

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 1, 2024

The October 1, 2024 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Andrew Bennett.

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

Member(s) of the Board Absent: Pamela Morgan, Chair

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

Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair, called for the approval of the October 1, 2024 agenda. A motion was made by Henry Childs, Member, and seconded by Sherman Falana, Member, to approve the October 1, 2024 agenda. The motion carried.

Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair, called for the approval of the September 3, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Katherine Shelton, Member, and seconded by Henry Childs, Member, to approve the September 3, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The Secretary of State office is continuing to review the rule amendments voted on by the State Election Board at their meetings on September 20th and 23rd, which are not yet effective. One of those amendments (SEB Rule, 183-1-12-.12(a)(5)) is to require hand counting of paper ballots after polls close on election night. Because State Election Board (SEB) rules are tied up in litigation, and because poll worker trainings in many counties have already started and there is limited time remaining for additional training, the Elections Division does not intend to provide additional training on SEB rules until after court decisions are made.

The General Election is November 5, 2024.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- October 1, 2024 Agenda
- September 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Registration Numbers as of October 1, 2024
- Copy of SB 189
- Managers & Assistant Managers Listing for Approval for the General Election, November 5, 2024

Old Business:

New Business:

Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair, called for the approval of the Managers and Assistant Managers for the General Election, November 5, 2024. A motion was made by Katherine Shelton, Member, and seconded by Sherman Falana, Member, to approve the Managers and Assistant Managers for the General Election, November 5, 2024. The motion carried.

Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the date and time to meet to review provisional ballots and to certify the November 5, 2024 General Election. A motion was made by Henry Childs, Member, and seconded by Sherman Falana, Member, for the Board of Elections to meet November 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. to review provisional ballots and to certify the November 5, 2024 General Election. The motion carried

Currently, the poll workers are not positive about remaining later election night after the polls close at 7:00 p.m. to hand count ballots. The elections office will survey poll workers to see who is available to hand count the ballots for the November 5, General Election. Tentatively, the manager and two other workers from their respective polling location will count the ballots at the Board of Elections office.

The board members will visit assigned polling locations on election day.

The next board meeting will be November 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Henry Childs, Member, seconded by Katherine Shelton, Member. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



Pamela Morgan, Chairperson
November 8, 2024



Debra Presswood, Secretary

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