

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
July 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board members present were Mr. McRae, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Norse and Mr. Slay. Staff present were Ms. German, Ms. Bostick and Mr. Pflager. Mr. Norse made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 22nd, 2019 meeting. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Pooler Realignment –

Ms. German reported that the Board of Elections meeting with Pooler City Council on this topic was postponed to August 5th. Any realignment will need to be approved formally by the City of Pooler (and the Board of Elections, once City of Pooler approval is received). This may mean that the realignment may not become effective until the year 2020 dependent on the timing of Pooler and Board of Elections approval of the plan.

National Change of Address (NCOA) –

Ms. German reported that NCOA notices have been mailed. Ms. German also indicated that the 40 day deadline for voters to turn in those notices with their updated address information has already been reached. Address changes received by voters or from the U.S. Postal Service are currently being processed so that voters are in the correct precincts for Election Day in November 2019. Mr. McRae stated that he thought a communication might be beneficial for inactive voters letting them know that they can still vote. The Board agreed to consider this proposal and reach a final decision at an upcoming meeting.

Municipal Streets Checklist –

Staff is in the process of reviewing checklists that municipalities used to verify streets in their jurisdiction. In addition, the city of Tybee Island has forwarded the names of 29 voters that they are challenging based on property tax records. Ms. German will communicate this to the Tybee Island clerk.

New Business:

Satellite Voting Locations –

Ms. German confirmed that all six satellite voting locations will be open during the last week of early voting in the November 2019 General Elections. This includes the City Hall in Pooler which is a new site and is being used as a satellite site for the first time. Ms. German also informed the Board that Civic Center will not be available for the Presidential Preference Primary on March 24, 2020. Therefore, the Old Chatham County Courthouse at 124 Bull Street will be used (for that election only).

Temporary Agency –

Ms. German confirmed that the County is currently in the process of contracting with an agency for temporary staffing. This contract should be in place by the time of the elections in 2020. Therefore, staff will advertise the temporary positions for Fall 2019 as usual in addition to using County temporary pool individuals.

Voter Registration Totals –

Ms. German indicated that there are 194,459 active, 19,814 inactive and 300 pending voters.

Challenges/Deletions Report –

Ms. German presented the names of 26 deceased, 12 requested, 63 moved out of state, and 19 moved out of county voters for deletion. Mr. Norse made a motion at 12:30 p.m. to approve deletion of these 120 voters given that letters outlining the challenge were sent to each voter and that no information was received to dispute the challenges. Mr. Slay seconded the deletion motion which carried unanimously.

Public Discussion –

Mr. Norse asked that staff consider a media campaign for voters for the upcoming elections. This type of campaign is already in the planning stages and Ms. German confirmed that staff is working on a registering to vote video and other social media and news media messaging.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.