



Hall County Government

ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

3:30 PM

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Dr. Tom Smiley, Chairman
Mr. Craig Lutz, Vice Chair
Mr. Ken Cochran, Member
Mr. David Kennedy, Member
Mrs. Gala Sheats, Member

- Declaration of a Quorum Present **QUORUM IS PRESENT.**
- Call to Order (Roll Call) **ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT.**
- Pledge to the United States Flag
- Adoption of Agenda **MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. MEMBER COCHRAN MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
- Approval of Minutes from NOVEMBER 2, 2021 Meeting. **VICE CHAIR LUTZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. MEMBER SHEATS MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
- Public Comments specific to items ON the agenda- **Comments may be made in one of the Public Comments opportunities and shall be held to 3 minutes.** Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chairman with no assured response from the Chairman or Board members during the time of public comments.

STACY HALL 5049 MILLER LAKE ROAD, GAINESVILLE, GA 30507 SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF HALL COUNTY ELECTIONS BOARD REMAINING AS IS.

THERESA WEBB 3761 MAPLE FORGE LANE, GAINESVILLE, GA 30504 SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF HALL COUNTY ELECTIONS BOARD REMAINING AS IS.

- Directors Update:
- Business:
 - a. Consider and discuss 2022 Early Voting locations and hours. **THE BOARD WILL MAKE CONSIDERATIONS AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. REQUESTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR IDEAS.**
 - b. Discuss the March 20-23 GAVERO Conference in Athens. **THE BOARD WILL INFORM OFFICE STAFF BY THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE 2022 CONFERENCE.**
 - c. Discuss Hall County Board of Commissioners recommendation to amend the Hall County Board of Elections & Registration enabling legislation. **CHAIRMAN SMILEY ADDED FOR THE RECORD "MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS AFTER THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET WITH THE HALL COUNTY DELEGATION". CHAIRMAN SMILEY MADE A MOTION TO HAVE ATTORNEY VAN STEPHENS REQUEST THE HALL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO ALLOW HALL COUNTY ELECTIONS TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF ATTORNEY KEN JARRARD TO PREPARE OUR RESPONSE. VICE CHAIR LUTZ MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. CHAIRMAN SMILEY THEN CALLED FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE. MEMBER COCHRAN – YES, MEMBER SHEATS – YES, VICE CHAIR LUTZ – YES, MEMBER KENNEDY – YES.**

- Public Comments specific to items NOT on the agenda- ***Comments may be made in one of the Public Comments opportunities and shall be held to 3 minutes.*** Comments shall be addressed directly to the Chairman with no assured response from the Chairman or Board members during the time of public comments. ***NO PUBLIC COMMENTS***
- Comments from the Board and Chairman ***NO COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD***
- Confirmation of next Meeting. JANUARY 4, 2022 ***MEETING CONFIRMED.***
- Executive Session (if needed) Discussion regarding land acquisition, land disposition, personnel matters, potential litigations and/or litigation. *Executive Session is not open to the public. Executive Session is a lawfully closed meeting.* [§50-14-1(a) (2)] ***ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 457PM BOARD CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 502***
- Adjourn ***MEMBER COCHRAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, MEMBER SHEATS MADE A SECOND. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 503PM.***