

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
March 24, 2021

The WebEx meeting began at 12:01 p.m. with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board of Registrars members in attendance were Mr. McRae, Mr. Norse, Mr. Pannell. Ms. Andrews and Mr. Slay. Staff members in attendance were Ms. German, Mrs. Bostick and Mr. Pflager.

Mr. McRae called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2021 meeting. Mr. Norse moved to approve the minutes as circulated to the Board members. Mr. Pannell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Old Business

Pending Federal Election Legislation:

Ms. German advised the Board about pending election legislation at the Federal level. The two pending bills in the U.S. Congress are H.R. 1 and S. 1. As these bills move closer to consideration, the Board will monitor the provisions within each bill and discuss how the Board of Registrars may be affected with passage of one or both pieces of legislation.

Merger of Board of Elections and Board of Registrars:

Ms. German provided an update on the status of legislation introduced at the Georgia General Assembly to merge Chatham County Board of Elections and Chatham County Board of Registrars. There is legislation in the Georgia House of Representatives, sponsored by Rep. Ron Stephens, that has had a second reading. Legislation in the Georgia Senate, sponsored by Sen. Lester Jackson, has also been introduced. Staff will continue to monitor the status of the legislation until the Assembly's final session on March 31st.

New Business

GAVREO Conference:

The Georgia Association of Voter Registrars and Election Officials (GAVREO) conference will take place Aug. 29, 2021 – Sept. 1, 2021 in Jekyll Island, GA. Staff members have been identified that will attend the conference.

2021 Municipal Elections:

Ms. German reiterated that staff is preparing for regularly scheduled municipal elections in Bloomingdale, Garden City, Port Wentworth, Thunderbolt, Tybee Island and Vernonburg on November 2, 2021.

Registration Totals

Ms. German reported 209,576 active, 19,611 inactive and 187 pending voters.

Challenges – Felon, Deceased, Voter Requested

134 deceased, 83 felons and 15 voters requested. These individuals were sent letters notifying them of today's hearing. No responses were received. At 12:28 p.m., Mr. Pannell moved to challenge these voters based on deceased or felon status or their request to be removed from the voter rolls. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Public Discussion

Members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.