Board of Voter Registration & Elections

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

In Attendance

Board Members

Mrs. Anjanette D. President

Mrs. Yolanda Y. Taylor

Mr. Benjamin A. Dunn

Mrs. Shelia E. Washington

Staff

Ms. Alexandria Stephens

Mr. Terry Graham, Sr.

Ms. Elaine Pilot

Ms. Sheron Harris

Ms. Christina Frye

Ms. Lakeisha Diggs

Ms. Michelle D. Harrington

Call to Order:

Mrs. President called the meeting to order on May 12, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. and asked for a Moment of Meditation.

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved (Mrs. Washington) and properly seconded (Mrs. Taylor) to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved (Mrs. Taylor) and properly seconded (Mrs. Washington) to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting. The vote was unanimous.

Director’s Report:

1. SB 108/HB 4919 – Absentee/Early Voting:
	1. Early voting could possibly go into effect prior to Monday. If the bill is ratified prior to next Monday, absentee voting will not begin on Monday, May 16, 2022, but possibly May 30th or 31st. The 30th is Memorial Day. If it passes, we are prepared to inform the public and handle the phone calls we may possibly receive. PIO, media, county officials will be contacted to spread the message. We will also post it on our website.
	2. Early voting sites (currently absentee satellite locations) are already reserved and ready for voting or absentee voting on May 31st – June 10th. We planned to open downtown on next Monday and to open the satellite locations the last two weeks prior to voting since absentee is currently not busy. Either way, we are prepared. The adjustments we would need to make are adding DS200s to the voting locations and electronic poll books, and re-training temporary workers who were trained this week.
2. Polling Locations & Poll Workers:
	1. All polling locations have been confirmed. There are 15 combinations.

• Ward 1/33

• Ward 24/25

• Arcadia/ Oakwood/ Trenholm Road

• Cooper/Dentsville

• Dutch Fork 1/ Dutch Fork 2

* Dutch Fork 3/ Dutch Fork 4
* Gregg Park/South Forest Acres

• Friarsgate 2/ Old Friarsgate

• Harbison 1/Harbison 2

• Hunting Creek/ McEntire

• Kingswood/ Whitewell

• Oakpointe 1/ 2/ 3

• Pinegrove/ Walden

• Pinelakes 1/ Pinewood

• Riverside/ St. Andrews

There are normally eight combinations, but due to some locations not being able to accommodate for both the Primary and the Runoff, we did not want to risk confusing voters. In addition, two new locations need approval and I will be emailing that to the Board and Delegation shortly. The precincts are Riversprings 2 and North Springs 3 and the new locations are Anchor Baptist Church and St. Paul AME Church. Keisha has conducted the ADA assessments to ensure the locations are ADA compliant. Extra poll workers will be at the combined locations. Signage will be posted at the regular locations directing voters to the proper location for Election Day.

* 1. We are still in the process of confirming poll workers and need more. Training begins next week for the poll workers that have already been confirmed. We will be continuing open enrollment until we are fully staffed. As you received via email yesterday, we will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. for registration and poll worker recruitment. If you know of anyone who wants to work, please send them our way. Many are ready to retire, some still do not want to work due to COVID and others do not want to work due to pay.
1. Programming:
	1. The Machine Division only has 16 precincts left to program and almost ready to begin delivering machines to their polling locations. Public testing will take place next month. Once the date is confirmed, we will send notice the parties and place it on our website.

Old and New Business:

Nothing to discuss.

Board & Director Comments:

Mrs. Washington offered assistance in anything we needed. Mrs. President stated she had been getting calls about poll worker interest, and said we were doing our job by getting the word out. Chairwoman Deyaska Spencer requested the address for the Ballentine Satellite location. Ms. Harrington emailed information requested.

Executive Session:

No session

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is June 9, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Washington moved and Mrs. President seconded to adjourn. There was no further discussion.