

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING - OCTOBER 30, 2024

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

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Board Members Present Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson

Mr. Aaron Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael Heekin
Mrs. Teresa Crawford
Ms. Julie Adams

**Staff Attending:** Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. Darryl Peek, Mr. Tyree Spencer, Mr. James Artis

**Legal:** Ms. Ann Brumbaugh, Special Counsel and Mr. Chad Alexis, Senior County Counsel

# **#1- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Ms. Adams** asked for a point of personal privilege and began reading a written statement. Statement was not provided.

**Mrs. Crawford** requested the BRE move on to the discussion of item #2 of the agenda, since Ms. Adams' comments were in reference to that item.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to discuss item 2 on the agenda. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a vote of 4-1; Nay **Adams**.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### #2- DISCUSSION ON REVIEW OF POST-ELECTION MATERIAL

Robust discussion: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= JlvR198xw

<u>Timestamp:</u> 20:24- 1:46

**Chair Allen** surmised the drafted document the BRE received and the origin of reviewing post-election material. Madam Chair requested amendments and the timeline to be completed.

**Mr. Heekin** asked the Director was the list different from the previous list provided.

**Director Williams** explained that the previous list was a draft and after conferring with staff, some items were removed to not create hardship for staff.

**Mr. Heekin** asked the Director what items were removed. He said that if it was possible 2 weeks ago, then what changed. There's a hardship to canvass an election, we do a lot of things that's hard.

**Director Williams** explained that the previous list was a drafted document subject to change and none of the items on the list is required for Certification of Results.

**Vice Chair Johnson** reminded the BRE of a previous meeting where they agreed to the items for the BRE to review prior to Certifying. The Vice Chair recalled many of the items provided were not viewed by the requesters.

**Director Williams** mentioned that the list was altered several times due to requested items by **Ms. Adams** and **Mr. Heekin**.

**Ms. Adams** asked Attorney Brumbaugh the difference between the ruling by the Judge in her case and declaratory judgement.

Attorney Brumbaugh clarified the difference.

**Ms. Adams** requested a report from poll workers, poll watchers, complaints, and issues in polling locations.

Chair Allen asked clarifying questions to better understand the request.

**Ms.** Adams explained that issues such as a poll manager leaving the AV location door unlocked for 16-18 hours is something the BRE should be aware of.

**Mr. Heekin** suggested creating a canvassing procedure after this election. He referenced the Bylaws regarding the discharge of duties and the delegation of duties.

**Chair Allen** agreed with Mr. Heekin on the BRE creating a Canvassing policy.

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Timestamp: 39:04-43:14

**Vice Chair Johnson** asked if Ms. Adams' request in the BRE's purview. The BRE role is to set policies and Director Williams' job is to handle the day-to-day operations. Vice Chair commented on the listed items:

- Bylaws
- Hardship
- Most Watched County in Georgia/ Southeast Region
- Inquiries that distract the DRE

**Chair Allen** requested the BRE review the document to discuss.

**Mrs. Crawford** commented that the list is good, it is similar to the list received the last 2 elections.

Ms. Adams requested documents electronically and additional requests for other documents.

**Chair Allen** informed the BRE that all records will be provided in the manner it was previously provided but no documents will be electronically disseminated.

**Chair Allen** asked for clarification on the list Ms. Adams' requested.

**Ms. Adams** said the list contains a list of voters by precinct and voting method.

**Director Williams** informed the BRE that she advised Ms. Adams that she could get that list from the SOS' website daily. https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/voter-absentee-files

**Ms.** Adams requested the list from the DRE at the close of the polls Wednesday, November 6, 2024, in the morning.

**Attorney Brumbaugh** provided guidance on how the BRE should resolve the request submitted.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to not allow the production of electronic Election records. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by a vote of 3-2; Nay **Adams** and **Heekin**.

Ms. Adams requested to be able to make copies of Election records.

**Vice Chair Johnson** referenced the Coffee County breach and explained how the BRE can be liable.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to not photocopy, take photos, nor reproduce documents to leave the building. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by a vote of 3-1; Nay **Adams. Mr. Heekin** abstained.

The Board discussed meeting dates and times.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to examine election documents on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am-5pm and on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8am. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin** seconded by **Mrs. Crawford** and carried by a vote of 4-1; Nay **Adams.** 

The board agrees to start the certification of results by 3:30pm unless there are extenuating circumstances, and it's extended to 4:45pm.

