

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
August 28, 2019

The August 2019 meeting of the Chatham County Board of Registrars began at 12:35 p.m. with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present at the meeting were Ms. Andrews, Mr. Norse and Mr. Slay. Chairman McRae and Mr. Pannell were absent. In the absence of Mr. McRae, Mr. Norse presided over the meeting. Staff present were Ms. German, Mrs. Bostick and Mr. Pflager.

Mr. Norse requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 2019 meeting. Mr. Slay made a motion to approve the referenced minutes, Ms. Andrews seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:

2019 and 2020 Satellite Voting Sites: Ms. German outlined the Advance Voting Schedule as follows:

October 14th – October 25th:

Main Office Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

October 28th through November 1st:

Additional satellite site locations will be opened and the Main Office hours are extended as follows:

Civic Center Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Islands Library Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Southwest Library Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mosquito Control Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pooler City Hall Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Main Office Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In regards to the satellite sites for the Presidential Preference Primary in 2020, the Civic Center and Old Court House will not be available due to the proximity to St. Patrick's Day. Therefore, staff is considering opening a satellite site at the Southwest Library location for all three weeks of Advance Voting in addition to having Advance Voting at the Main Office as usual.

New Business:

Tybee Island Challenges: The Board heard from Sherry Simmons, a resident of Tybee, who is assisting Ms. LeViner, the City Clerk of Tybee Island, with reviewing the City's electors list and challenging electors who have deceased, moved or do not reside on Tybee Island. Due to the complex nature of this issue and since all Board members are not present, the Board accepted Ms. Simmons's list of 106 voters to be challenged as information to be reviewed at the September meeting.

Ballot Marking Devices: Ms. German informed the Board that the Secretary of State's office as well as Dominion Voting, the vendor of the new election devices, will be hosting a meeting on September 23rd in Jenkins County to demonstrate the new equipment. Several staff members will be attending.

Voter Totals: Ms. German gave this month's voter totals: 195,281 active, 19,580 inactive and 276 pending voters.

Challenges/Deletions: Ms. German presented 77 deceased, 11 requested, 48 moved out of state, 8 moved out of county and 1,003 felons for deletion. Mr. Slay made a motion to approve deletion, Ms. Andrews seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Discussion:

Pooler Realignment: During the Public Discussion period, Ms. German mentioned that the Board of Elections will be holding a meeting at 3:30 p.m. today to discuss the realignment of polling places in the City of Pooler. Staff will monitor the outcome of this meeting and, if approval of realignment is received, staff will complete re-districting of the affected area by the deadline of September 6, 2019.

Savannah State/Georgia Southern-Armstrong: Ms. German also mentioned that the Board of Elections is considering placing polling locations at Savannah State University and the Georgia Southern-Armstrong campus in the future. The matter is being studied by the Board of Elections.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.