

**Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
November 24, 2021**

The WebEx board meeting for the November Chatham County Board of Registrars November 2021 was called to order promptly at 12:02 p.m. led by board member William Norse with a quorum, followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Registrars in attendance were Mr. Norse, Chairman McRae, Ms. Andrews, Ms. Durso, Ms. Geiger. Staff member in attendance was Director, Sabrina German.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes were circulated prior to the November 2021 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2021 Board of Registrars meeting. Board member Geiger moved to approve the minutes of the meeting as provided to the Board members prior to the meeting. Board member Durso seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Election Wrap-Up:

Director, Sabrina German provided board members with a statistical breakdown of the General/Special Election held on November 2, 2021:

22,719 Voted Ballots

11.47% of registered voters

5,166 Early In-Person

1,187 Absentee by Mail

18 Provisionals (Election Day & Early In-Person)

40 Rejected Absentee Ballots (the back of the absentee ballot envelopes wasn't filled out correctly)

Cure affidavits were mailed to voters who ballots were rejected due to voter error to cure the ballot and have the ballot to count. Rejected ballots received by Election Day, had up until the Friday after the election to get required information back to the office. Staff reached out to voters via telephone or email to inform the voter the measures to take to correct the action.

Board member Norse questioned about the uptick in the rejection number due to SB202 changes. One opinion offered in regards of the rejected ballots uptick could be due to the change of the absentee ballot packaging. Board member Norse asked Director German to ask SOS, as well as other counties to see if they experienced a higher number of rejected ballots for an election of this manner.

New Business

GAVREO (Georgia Association of Voter Registrars and Election Officials) is scheduled for March 20th – 23rd in Athens, GA.

Registration Totals

As reported by Director German, the totals are as follows for Chatham County:

224,187 Registered Voters broken down by categorization:

197,864 Active

26,323 Inactive

166 Pending

Challenges/Deletions

Voter challenges presented were 63 felons, 154 deceased, and 17 individuals requested to be removed from the voter list. Notice was mailed to challenged voters prior to the meeting.

Board member Norse asked if any of the people challenged were on the call or in the office. At 12:37 p.m. no one was present or on the call to object or contest to any of the challenges. He entertained a motion to accept the list with 63 felons, 154 deceased, and 17 individuals requested to be removed from the voter list presented by the office to move forward with deletions. Board member Andrews made the motion to move forward with the deletions. Board member Durso seconded the motion. Motion was approved and staff was instructed to move forward with deleting the challenged voters.

Announcements

December 14, 2021, the Board of Registrars have a SEB case on the docket. This case stems from a voter who made a FB posting during the November 2020 General Election.

Maps for proposed redistricting for Senate, Congressional and House district lines are waiting for approval and to have the bill signed into law by the Governor. Chatham County will potentially have 3 Senatorial district. The Board of Registrars will begin the redistricting process for the State of Georgia in early January once the approved maps are received from the Reappointment Office. The redistricting process for the local level will begin shortly afterwards. Voter precinct cards will be mailed out after each redistricting process has been completed.

Public Discussion

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.