

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
April 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chairman Colin McRae and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present at the meeting were Ms. Andrews, Mr. McRae, Mr. Pannell and Mr. Slay. Staff present were Ms. German, Mrs. Bostick and Mr. Pflager. Ms. Maribeth Lindler, City Clerk of the City of Pooler, was present from the public.

Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pannell and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

House Bill 316 – Ms. German provided an update on Georgia House Bill 316 which has passed both houses of the Legislature and was signed by the Governor. The most significant update with the bill's passage will be the selection and implementation of new voting machines. Ms. German also outlined other changes and updates in the following areas: felon processing, no contact process, mailing absentee ballots to correctional facilities, expansion of possible advance voting sites to polling places. In addition, Georgia will also become a member of Election Registration Information Center (ERIC), a consortium of states sharing information on voter registration changes.

Advance Voting Site – Pooler: Ms. Maribeth Lindler, the City Clerk of Pooler, expressed the City of Pooler's interest in using their City Hall as an advance voting site during the last week of advance voting. Mr. McRae asked whether there would be ample parking. Ms. Lindler indicated that there would be and an employee parking lot could be opened if needed. Ms. Lindler indicated that the proposed voting area would be a secure room on the second floor but that the building is new and the elevator is in good working condition. The Board of Registrars does have a contingency plan in case of elevator outage as well. The Board and Ms. Lindler also discussed whether the City of Pooler would be open to having the Pooler site open for all three weeks of advance voting. Ms. Lindler will inquire with the Mayor and follow up with Ms. German on this question. Mr. Pannell made a motion to approve usage of the Pooler City Hall as an advance voting location. The motion was seconded by Mr. Slay and carried unanimously. Staff will begin working with the City of Pooler to stand up the new site as soon as feasible.

New Business:

New Pooler Precincts – Two new polling locations have been proposed by the Board of Elections for the City of Pooler. The Board of Registrars will receive information on precinct boundaries by June 1, 2019 and being the process of redistricting voters who will be issued new precinct cards.

Precinct 3-3 Location Change – The Election Day polling location for precinct 3-3 (currently at Savannah High School) will change to the community center across the street. New cards will be issued with the new polling place address.

Registration Totals:

Ms. German reported 196,543 active, 12,552 inactive and 2,635 pending voters. Ms. German also provided voter populations for the upcoming municipal elections: 96,138 (Savannah), 4,386 (Garden City), 16,163 (Pooler), 6,331 (Port Wentworth), and 2,831 (Tybee Island).

Voter Challenges:

Ms. German reported 72 deceased, 347 felon, 40 moved out of county/state and 21 requests for deletion from the voter rolls. All voters were provided notice of today's meeting to contest their challenge. No information was received challenging the requests for deletion. At 12:47 p.m., Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve deletion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Slay and carried unanimously.

Public Discussion:

No additional members of the public requested to be heard. Mr. McRae brought forward a couple of items for the Board's information as follows:

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- 1) As an update to the status of a previous consent order with the State Election Board, Mr. McRae indicated that the check for the settlement to the State Election Board may be sent to them by May 1st.
- 2) Mr. McRae indicated that he had been in contact with Mr. Thomas Mahoney III, Chairman of the Board of Elections, regarding a joint meeting of the two Boards. Mr. McRae will propose a May 22, 2019 joint meeting date with an agenda to be developed.
- 3) Mr. McRae said that two Board seats will be up for re-appointment/appointment this summer. Nominations to these Board seats can be forwarded to the District Attorney by June 30, 2019. There needs to be a total of four names put in nomination for the two Board seats per the bylaws.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.