#### 11AM FRIDAY AFTER ELECTION DATE - NOVEMBER 8TH

#### Information Systems

- . Scanner List: list of scanners with serial #s per location Election Day
- Scanner List: list of scanners with serial #s Absentee By-Mail
- Scanner List: list of scanners with serial #s per location Advance Voting
- KNOWiNK Poll Pad ePulse Report Numbered List of Voters Unofficial
- Statement of Votes Cast Unofficial
- Election Night Summary Report Unofficial

#### Registration

Alpha List of Voters

#### Absentee By Mail

- · Absentee By Mail Posted Summary Unofficial
- · Absentee Ballot Box Drop Posted Summary

### 8AM CERTIFICATION MEETING DATE - NOVEMBER 12TH

#### Information Systems

- KNOWiNK Poll Pad ePulse Report Numbered List of Voters -Official
- Batch Load Report
- · Statement of Votes Cast Official
- · Election Night Summary Report Official
- . Memory Card Chain of Custody Report

#### Advance Voting - All Locations

Results Tape Zero Tapes Touchscreen Recap Spoiled & Unaccompanied Ballot Forms Emergency Ballot Recap

#### Absentee By Mail & Provisionals

- Provisional Voter Summary
- · Rejected Absentee Envelopes
- · Provisional Ballot Recap
- Numbered List of Provisional/Challenged Voters for Advance Voting & Election Day -if applicable
- Absentee By Mail Posted Summary Final

#### Election Day

Ballot Recap Sheets
Zero Tapes
Numbered List of Voters – if applicable
Results Tape
Memory Card Chain of Custody

**Ms. Adams** requested the scanner list with serial numbers and seal numbers.

**Mr. Heekin** suggested providing the list because it would make the process easier for poll monitors.

**Ms.** Adams requested the list of complaints today, Numbered list of voters on Wednesday, and the AV location left open for 16-18 hours.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion for the BRE to accept the 10.30.24 drafted document. The motion was made by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Crawford and carried by a vote of 4-1; Nay **Adams**.

**Director Williams** confirmed that if the BRE agrees, this information will be provided on the laptop in the BRE's Boardroom.

**Mr. Heekin** suggested providing that information with the political party monitors and Fulton's Monitoring Team.

**Vice Chair Johnson** addressed various requests for different items this election. The Vice Chair suggested that this request may cause chaos, suggested that this is by design; The Election is Tuesday!

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion for November 5<sup>th</sup> (Election Day) at precisely 2pm for Advance Voting scanner list with serial numbers and seal numbers. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin and** carried by a vote of 2-3; Nay Allen, Crawford, and Johnson. **Motion Failed** 

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**Ms. Adams** reiterated the request for a list of complaints and resolutions as of today from poll workers, watchers, and monitors.

**Director Williams** informed the BRE that the requested information does not exist unless Ms. Adams wants the Director to compile a list of every phone call/ email complaint.

**Chair Allen** expressed the request that it is very onerous, to take personnel at this time from their election duties.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion of any complaints that rise to the level to the Secretary of State be submitted to the Board. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin and** carried by a vote of 2-3; Nay **Allen**, **Crawford**, and **Johnson**. Motion Failed

**Ms. Adams** reiterated that the poll manager of an AV location left the door unlocked for 16-18 hours.

**Director Williams** outlined Fulton's efforts this election cycle:

- Fulton County has had a very good Election
- Processed over 300K Voters for early voting
- Poll Workers are working Tirelessly

Fulton has had a small number of complaints, and all complaints have been submitted to the Secretary of State's office.

**Chair Allen** asked if the board wanted to meet to review the Alpha list of voters on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice Chair Johnson** commended the AV locations for record numbered voting in the County and in the State of Georgia.

- Seamless voting at Welcome All Park, Georgia Tech, Alpharetta Library, Ocee Library
- Thank you to the staff

Chair Allen commended the AV staff as well.

**Mr. Heekin** commended the AV staff at Roswell Library and Alpharetta Library.

# ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Vice Chair Johnson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mrs. Crawford** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

	Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary
The meeting was adjourned.	Prepared by: