

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
October 27, 2021

The Webex board meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Registrars members in attendance were Chairman McRae, Ms. Andrew, Ms. Durso, Mr. Norse, and Ms. Geiger. Staff in attendance was Ms. German, Director.

Chairman McRae called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2021 meeting. Ms. Geiger moved to approve the meeting minutes as provided to Board members. Mr. Norse seconded the motion which carried unanimously

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

General/Special Election Advance Voting Update: Ms. German provided an overview of advance in-person voting for the General/Special Election. As of October 26th, 3098 individuals had early in-person voted. The number of individuals to vote in-person from each municipality were recorded as 14 Bloomingdale, 92 Garden City, 116 Port Wentworth, 80 Tybee Island, 28 Thunderbolt, and 2768 from the County. Also 1448 absentee mail out ballots were requested and of those, 621 absentee mail out ballots were returned.

Mention was made about receiving a few complaints concerning drop boxes and their locations. Few remarks about the process of returning of the absentee ballot were mention as well. Ms. German reiterated that it must be a family member or someone that lives in the household with individual for the absentee ballot to be accepted in person.

Registration Totals:

Ms. German reported 206,225 active, 19,348 inactive, and 170 pending voters.

Challenges- Felon, Deceased, Voter Requested

Voter challenges presented were 30 deceased, 0 felons, and 17 voter requested for a total of 47 voters challenged. These individuals received mailed out notification in regards to their challenge. No individuals joined the board meeting to contest a voter challenge.

At 12:22 p.m., Chairman McRae entertained a motion to instruct staff to begin deletion of the 47 challenged voters. Ms. Andrews made a motion to begin the deletion of 47 challenged voters. Ms. Durso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Announcement:

A request from US department of Justice sent to Chatham County Board of Registrars seeking documentation for 2016, 2018, 2020 elections related to drop boxes, provisional ballots, and mailing of absentee ballot request forms. SOS document retention policy for counties is 2 years, so only documentations from the 2020 elections are available.

Public Discussion:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.