

**CAMDEN COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 20, 2021, 4:00 PM**

In Person Attendance: Kyle Rapp; Dr. Jannett Bradford; Joseph Michaels; Anthony Kicklighter; Barbara Hahn; Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles; Assistant Elections Supervisor Deborah Felix; 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.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Barbara Hahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board, that the agenda was adopted as presented.

E. Approval of Minutes

Chair Kyle Rapp noted, after receiving no objections from the Board, that the April 14, 2021 minutes were accepted as written.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT – April Month End

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

G. Public Comments

Mary Beckman, St. Marys

Ms. Beckman stated that her comments are related to old business item 1. She explained that lawsuits have been filed challenging SB 202. She urged the Board to understand the comparison of the civil rights violations that took place during

the Jim Crow era to intimidate those of color. She urged the Board to think about the relation to the law that was just repealed.

H. Old Business

1. Challenge Letter Response to Mr. William Gross

After discussion by the Board, the consensus was that the Challenge matter is closed. There was no official action regarding this item. The Board Members then individually commended the Elections Staff for performing their duties in an exemplary manner while ensuring safe, legal and secure elections.

No official action taken regarding this item.

I. New Business

1. Introduction of Election Intern Dennis Irvin

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles introduced Intern Dennis Irvin. Dennis took this time to introduce himself to the Board and audience, as well as talk about his future plans and education.

No official action taken regarding this item.

2. ERIC & Upcoming List Maintenance Activities Performed by the SOS

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles played a video regarding the ERIC System and explained the process the State uses to perform voter list maintenance.

No official action taken regarding this item.

3. Proposed BoER Strategic Planning Work Session - September 30, 2021.
4. Proposed BoER Work Session on Amendments to Bylaws -July 29, 2021.

Vice-Chair Jannett Bradford made a motion, seconded by Joseph Michaels to approve the dates of September 30, 2021 for the Board's Strategic Planning Work Session to be held, as well as the date of July 29, 2021 for the Board's Amendments to the By-Laws Work Session to be held.

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Redistricting

The Board discussed the time line with Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles regarding redistricting resulting from the outcome of the recent census.

No official action required regarding these items.

6. Election Supervisor Update

Elections Supervisor Shannon Nettles presented her report to the Board:

- New code books will be available in September with updates from the passage of SB 202
- Budget meeting with County Finance staff and Board of Commissioners was very successful
- Certificates for Poll Workers have been delivered and Framed Certificates for Polling Places are currently being delivered.
- Georgia Voter Registration Conference has opened registration with no restrictions on limiting how many staff and Board Members can attend. The conference will be held on Jekyll Island August 29 – September 1, 2021.
- SB 202 allows for the Absentee Ballot application portal to still be active, but applications will need to be uploaded to the site with a real pen and ink signature of the voter. New Ballot Box requirements are being reviewed.
- The 2021/2022 Voter's Guide is nearly complete and Board Members have a copy in front of them. Please provide your feedback.

No official action required regarding these items.

J. Important Upcoming Dates

Chairman Kyle Rapp announced the following upcoming dates:

1. BoER Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – June 17, 2021 at 4PM
2. Earliest Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot for November General Election- August 16, 2021
3. Municipal Qualifying Period for November Election- August 16-20, 2021
4. Voter Registration Deadline for November Municipal Election- October 4, 2021
5. Woodbine Municipal Election- November 2, 2021

6. BoER Work Session on Amendments to Bylaws- July 29, 2021
7. BoER Strategic Planning Work Session- September 30, 2021

No official action required regarding these items.

K. Additional Public Comments

Mary Beckman, St. Marys

Ms. Beckman stated that the process of redistricting is performed by the Board of Commissioners and urged the Board of Elections and Registration to begin now lobbying the Board of Commissioners to conduct public meetings and hearings regarding redistricting.

L. Adjournment

Chair Kyle Rapp adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM.

By: _____
Kyle Rapp, Chair

Attest: _____
Shannon Nettles, Elections Supervisor