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WORK SESSION AGENDA

Thursday, July 29, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

**Camden County Government Services Complex
2nd Floor- Commissioner Chambers
Woodbine, GA**

***THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE WORK SESSION**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- D. Discussion and Feedback on Proposed Changes to the Camden County Board of Elections & Registration Bylaws

Your Vote Counts

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Elections Supervisor

DEBORAH FELIX
Assistant Elections Supervisor

BARBARA HAHN
Member, District 1

JANNETT BRADFORD
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ANTHONY KICKLIGHTER
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KYLE RAPP
Chairman, District 5



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Article 1: Authority (Rapp)

Rewrite

“1.1 As provided by law, H.B. No. 1023 (2018) and pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-40(b) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(b), there is created the Board of Elections and Registrations of Camden County, herein after referred to as “the Board”.”

Article 2: Mission Statement (Rapp)

a) Insert “primaries” after the word Conducting

Article 3: Purpose of the Board (Rapp)

3.2 Insert “primaries/” after the word Federal

Insert “in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(b)” after County (last Line)

Article 4: Membership (Hahn)

4.1 The Board shall be composed of five members- a chairperson, hereinafter referred to as “the Chair,” a vice-chairperson, hereinafter referred to as “Vice-Chair,” and three Board Members. Every two years the board shall elect one of its members to serve as Chairman for a two-year term, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-75(b).

4.1 Can this member be reinstated for additional consecutive terms also covered but not clarified in Article 6 Terms of Office 6.2?

4.2 Board Members (b) Must not in the exercise of their official functions, act in a partisan manner OCGA § 21-2-214.

*Can we clarify/add -presenting to board member or public partisan literature containing partisan material or displaying in any manner thru email, written, clothing displaying partisanship.

Article 4: Membership: Old 4.2 becomes 4.3 (Rapp)

Insert New

“4.2 Nomination of and election of the Chair and Vice-Chair:

- a) At the last regularly scheduled Board meeting and/or prior to the end of the two-year term, the Chair will call for nominations of a new Chairperson. The nomination(s) must come from the Board members only, nominations do not require a second. Once all nominees have been selected, a vote shall be taken by the Board and the nominee with the most votes becomes the Chair. The same process will be utilized for the vice-chair.
- b) The newly elected Chair and Vice-Chair will assume their duties immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected.
- c) If the Chair becomes vacant prior to the end of the two-year term the Vice-Chair becomes the Chair. The Board shall then decide to either elect a new Chair or elect a new Vice-Chair.

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- d) Prior to any nominations the Chair shall provide training to the Board on the nomination/election process.”

New 4.3

- a) Should be “O.C.G.A § 21-2-70 (15)(B)” not (C).
- d) Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-214 (a)” after County
- e) Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-214 (a)” after County.
- f) Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-101 (a)” after laws
- k) Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-101 (a)” after administration
- l) Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-214 (a) after the (period)

add

- “m) Must maintain all eligibility requirements of O.C.G.A § 21-2-75 (a),(b)”
- “n) Perform all duties as outlined in O.C.G.A § 21-2-70”

Article 5: Appointment of Board Members (Hahn)

Question- Are the board members independent entities or under direction/control/pleasure of the governing authority appointing the members?

Article 7: Removal from Office (Rapp)

7.1 Insert “O.C.G.A § 21-2-106 and O.C.G.A § 21-2-33.2 refers” after registrars

(Hahn)

7.2 Question- Are these the only ways to be removed from office? Should this be expanded?

Article 8: Duties of Board Members (Hahn)

8.5 Please clarify- need expanded explanation on ‘execution of matters and jurisdiction’ (for each district or entire county)?

8.9 Can include? Information of (bios of candidates) to public prior to elections

*This information could have a central receiving station for bios presented

*Feel there is a big void in this area and we are doing a great disservice to our voters by not giving them more complete information concerning all the candidates running for office.

(Rapp)

8.3 replace contract with “enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement”

8.9 Insert “as outlined in O.C.G.A § 21-2-70” after systems

Article 9: Meetings (Michaels)

Mentioned in previous meeting minutes by former Chair Michaels in 2020-

Consideration for approving any handouts or written material presented to the Board of Elections prior to any Board Meeting. Chair Joseph Michaels asked that any member of the Board who has handouts or written material to provide those to Election Supervisor Shannon Nettles prior to the meeting date for review.

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Article 10: Voting (Rapp)

Add

“10.1 a) The Chair may without objection, rule an item has passed/failed utilizing unanimous consent. RONR (11th ed.), p. 54-56”

Article 13: Municipal Elections (Rapp)

13.3 strike contract insert “Intergovernmental Agreement” 2 places

Other concerns as posed by Board Member Hahn:

*Our county is rural and we do not have adequate newspaper coverage, media directed mainly at Camden County, a centralized office within the county which encompasses the entire population with information easily accessed, and Social media is available along with the pre mentioned avenues but with all of these areas in my opinion we are not doing our due diligence in reaching our population both with information and election turnout.

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