

Meeting Minutes
Chatham County Board of Registrars
December 23, 2020

The teleconference meeting began at 12:01 p.m. with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members in attendance were Mr. McRae, Mr. Norse, Mr. Pannell and Mr. Slay. Staff members in attendance were Ms. German, Mrs. Bostick and Mr. Pflager.

Mr. McRae called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2020 meeting. Mr. Pannell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Norse seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Pannell moved for the Board to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of legal consultation. Mr. Slay seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Executive Session: The Board met in Executive Session with the County's legal representative to discuss a pending matter. No formal business or votes were taken during the Executive Session. After conducting the Executive Session, Mr. Pannell moved to return to the Public Meeting. Mr. Slay seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Old Business

2020 General Election Runoff Update: Ms. German provided an updated on the 2020 General Election Runoff being held on January 5, 2021. As of yesterday, December 22, a total of 44,210 absentee by mail ballots had been issued and 17,303 had been returned and accepted with 13,370 of those returned absentee received through the drop boxes placed around Chatham County. 22,495 individuals have voted in person during Advance Voting at this time. Collectively, 39,798 voters have cast a vote in the current election. When compared with the General Election on November 3, 2020 at the same point, turnout for the General Election Runoff is approximately 1,000 voters higher.

New Business

Challenges – True The Vote Organization: Ms. German requested Board action on 7,455 voter challenges received from the True the Vote organization. Mr. McRae asked for any representative of this organization that was participating in the teleconference to present evidence supporting the challenge of these voters. No representative from True the Vote was in attendance at the teleconference and therefore no presentation of evidence regarding these challenges was heard.

Mr. Pannell moved to not sustain the challenges. Mr. Slay seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Challenges – Felon, Deceased, Voter Requested: None.

Registration Totals: Ms. German reported 208,038 active, 20,077 inactive and 396 pending voters.

Public Discussion: Ms. German indicated that an additional grant had been received from the Center for Tech and Civic Life in the amount of \$400,000. The funding will be shared with the Chatham County Board of Elections.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.