MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING

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

*(HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM)*

MARCH 5, 2021

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

Staff Present: Mrs. Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor, Mrs. Veronica Seals, Chief Registrar, Ms. Charlene Maynard, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Thomas Gillon, Elections Officer

Board of Elections’ Attorney: Mr. William Noland

Visitors: Darius Maynard, Macon Democrat Party, Karen Evans-Daniel, Local Democrat Party, Peter Taylor, Jr., Carolyn Hargrove, LWV, Mark Dehler, Democrat Party of Georgia, Senator David Lucas, Juawn Jackson, Sarah O’leary, Elaine Johnson, Mary Katz, Canetra Ford, Board of Elections Staff

CALL TO ORDER:

Mike Kaplan, Chairperson, called the Board Executive Session meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Dr. Ficklin made a motion to enter Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters as provided in O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6). Ms. Powell seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Spangler, and Mrs. Wilson agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, Mrs. Wilson made a motion to end Executive Session. Mr. Spangler seconded. Mr. Kaplan agreed. Dr. Ficklin and Ms. Powell opposed. The motion passed.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Kaplan, Chairperson, called the Special Call meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

1. After much discussion Mr. Spangler made a motion to accept the list of (3) names nominated by the partisan Board members and that each Board member will contact the individual they nominated to request a resume and/or biography be submitted the Elections office in person, by email or fax. Ms. Powell seconded. Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Ficklin agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

Below is the list of (3) names to be submitted to the Mayor and Commissioners to approval appointment of the At-Large Board member.

Mr. Mike Kaplan

Mr. Mark Dehler

Mr. Charles Murphy

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Dr. Ficklin made a motion to approve adding to the agenda the discussion of the Resolution sponsored by Dr. Ficklin concerning a personnel matter which was proposed during the closed Executive Session.

Ms. Powell seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Spangler agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

After much discussion, Dr. Ficklin made a motion to approve a Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections to authorize the county manager of Macon-Bibb County to exercise managerial authority over the day-to-day administrative affairs of the election’s supervisor of the Board of Elections. Ms. Powell seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Spangler, and Mrs. Wilson opposed. The motion failed.

1. Dr. Ficklin made a motion to add to the agenda for discussion concerning what action was taken by the Supervisor concerning the incident with the Elections Technician at the Appling Middle School polling location during the January 5, 2021 Runoff Elections. Ms. Powell seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Wilson, and Mr. Spangler agreed. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Watson stated she spoke with the employee about the incident and issued a verbal and written warning.
2. Correspondence (Copies to accompany the minutes)
3. A Resolution of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections to authorize the County Manager of Macon-Bibb County to exercise managerial authority over the day-to-day administrative affairs of the Elections Supervisor of the Board of Elections

MEETING ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Ficklin made a motion for adjournment at 11:12 a.m. Mrs. Wilson seconded. Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Spangler, and Ms. Powell agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

***Minutes transcribed by Jeanetta Watson***