MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

2525 PIO NONO AVE., STE 1200 MACON, GA 31206

VIRTUAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 18, 2021

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Board Members Present: Mr. Mike Kaplan, Mrs. Rinda Wilson, Mr. Herbert Spangler, Dr. Henry Ficklin, and Ms. Cassandra Powell

Staff Present: Mrs. Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor, Ms. Charlene Maynard, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Thomas Gillon, Elections Officer, Angela Orr, Deputy Registrar, Canetra Ford, Deputy Registrar, Carrie Middleton, Deputy Registrar

Board of Elections’ Attorney: Mr. William Noland

Visitors: Sandy Tharpe, Georgia Women, Maria Bryant, Macon-Bibb NAACP, Darius Maynard, Macon Democrat Party, Karen Evans, Macon Democrat Party, Claudia Kirkwood, LWV, Liz Fabian, Center for Collaborative Journalism Mercer University, Carolyn Hargrove, LWV, Elaine Johnson, Peanut Gallery, Joel Hazard, Macon Republican Party, Donald Pruitt, Commissioner Elaine Lucas, Mary Katz, Civic Ambassadors, Janice Davis, Poll Worker, Teresa Harris, Former Poll Worker

CALL TO ORDER:

After technical difficulty was resolved, Mike Kaplan, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Dr. Ficklin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting held Thursday, February 25, 2021. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Spangler, and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dr. Ficklin made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Board meeting held Friday, March 5, 2021. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Spangler, and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board members agreed to defer the election of officers until the April regular Board meeting; at which time, the term for new Board members will have started.
2. Dr. Ficklin made a motion to request approval to re-open nomination to expand the list of names for the At-Large member. Ms. Powell seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Spangler opposed. The motion failed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Items from the Chief Registrar, Veronica Seals
   * 1. The current registration totals were unavailable.
   1. ElectioNet Voter Registration Dashboard Report
      1. DDS Department Driver Services Applications – **62**
      2. OLVR – Online Voter Registration Applications– **4**
      3. Verification of Pending Voters – **2**
2. Items from the Board Members
   1. There was none.
3. Items from the Supervisor
   1. Other Local Option Sales Tax (OLOST) – HB 575 passed the Georgia House of Representatives and moved to the General Assembly for approval (No further information is available at this time)
   2. Mrs. Watson stated she has completed a county-to-county personnel comparison assessment which includes the following information:
      1. Job Descriptions
      2. Salary
      3. Poll Worker Pay
   3. BOE Website – Update (Site is being reviewed for updates and removal of old content)
   4. Georgia Voter Registration and Elections Officials Yearly Conference (GAVREO)
      1. O.C.G.A. – 21-2-101 – County Election Superintendents or Election Board Designee

The 2021 Conference is being held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center

Sunday, August 29 – Wednesday, September 1, 2021

(Attendance is limited due to COVID restrictions)

* 1. The Secretary of State’s office is partnering with the University of Georgia to conduct a statewide review of signature matches during the November 2020 General Election

1. Correspondence: (Copies for Board meeting files)
   1. 2021 State Elections & Voter Registration Calendar
   2. Budget Performance Report for March 2021
   3. 2021-2022 Legislative Session - bills which effect registration and elections (List Update)
   4. O.C.G.A. 21-2-101 – Yearly mandated training requirements

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Spangler made a motion for adjournment at 5:14 p.m. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Ms. Powell, and Dr. Ficklin agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

***Minutes transcribed by Jeanetta Watson***