

**THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF CHATHAM COUNTY
MINUTES**

December 4, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS: Thomas J. Mahoney - Chairman
Malinda Hodge – Vice Chair
Marianne Heimes
Antwan Lang
Debbie Rauers

STAFF: Russell Bridges
Caity Hamilton

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by **Tom Mahoney**.

CHAIR ADDRESS **Mr. Mahoney** thanked those assembled and stated per the agenda that this meeting would be to recertify the November 3, 2020 General Election Presidential Race only.

MINUTES **Mr. Bridges** presented the results material from the recount that had been previously distributed to the Board. He stated that all paper ballots had been rescanned regardless of how the original votes had been cast, per procedure. The new count showed a difference of 7 ballots, which **Mr. Bridges** attributed to number of times the ballots had been previously handled throughout the original counting process and the audit. As the teams scanned batches they balanced against the original number and if a discrepancy was found it was noted and the batch was rescanned to confirm. All scanning was completed at 2:30 on Wednesday and the results were then balanced, with any differences being resolved by 8:30 that night. We are confident in the results and the percentage difference is fractional and did not change the outcome of the race; the recertification is necessary because of the minor changes in the totals. He also stated that we were under a state-imposed deadline to complete the recount and a deadline to recertify.

Mr. Mahoney called for a motion to recertify – **Mr. Lang** motioned to recertify the November 3, 2020 General Election Presidential Race. **Ms. Heimes** seconded.

Ms. Rauers questioned where signature review fit into this recount. **Mr. Mahoney** responded that there is no provision for signature review under Georgia law and stated that signature review is a function of the Registrar that occurs before the ballots are received by the Elections office.

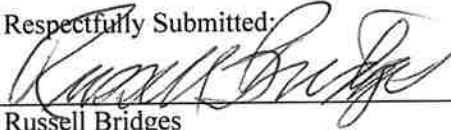
Mr. Mahoney then called for the vote. **Mr. Lang, Ms. Heimes, and Ms. Hodge** voted in favor, with **Ms. Rauers** opposing; the November 3, 2020 General Election Presidential Race was certified.

ADJOURNMENT Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

ALL APPROVED.

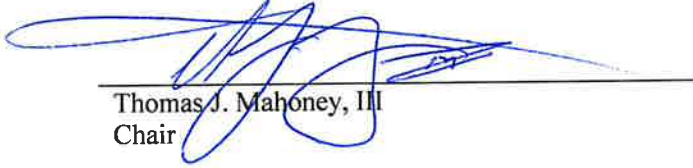
The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

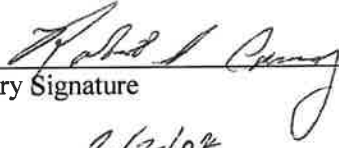


Russell Bridges
Supervisor, Secretary to the Board

1/11/2021
Date Approved



Thomas J. Mahoney, III
Chair


Notary Signature
2/2/21
Date Notarized