

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 6, 2022

The September 6, 2022 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman Sherman Falana.

Members of the Board Present: Sherman Falana, Chairman
Henry Childs, Vice Chairman
Pamela Morgan
John Applegate

Member(s) of the Board Absent: Katherine Shelton

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

Visitor(s) Present: Meg Mehserle

Chairman Sherman Falana called for the approval of the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Pamela Morgan to approve the August 2, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Three staff members will be attending the Georgia Secretary of State Training Conference in Athens, Georgia on January 4, 2023 – January 6, 2023. The training will be on GARVIS, the elections system.

We will begin mailing out Uniform and Overseas Citizens Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters' ballots on September 20, 2022 for the November 8th General Election.

The earliest day for a registrar to mail a regular absentee ballot (non-UOCAVA) for the November 8th General Election is October 11, 2022. October 10, 2022 is a holiday (Columbus Day).

The last day to submit an absentee ballot application for the November General Election is October 28, 2022.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- August 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- September, 2022 Voters' Registration figures

Old Business:

The Mayor and Council of the City of Perry granted the Board of Elections permission to use the Perry Art Center as an additional polling location. The Board approves this location. The Board will develop this polling location addition in 2023 to make this change effective 2024.

The Board discussed Sunday Voting as an additional early voting day. Points considered were need, percentage of turnout, and the existing early voting days. Chairman Falana called for a motion on Sunday Voting. A motion was made by John Applegate and seconded by Henry Childs to not add Sunday because there is already ample opportunity to vote. The requirement for everyone to have an opportunity to vote is in place. The motion carried.

New Business:

The Board of Elections will meet November 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. to review provisional/challenged ballots and to certify the November 8, 2022 General Election.

The next board meeting will be October 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by John Applegate, seconded by Henry Childs. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Sherman Falana, Chairman
October 4, 2022



Debra Presswood, Secretary

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