	Next Committee Meeting:	8/14/2023
	7/31/2023		

**Status Update:**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting)– NPOC met @ 10am all 9 members were present.**

Chair Nettles briefed the committee on actions taken by elections staff following the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Contacted First African Baptist Church regarding use of their facilities for an election day polling location.
- Contacted Woodbine First Baptist Church regarding the use of their facilities for an advance voting and election day polling location.
- No changes were made to the solutions offered in the June 26<sup>th</sup> agenda packet.

Chair Nettles led a discussion on the activities of the election staff and issues pertaining to the committee:

- Committee members discussed the Agape Christian Fellowship polling location and the increase in voters that it will experience in the coming years.
- Committee members requested that election staff investigate new polling locations for the Mush Bluff precinct, these included the Child Development Center on Kings Bay Naval Base.
- Committee members discussed splitting the East Kingsland precinct and prospective polling locations for the new precinct resulting from the split.
- A motion was made by Kyle Rapp and seconded by Deborah Felix to approve the scheduling of two public hearings for the committee’s recommendations on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, one at a county facility and one at a private facility. Meetings to be held in the morning and evening. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am

**July 31<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> meeting)– NPOC met @ 10am with 8 members present**

Meeting called to order at 10am. All members were present except Kyle Rapp.

Chair Nettles gave a recap of discussion held at the last meeting then opened the floor for motions & discussions:

- A motion was made by Dennis Irvin, seconded by Kelly Stofflet, to offer two (2) public hearings on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 to the voters of Camden County for the purpose of discussing precinct changes for 2024. A 10am hearing will be held at St.

Marys Church and a 6pm hearing will be held at a location to be determined on Highway 17 in Kingsland. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

- A motion was made by Mary Beckman, seconded by Jannett Bradford, to not split the PSA precinct at this time. The motion carried with 4 Yay votes by Julia McCollough, Mary Beckman, Clara Harden, and Dr. Jannett Bradford. 2 Nay votes by Deborah Felix and Kelly Stofflet. 1 abstention by Dennis Irvin
- A motion was made by Mary Beckman, seconded by Kelly Stofflet, to move the precinct boundary for the Elliotts Bluff area and place those voters in the N. St. Marys Precinct, thereby adding just under 800 voters to North St. Marys. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Dr. Bradford, seconded by Kelly Stofflet, to combine North Kingsland and Kingsland precincts into one to be called Historic Kingsland. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Dennis Irvin and seconded by Dr. Bradford to table the discussion on naming a new polling location for the new Historic Kingsland Precinct. Motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Deborah Felix, seconded by Julia McCollough, to combine the St. Marys precinct and what is left of the Mush Bluff precinct into one precinct to be known as St. Marys. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, that the NPOC report is adopted as written.

## **H. Unfinished Business**

1. Nomination and Selection (Vice-Chair)

Clara Harden made a nomination of herself, Clara Harden for Vice-Chair.

***The nomination carried unanimously.***

## **I. New Business**

1. Nomination and Selection NPOC Member

Chair Kyle Rapp made a nomination of Donna Schwartz to be a member of the NPOC.

***The nomination carried unanimously.***

## **J. BoER Training**

1. Precincts and Polling Places Facilitator: Chair Rapp

Chair Kyle Rapp facilitated the presentation of the Precincts and Polling Places.

**No official action was taken regarding these items.**

## **K. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

Chair Rapp announced the following upcoming dates:

**No official action required regarding these items.**

1. NPOC Regular Meeting – **Monday, August 28, 2023**
2. Labor Day – **Monday, September 4, 2023**<sup>^</sup>
3. NPOC Public Meeting – **Wednesday, September 6, 2023**
4. BoER Regular Meeting – **Thursday, September 21, 2023**

## **L. Additional Public Comments**

### **June Maxwell, Harriett's Bluff**

Mrs. Maxwell asked on September 6<sup>th</sup> what times will those meetings be held?

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles responded 10:00 AM at the St. Marys Church and 6:00 PM at the North Center in Kingsland.

### **Kelvin Blue, St. Marys, Chairman of the Democratic Part**

Mr. Blue stated on Tuesday night he addressed the Commissioners regarding the recent appointment to seat 3 was an illegal appointment. He stated that he doesn't expect to have an immediate response from the Board of Commissioners but he does expect this Board to take a look at House Bill 1023 and make whatever appropriate recommendations from this Board and conduct business according to their findings.

## **M. Adjournment**

Chair Kyle Rapp, after receiving no objections from the Board Members, adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Rapp, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon Nettles, Elections Supervisor