

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2021, 4:00 PM**

**Present via Teleconference: Kyle Rapp; Dr. Jannett Bradford; Joseph Michaels; Anthony Kicklighter; Barbara Hahn; Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles; Assistant Elections Supervisor Deborah Felix; County Attorney John Myers and County Clerk Katie Bishop.**

**A. Call to Order**

Chair Kyle Rapp called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

County Clerk Katie Bishop noted that all members were present.

**B. Invocation**

Chair Kyle Rapp delivered the invocation.

Vice-Chair Dr. Jannett Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Adoption of Agenda**

Vice-Chair Dr. Jannett Bradford made a motion, seconded by Barbara Hahn to adopt the agenda as presented.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Chair Kyle Rapp noted the February 4, 2021 minutes as being accepted as written.

**E. FINANCIAL REPORT – January Month End**

Election Supervisor Shannon Nettles gave an overview of month end financial reports and budget for the month ending January 2021.

## **F. Public Comments**

Linda Victory, Kingsland

Mrs. Victory expressed her concerns regarding promoting the upcoming special election in the City of Kingsland. She suggested notices be prepared to give to local businesses to hang on doors, employee bulletin boards, the High School, and utilize public service announcements at the local Radio Stations.

Bill Gross, Kingsland

Mr. Gross asked if the issues surrounding the voter challenge that was raised would be discussed at the upcoming Work Session. He stated that he understands there is a management period and a verification of the challenge. He asked would the Board be relying on the State.

Nelson Cummings, Kingsland

Mr. Cummings stated that he has concerns with the comments regarding the voter challenge and would these allegations be disenfranchising voters. He urged the Board to extend hours for voting in the special election to allow those whom work full-time to be able to make it to vote. He raised concerns with those in the North End not being given the same opportunities to vote in future elections.

## **G. Old Business**

1. Update on pricing of Polling Place Appreciation Plaques

Barbara Hahn made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jannett Bradford to approve the use of a framed certificate to be presented in appreciation of allowing the use of establishment as a polling place.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

2. Update on Poll Worker Appreciation Certificates

***No official action necessary regarding this item.***

3. Proposed Date of Work Session- March 25, 2021, 4 P.M.\*
  - Topics to be included: Voter Challenges, Signature Verification Process, and District 1 Polling Places.

Dr. Jannett Bradford made a motion, seconded by Barbara Hahn to approve the date of March 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM for the Board of Elections and Registration Work Session.

***The motion carried unanimously.***

**Chair Kyle Rapp called for a recess of at 4:16 PM to allow Judge Robert C. Sweatt, Jr. to swear in new member Anthony Kicklighter, District 3.**

**Chair Kyle Rapp called the meeting back to order at 4:20 PM.**

4. Update on Contract with an Election Equipment Technician

***No official action taken regarding this item.***

## **I. New Business**

1. Discussion of ideas to promote the upcoming City of Kingsland Special Election

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles gave the Board an update of ways the City of Kingsland is promoting the upcoming Special Election for the vacant Council seat.

***After discussion by the Board, no official action taken regarding this item.***

2. Discussion on the Nomination Process for Chair & Vice-Chair

Chair Kyle Rapp gave an explanation for the recent confusion surrounding the seating of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Elections and Registration. He explained that according to Roberts Rules of order a second to the motion is not needed for nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair. He asked the other members if they would like to leave it the way it is or redo the nominations.

After a brief discussion the consensus was to leave the nominations as standing.

***No official action taken regarding this item.***

## **J. Important Upcoming Dates**

1. Earliest day for Registrar to mail an Absentee Ballot for March Special Election - **February 22, 2021**
2. Advanced (Absentee In-Person) voting begins for March Special Election – **February 22, 2021 (At the Camden County Annex)**

3. March Special Election, City of Kingsland Council Seat #3 – **March 16, 2021**
4. Board of Elections & Registration Meeting- **Thursday, March 18, 4PM**
5. Board of Elections & Registration Meeting- **Thursday, March 25, 4PM**

**No official action required regarding these items.**

## **H. Additional Public Comments**

Linda Victory, Kingsland

Mrs. Victory expressed her concerns with no Saturday voting in the upcoming special election in Kingsland. She urged the Board to speak with the City of Kingsland and encourage them to allow the Saturday voting.

Shante Gibbs, Kingsland

Ms. Gibbs expressed her concerns with not allowing Saturday voting and referenced the recent issues surrounding Saturday voting for residents of the rural north end of the County. She explained that although absentee ballots are available there are still some that are not comfortable with voting in that manner, as well as those whom work full-time and utilize Saturday voting as the only time available.

Nelson Cummings, Kingsland

Mr. Cummings stated that he has concerns with the disenfranchising of voters. He asked who sends out the absentee ballots and when are the absentee ballots sent out to voters.

## **I. Adjournment**

Chair Kyle Rapp adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyle Rapp, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shannon Nettles, Elections Supervisor