

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Addison Lester, Chairman  
Darryl Hicks  
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## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Floyd L Jones, Director  
April Crosby, Elections Supervisor  
Brian Hill, County Registrar



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## MINUTES

June 25, 2019  
5:00 p.m.

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Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

### Chairman to Call the Meeting to Order

Chairman Lester called the June 25, 2019 Board of Elections Meeting to Order at 5:00 p.m. Board member Aaron Wright was not present for the meeting.

### Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hicks moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No one spoke during Public Comments.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

#### 1. **Consideration of staff's request to approve the April 23, 2019 Board of Elections' Meeting Minutes.**

Chairman Lester moved to approve the April 23, 2019 Board of Elections Meeting Minutes. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### 2. **Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as deceased.**

Mr. Hicks moved to approve staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Registration System as deceased. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 1," follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Director Jones stated that no felons were on the Agenda for removal since the state is still changing its processes due to the passage of House Bill 316.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no Consent Agenda items.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There were no Old Business Items.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no New Business Items.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Representative David Stover Resignation:** Director Jones reported that around 3:00 p.m. he learned that Georgia Representative David Stover had resigned and that Governor Kemp had accepted the resignation. Representative Stover represents District 71 which encompasses much if not all of Coweta County, but there is a small part of Fayette County included in that district. That small part of Fayette County has 4,040 active and inactive voters and affects both the Kedron and Fielding Ridge precincts. Director Jones stated that he had spoken to the Secretary of State's Office and that there was an initial understanding that a Special Called Election may be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019. He suggested that given the small number of voters and the location of the voters in the county, that only the Peachtree City Library be opened for the three weeks of early voting. Assistant County Attorney Patrick Stough suggested that the law may require an early voting location to be the same location where the County Registrar's Office is located, meaning that the Fayette Administrative Complex would be required to open for voting purposes. The Board agreed to limit the number of early voting sites to one or two locations pending review by the County Attorney.

**Board of Education Meeting:** Director Jones stated that several weeks ago he and Chairman Lester met with Assistant School Superintendent Mike Sanders about the possibility of using school property for early voting locations in Fayetteville and to discuss other issues in relation to House Bill 316. He said it was his understanding that Mr. Sanders would take the concerns to his administration in an effort to see if election needs could be accommodated. Mr. Jones stated that after a few weeks, he had a subsequent conversation with Mr. Sanders. In that second conversation, Mr. Sanders stated that he thought the Elections Office was looking for locations and would return to the school system. Mr. Jones reported that there had been an obvious misunderstanding in who was doing what, and that Mr. Sanders had stated he would go to school administration to see if there was any way the school could help. Mr. Jones concluded that there had been no follow-up conversation at the time of the meeting.

**Chief Deputy Registrar Agnes Bridges:** Director Jones introduced Mrs. Agnes Bridges to the Board as the Chief Deputy Registrar of Fayette County. The Board welcomed Mrs. Bridges to Elections.

**GAVROE Committees:** Director Jones reported that at the last meeting of the Board of Elections, he stated he was on the Nominating and Bylaws Committee for GAVREO (Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Election Officials.) He stated that since the April meeting, it was determined that no one could be appointed to the Nominating Committee without a full vote of the membership, which will be held in December. Therefore, Mr. Jones is no longer a member of the Nominating Committee but he remains on the Bylaws Committee and on a Cybersecurity subcommittee.

**December 2019 GAVROE Conference:** Director Jones stated that the next Elections conference will be held from December 8-11, 2019 in Savannah, Georgia. He reported that rooms have been reserved at The Kimpton Brice Hotel. Mr. Jones added that this is the last time Election conferences will be held in Savannah due to the logistical problems experienced by the counties. He further added that this conference would stand in for the annual 2020 conference, and that following the Savannah conference the next one would be back in Jekyll Island in 2021.

**Board of Commissioners Budget:** Director Jones reported that the Board of Commissioners would be voting on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget on June 27. He said if the budget is approved as presented, it would include \$150,000 for the renovation of Fire Station #4 for Election purposes. Chairman Lester added that the county still has not returned with schematics for the old fire station and it was unknown at this time if the fire station could meet Election needs.

**National Change of Address Update:** County Registrar Brian Hill briefed the Board on the ongoing work. He reported that over 5,000 National Change of Addresses (NCOAs) were issued and that many were returned as “undeliverable” or “forwarding addresses” from the United States Postal Service. The ones that were “forwarding addresses” were resent to the forwarding address. The ones marked “undeliverable” were entered into Elections Network (ENET) and were designated as “Inactive.” The NCOAs received from voters, whether transferring out-of-county, changing an address, or simply a duplicate, were entered as such into ENET and updated.

**Southside Church:** Director Jones stated that a draft agreement was in place and was pending legal review to allow Southside Church to serve as a polling location. He reminded the Board that this matter had been brought up in the past and that the church appeared to be in agreement thus far with being utilized as a polling location.

**Presidential Preference Primary:** Director Jones informed the Board that the date for the Presidential Preference Primary had been set for Tuesday, March 24, 2020. This is a later than “Super Tuesday” and likely was driven by the ongoing changes to elections as required by House Bill 316.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORTS:**

There was no Attorney’s Report.

**BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:**

There were no Board Members Reports.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Hicks moved to adjourn the June 25, 2019 Board of Elections Meeting. Chairman Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-0.

The June 25, 2019 Board of Elections Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Director

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Addison Lester, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 23rd day of July 2019. Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections’ Office.

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Floyd L. Jones, Director