



GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Meeting; Tuesday, May 9, 2023, Board of Elections Office

The May meeting of the Board of Elections and Registration was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Present were Keith Rustin, Chairman; Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman; Ward Schaumberg, Secretary; Sue Lane, Member; Tommy Clark, Member; Christopher Channell, Director; Christina Redden, Assistant Director; Gordon Jackson, *The Brunswick News*; Matthew Permar, *The Islander*; Terry Starry; Penny Hennessey; Paula Galland; Lavonia Clark

Reorganization of the Board

Vice-Chairman Rustin opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman. Ms. Dean nominated Mr. Rustin for Chairman. Mr. Clark seconded. Mr. Schaumberg called to close nominations, there were no objections. Mr. Rustin called for a vote. Mr. Rustin was elected Chairman by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Rustin opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Clark nominated Ms. Dean; Mr. Rustin seconded. Mr. Clark called to cease nominations. Ms. Dean was elected Vice-Chairman by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Rustin opened nominations for Secretary. Ms. Dean nominated Mr. Schaumberg and Mr. Rustin seconded. Mr. Clark called to cease nominations. Mr. Schaumberg was elected Secretary by a vote of 5-0.

Public Comment

Ms. Hennessey commended the performance of former Board member and Chairman, Patricia Featherstone and welcomed new member, Ms. Lane.

Approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting

Ms. Dean made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Clark seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0, Ms. Lane abstained.

Old Business

Precinct/ Polling Location Update

The Board is still waiting for approval from one last proposed location. Once the location is confirmed, draft maps will be sent to the Board to approve new precinct boundaries. Mr. Channell expects those maps to be finalized by the June meeting. Once a final map is accepted by the Board, a thirty-day public comment period will begin. After that, unless there are necessary changes, the map can be passed by the Board and voter registrations updated. Mr. Clark inquired about Blythe Island voters on each map draft. Mr. Channell noted the island voters will likely remain in place and mainland voters will be moved to closer precincts. Mr. Rustin and Ms. Dean asked about public notice. Mr. Channell and Ms. Redden explained mandatory and optional methods of public notice including precinct cards, My Voter Page, and billboards.

New Business

Challenges to Voter Residency

Mr. Channell presented four voters who have attempted to register at commercial addresses and have no former county address. Research implies each voter may still reside in Glynn County, but there is no known residence address. Letters have been mailed explaining the issue and the challenge hearing. Office staff recommends placing a challenge on the voters. When the voters attempt to cast a vote, they will be flagged on the PollPad. Once they submit a valid residence address, they will be able to vote on the machines as a supplemental voter. If they cannot submit a valid residence address, they will be treated as a Provisional Voter and have the

provisional timeline to clear the challenge. Ms. Dean made a motion to follow the office recommendation to challenge these voters, Mr. Clark seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Adoption of 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Channell presented a proposed calendar which maintains the same day and time of monthly meetings as 2:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. Mr. Clark confirmed if each Board member preferred the 2:00 PM time. Board members agreed upon the time. Ms. Dean noted the planned March 2024 meeting would be on election day and may need to be rescheduled. Mr. Channell proposed meeting the following week in conjunction with the mandated Risk Limiting Audit. Mr. Clark made a motion to accept the proposed calendar with a tentative March 19 date, Ms. Dean seconded. The calendar was accepted by a vote of 5-0.

Office Report

Mr. Channell reviewed the current budget including pending purchases which should appear in June's report. There is currently some equipment out for warranty work and may require additional expenditure. Mr. Channell reviewed April's voter registration statistics. Mr. Channell described a meeting he attended in Florida discussing federal, state, and local issues involving emergency planning for elections. There will be a follow up meeting in Atlanta in July. Ms. Dean asked how the Board's preparation compared to the other attendees from Florida. Mr. Channell found the Board's planning and preparation comparable to those recommended at the event. Mr. Channell noted the State's uniform voting system offered the advantage of having redundant equipment available across the State should the Board's equipment be damaged in an emergency. Mr. Channell announced the 2023 Municipal Qualifying Packet is now available online and in office, but the Municipal Intergovernmental Agreement is still pending. Mr. Channell also noted the date of the Presidential Preference Primary has been set to March 12, 2024.

Board Member Comments

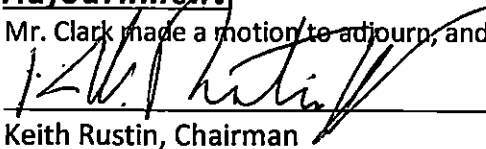
Mr. Rustin welcomed and introduced the new Board Member, Ms. Lane. Mr. Rustin also explained delays in the Municipal Agreement. Ms. Lane stated she is thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Board, explained her previous experience as a voter and poll worker, and noted the success of the Board thus far. Mr. Schaumberg and Mr. Clark both welcomed Ms. Lane.

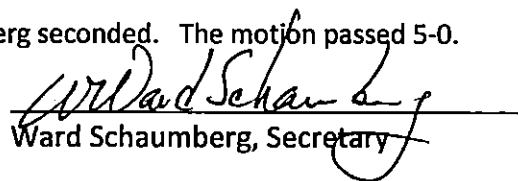
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Mr. Clark made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Schaumberg seconded. The motion passed 5-0.


Keith Rustin, Chairman


Ward Schaumberg, Secretary