

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
September 25, 2019

The September 2019 meeting of the Chatham County Board of Registrars began at 12:06 p.m. with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present at the meeting were Ms. Andrews, Mr. McRae, Mr. Norse and Mr. Slay. Mr. Pannell was absent. Staff present were Ms. German, Mrs. Bostick and Mr. Pflager. Ms. Andrews made a motion to approve the August 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Norse seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Old Business:

2019 and 2020 Satellite Voting Sites: Ms. German outlined the following related to satellite voting sites:

2019 – All satellite sites will be operational. These sites are Southwest Library, Islands Library, Mosquito Control, Civic Center and Pooler City Hall.

2020 – As previously discussed, the Civic Center will not be available for the March 24, 2020 Presidential Preference Primary due to St. Patrick's Day. The Southwest Library will be open for all three weeks of early voting for that election, but an alternative downtown site is still being researched. Mr. Norse suggested the Hellenic Center and this location will be investigated.

Tybee Island Challenges: The Board heard from Ms. LeViner, the City Clerk of Tybee Island, who has presented 107 voter challenges to the Board. The challenges were made based on property record cards. Ms. LeViner also noted she only submitted a portion of the challenges she received from citizen groups as she could only verify some of the challenges with Board of Assessor records. Ms. LeViner also requested guidance about how to check the veracity of challenges. Mr. McRae suggested that Ms. LeViner ask the citizen making the request to challenge the voter based on their knowledge. Furthermore, several Board members agreed that property records alone are not a sufficient basis for an accepted knowledge. Ms. Sherri Simmons from Tybee Island indicated that residents may be hesitant to challenge voters. However, the Board still suggests that residents with knowledge submit the challenge and that the Board has an opportunity to examine the person making the challenge during a Board meeting. For the 107 challenges that Ms. LeViner did submit, notification to voters has been made, and hearings will be held if necessary.

Challenges/Deletions: Ms. German presented 30 deceased, 15 requested, 30 moved out of state, 12 moved out of county and 175 felons for deletion. At 1:13 p.m. Mr. Norse made a motion to approve deletion, Mr. Slay seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Ballot Marking Devices: Several staff members attended a presentation in Jenkins County on September 23rd to preview the new voting machines. Training on these new machines is scheduled for October 14th – October 17th in Chatham County.

Voter Totals: Ms. German indicated 196,379 active, 19,358 inactive and 261 pending voters.

Public Discussion:

Ms. German reported that the National Voter Registration Day event held on September 24th was well attended.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.