

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## MEETING MINUTES EMERGENCY MEETING June 6, 2024

The June 6, 2024 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Chairperson Pamela Morgan.

Members of the Board Present: Pamela Morgan, Chair  
Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair  
Sherman Falana, Member  
Katherine Shelton, Member  
Henry Childs, Member

Member(s) of the Board Absent:

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor, Tom Hall, Esq. County Attorney

Chairperson, Pamela Morgan, stated "this meeting was called concerning the Board of Elections action on a candidate's qualification". Chairperson Morgan continued, "There will be a statement read by Tom Hall, County Attorney and the Board of Elections will not take public comments."

Attorney Hall read from a prepared public statement, stating that the issue of Mr. Clyde Jackson's qualifications was brought to Supervisor Presswood's attention from a phone call received from someone at the Board of Education office the day qualifying concluded. The Board of Education, in total or in part, or any otherwise qualified elector, chose not to put the challenge in writing as required by O.C.G.A. § 21-2-6. Supervisor Presswood requested the same from the individual who initially brought the issue to her attention.

Attorney Hall's articulated position was that there is a difference in terminology in the requirements for members on local boards of education but, he acknowledged that there were varying interpretations of the statute at issue possible. The issue was, ultimately, for the voters and the Houston County Board of Education.

Attorney Hall's counsel to the Board of Elections was to rescind the Board's action of the Tuesday night, June 4, 2024 meeting, and allow the General Runoff Election for Board of Education, Post 7 (At-Large), to take place and for the voters to decide.

Chairperson Morgan called for a motion. Member Shelton moved to rescind the decision of the June 4, 2024, meeting regarding the ineligibility of Mr. Clyde Jackson to run in the election for Houston County Board of Education, Post 7 (At large). Motion carried, Vice-Chair Bennett voting "Nay".

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

  
Pamela Morgan, Chairperson  
July 9, 2024

  
Debra Presswood, Secretary

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