

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
November 25, 2020

The November 2020 conference call meeting of the Chatham County Board of Registrars was called to order by Board Chairman Colin McRae.

Members of the Board in attendance by phone were Ms. Andrews, Chairman McRae, Mr. Norse, Mr. Pannell and Mr. Slay. Staff in attendance by phone included Ms. Sabrina German, Director and Mrs. Inger Bostick, Assistant Director and Mr. Keith Pflager, Absentee Ballot Clerk. Several members of the public also participated.

Board Chairman McRae led the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance to begin the meeting.

Approval of October 2020 Meeting Minutes: Mr. Pannell made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 2020 meeting as written. Ms. Andrews seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

2020 General Election Recap: Ms. German provided the 2020 General Election statistical recap. There were 54,800 early in-person voters. A total of 56,002 absentee by mail ballots were sent of which 41,641 were returned for an overall participation in these two categories to 96,441 voters. Of the absentee by mail ballots, 24,651 were returned in the drop boxes provided throughout the County. There were 294 rejected absentee by mail ballots. On Election Day, 37,475 voters turned out to vote and a grand total of 134,210 individuals voted combined via all methods.

2020 General Election Runoff: Ms. German provided an overview of advance in-person voting plans for the General Election Runoff upcoming on January 5, 2021. The following locations will be available for advance in-person voting from December 14 – December 31: Main Office, Civic Center, Mosquito Control, Islands Library, Southwest Chatham Library. The Voter Registration Deadline for the General Election Runoff is December 7, 2020. Unfortunately, the City of Pooler has informed staff that the Pooler Gym will not be available for advance in-person voting for the General Election Runoff. It is unlikely that another site in that area can be secured in time for the start of advance in-person voting. However, attempts will be made to contact potential alternative(s).

Voter Registration Totals

Ms. German reported 203,939 active and 20,589 inactive voters as well as 293 pending voters.

Voter Challenges

None.

Public Discussion:

The drop box at the Carver Village Community Center was damaged and has been temporarily closed. Efforts are being made by the Chatham County Maintenance Department to assess the damage. The drop box will be repaired and re-opened or a new drop box will be procured for the site as quickly as possible. A representative from the League of Women Voters indicated that that organization may be able to assist if funds are needed to order a new drop box for that location.

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.