

MINUTES OF THE
MACON-BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2021 (Zoom Meeting)

The Regular Meeting of the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections was held on August 19, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darius Maynard, Chair
Joel Hazard, Vice Chair
Mike Kaplan, Member
Karen Evans-Daniel, Member
Herbert Spangler, Member

STAFF PRESENT

Jeanetta Watson – Elections Supervisor
Veronica Seals – Chief Registrar
Charlene Maynard – Administrative Assistant
Tom Gillon – Elections Officer
William Noland, County Attorney

I. **CALLED TO ORDER**

Darius Maynard, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Consideration of a record made exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to the Open Records Act where consideration could not reasonably occur without disclosure of exempt materials in an open meeting, discussion of consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50- 14-2(1); and discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(2); (LITIGATION SETTLEMENT)

Mr. Spangler made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Evans-Daniel seconded. Mr. Maynard, Mr. Kaplan, and Mr. Hazard agreed. The motion passed unanimously. The Board members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and to receive an update on any pending litigation from the Board’s Attorney Mr. William Noland.

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 15, 2021, regular meeting. Mr. Spangler seconded. Mr. Maynard, Ms. Evans-Daniel, and Mr. Hazard agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the July 27, 2021, special meeting. Mr. Spangler seconded. Mr. Maynard, Ms. Evans-Daniel, and Mr. Hazard agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. The polling location for precinct East Macon 2 is no longer available. Establishing this change is due to St. Matthew Baptist Church no longer wanting to be polling location. After discussion, Mr. Kaplan made a motion to approve the proposal to move from St. Matthew Baptist Church located at 1211 Shurling Dr., Macon, GA 31211 to the Boys & Girls Club (King Danford Unit) which is located at 1301 Shurling Dr., Macon, GA 31211. This move will affect 4,000 registered voters and is 0.1 mile from the previous location. According to O.C.G.A. 21-2-262 & 21-2-265, required notices will be posted.

Registered voters in this precinct who wish to object to this change must file his or her objections with the Elections Superintendent prior to the September 20, 2021, Board meeting.

The Board will act on this proposed change at the Monday, September 20, 2021, scheduled Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. If approved, this change will be effective for the November 2, 2021, Special Election and going forward. Karen Evans-Daniel seconded. Mr. Maynard, Mr. Hazard, and Mr. Spangler agreed. The motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Watson stated as of August 18, 2021, the Board of Elections has responded to over 40 Open Records Requests. There are no replies pending.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Staff Reports

i. Veronica Seals, Chief Registrar

Registration data is accurate as of date: August 19, 2021

- Active Voters: 109,684
- Inactive Voters: 5,399
- Combined Total: 115,083

ElectionNet Voter Registration Dashboard Processing Report

- Department of Driver Services Applications (DDS): 2
- Online Voter Registration Applications (OLVR): 0
- Verification of Pending Voter Reg. Applications: 0

ii. Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor Report

- We have received ballot proofs from the Center for Elections (CES), and I will begin proofing ballots as soon as possible.
- Sample Ballots are available
- State Elections Board – SEB Meeting update (SB 202) Proposed Rules the State Election Board voted to initiate rulemaking and propose the following amendments to State Election Board rules:
 - 183-1-12-.08 (Logic and Accuracy Testing)
 - 183-1-12-.11 (Conducting Elections)
 - 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results)
 - 183-1-12-.13 (Storage of Returns)

- 183-1-12-.18 (Provisional Ballots)
- 183-1-14-.12 (Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot)
- 183-1-14-.14 (Early Absentee Ballot Processing)
- We are beginning to conduct virtual poll manager meetings in preparation for the November Special Election.
- Veronica Seals, myself and Bibb County directors and supervisors are required to attend a 15-week supervisory management. Proper management training teaches vital skills needed to keep employees motivated, productive and committed to the company. The county has partnered with an outside firm to provide the training.
- The technicians are continuing to re-organize the equipment area and move items offsite.
- National Voter Registration Day is September 18.

b. Legal Reports

- Mr. Noland, County Attorney, stated the governor's public health emergency order has been allowed to expire; therefore, to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act requirements, he recommends for the Board members to consider returning to open in person meetings to avoid legal issues.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kaplan made a motion for adjournment at 4:50 p.m. Mr. Spangler seconded. Mr. Maynard, Mr. Hazard, and Ms. Evans-Daniel agreed. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Minutes Transcribed by Jeanetta Watson, Elections Supervisor