

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 5, 2023

The December 5, 2023 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Henry Childs.

Members of the Board Present: Henry Childs, Chairman
Pamela Morgan
Sherman Falana
Andrew Bennett

Member(s) of the Board Absent: Katherine Shelton

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor

Visitor(s): Kristen Kiefer, Jonathan Johnson, Kiara Jackson, Aerial Phillips, Dr. Rutha Jackson, Zaire Brown, Carolyn Schoemer

Chairman Henry Childs called for the approval of the December 5, 2023 agenda. A motion was made by Pamela Morgan and seconded by Sherman Falana to approve the December 5, 2023 agenda. The motion carried.

Chairman Henry Childs called for the approval of the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Sherman Falana and seconded by Andrew Bennett to approve the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

- Election officials will be attending the Georgia Voters Registration Election Officials (GAVREO) Conference December 10 -13, 2023.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- December 5, 2023 Agenda
- November 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Registration Numbers as of December 4, 2023
- Draft of Public Statement – Internal Investigative Report (Candidate allegedly inside Polling Location during November 7, 2023 General Election)

Old Business:

Currently, voters that registered with missing residential street addresses are entered into the election system as challenged voters. The potential voter is sent a letter with a new registration application. If there is a phone number or an email address on the application, the office calls or emails the potential voter. The standard time to hold information before rejecting an application is forty-five days. The Board was asked would you like to adopt another option or leave standard office procedure as is.

Chairman Henry Childs called for a motion from the Board. A motion was made by Andrew Bennett and seconded by Sherman Falana to continue to use current standard office procedure of potential voters will be given forty-five days to rectify missing residential street addresses. The motion carried.

Chairman Henry Childs addressed the public concerns of Candidate Charlie Bibb allegedly inside polling locations during the November 7, 2023 General Election. The Board formed an investigative team (Andrew Bennett, Katherine Shelton, Sherman Falana) to report findings. Chairman Henry Childs yield the floor to Andrew Bennett to read public statement (statement attached). The report and all findings will be turned over to the appropriate state agency, Mr. Tom Hall (Houston County, County Attorney), and Ms. Julia Mize, Esq. (Warner Robins City Attorney). The Board referred follow-up questions from the public to the County Attorney, City Attorney, and State Agency.

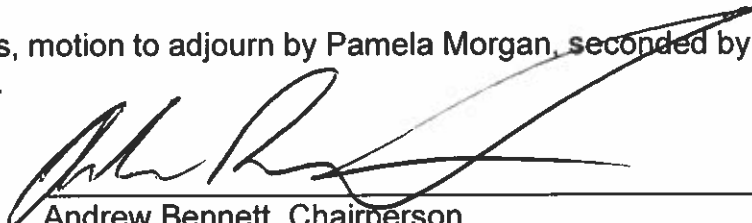
New Business:

The Board Chair and Vice-Chair for the year 2024 will be Pamela Morgan and Andrew Bennett respectively.


Chairman Childs opened the floor for public comment. Kristen Kiefer, Jonathan Johnson, Kiara Jackson, Aerial Phillips, Dr. Rutha Jackson, Zaire Brown, and Carolyn Schoemer commented.

The next board meeting will be January 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Pamela Morgan, seconded by Sherman Falana. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Andrew Bennett, Chairperson
January 9, 2024



Debra Presswood, Secretary

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Georgia Meeting Provisions of Title 50, Chapter 14 of Georgia Code.