

CLAYTON BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting
4:00 P.M.

October 20, 2015

POST SUMMARY MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Harry Osborne, Vice-Chairperson Ruth Ash, Board Member Patricia Pullar, Board Member Dorothy Hall, Board Member George Sligh, Interim Director Laterral Francis and Clerk Allison Ruotolo. SPECIAL GUEST: Renee Bright, Human Resources Director

1. Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order.
2. Moment of silence observed.
3. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Hall to amend the agenda by adding public comments prior to executive session. Vote unanimous. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Vice-Chairperson Ash to adopt the official agenda as amended for the September 15, 2015 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
4. Motion by Board Member Hall, second by Vice-Chairperson Ash to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration. Vote unanimous.
5. Old Business: None
6. New Business:
 - A. Director's Report.
 - B. Vote Review Panel.
 - C. Election Day Judge.
 - D. Advance Voting Schedule and Letters.
 - E. Hearing to Remove Deceased Voters from Elector's List. (If available)
 - F. Hearing to Remove Returned Mail of Deceased Voters from Elector's List. (If available)
 - G. Hearing to Remove Felons from Elector's List. (If available)
 - H. Executive Session.
7. Interim Director Francis stated that she and three staff members had attended training on ElectioNet Candidate Module for the purpose of tracking candidates through the entire election process.

Ms. Francis also stated that during this time a staff member would have to be present to enter the candidate's information into ENet. This is being implemented by the Secretary of State and a copy of the guide was provided in the Board members' folders to explain the module.
8. Ms. Francis stated that going back to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Riverdale, the County has completed the duties and responsibilities with the exception of 3.1(i) certifying the election and returns.

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Chairman Osborne asked if the affidavit agreed upon by the City of Riverdale had been received.

Ms. Francis stated no the affidavit had not been received.

Chairman Osborne stated so we don't know whether they have done all the things they are supposed to.

Ms. Francis stated she had reviewed all of their stuff and she has all of the stuff that is required from them. We just have not received the affidavit.

Chairman Osborne asked if there was a change that needed to be made in the notice or the ad.

Ms. Francis responded yes she had a copy of the ad that she successfully ran. The ad was incomplete because it did not list the Elections and Registration location.

9. Ms. Francis stated there were 42 mail out ballots and none have been returned. Also, as of today, we had fifty-five total votes cast. Four votes cast in the Elections and Registration office and fifty-one at the old City Hall.

Ms. Francis stated that the final notice regarding the City of Riverdale's election will run in this weekend's legal organ.

10. Ms. Francis stated that Investigator Glenn Howard and his assistant from the Secretary of State's office and Investigator Dennis Baker and his assistant from the Clayton County District Attorney's office came to the Elections and Registration office on October 15, 2015 to obtain copies of the absentee applications verified and returned today to obtain more copies. The investigation is not with the Clayton County Elections and Registration office and City of Riverdale election. The investigators seemed pleased with the County conducting Riverdale's election. The investigation is with the other cities and our office verifies the absentee applications.

Chairman Osborne stated he spoke to Dennis Baker the other day.

Board Member Sligh stated that he had been approached regarding suspicion of fraud in the City of Morrow election. People were getting absentee ballot applications for other people who never saw them and were returning them to the office. Board Member Sligh stated that he recommended they call Ms. Francis regarding any questions.

Ms. Francis stated that our office verifies absentee ballot applications from the cities with the exception of Riverdale due to conducting their election by referring to RVI to verify signatures. Some applications may be prepopulated but they have to be signed and that is what our office verifies.

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Board Member Sligh asked Ms. Francis if anyone from the City of Morrow had contacted her.

Ms. Francis responded that the state investigators came out so someone contacted the state. They came out to make copies of everyone.

11. Ms. Francis stated she wanted the Board to know that for National Boss's Day the staff bought her a plant, gift card and balloon that made her happy and so she guessed she must be doing something right.

12. Ms. Francis stated she had letters explaining the Vote Review Panel would be composed of Sandy Hester, Jean Mathis and Harry Osborne.

13. Ms. Francis stated that Election Day Judge would be the Honorable Matthew Simmons.

14. Ms. Francis stated that letters went out to the Advanced Voting sites for the 2016 elections.

15. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Vice-Chairperson Ash to approve the list of deceased voters to be removed from the elector's list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

16. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Hall to approve the list of returned mail of deceased voters by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

17. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Hall to approve the list of felons to be removed from the elector's list by Board hearing. Vote unanimous.

18. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Chuck Ware, a Clayton County resident, expressed his concern related to a lack of municipal community outreach regarding information on candidates running.

Board Member Pullar responded to Mr. Ware with proper procedure on qualifying notification and candidate campaigning with regards to county elections.

Chairman Osborne stated that he thinks Mr. Ware is voicing a legitimate concern, however, it does not have anything to do with the Board of Elections. The things that you are discussing Mr. Ware are not within the purview of the Board of Elections. That is for political parties, interested individuals, or to people interested in becoming candidates. We don't have anything to do with that. What we do is to make sure the voters are registered and to make sure that the election

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is conducted in a manner that is open and transparent and legal according to the regulations we operate under.

19. Motion by Board Member Pullar, second by Board Member Hall, to go into Executive Session at approximately 4:25 p.m. with the presence of Renee Bright, Human Resources Director. Vote unanimous.

20. Motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Board Member Pullar, to reconvene the Regular Business meeting in the Commissioner's Boardroom at 5:34 p.m. Vote unanimous.

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There being no further business, motion by Board Member Sligh, second by Board Member Pullar to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at approximately 5:35 p.m.
Vote unanimous.

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PATRICIA PULLAR, BOARD MEMBER

GEORGE SLIGH, BOARD MEMBER

DOROTHY FOSTER HALL, BOARD MEMBER

ATTEST:

ALLISON R. RUOTOLO, CLERK