



Oconee County

Board of Elections and Registration

Sharon Gregg, Director

Board Members:

Jay Hanley, Chair
Kirk Shook, Vice Chair
Ken Davis
Douglas Hammond
Shami Jones

March 15, 2024

Board Meeting Minutes

Approved

Members Present: Jay Hanley, Kirk Shook, Doug Hammond, Ken Davis, Shami Jones
Others Present: Sharon Gregg, Jennifer Stone, Suzannah Heimel, Britt Heimel, Victoria Cruz, Pamela Lohr
Hendrix, Kevin McHugh, Laura McHugh, Laura King

Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Hanley announced that Board Member Doug Hammond will be taking a leave of absence during the election season as his son, Adam Hammond has qualified as a candidate for the Oconee County Board of Education, Post 4.

No corrections were made to the minutes from February 6, 2024. Upon motion by Shook and seconded by Hammond, minutes were unanimously approved. Davis and Jones abstained from voting.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- a) Gregg read the totals from the Statement of Votes Cast compared to the Ballot Recap Sheets for the March 12th Presidential Preference Primary. Had 17.25% turnout. Upon move by Davis to certify the election results and seconded by Jones, paperwork was signed, and election was certified. Vote to certify was unanimous.
- b) Citizens requested the board consider a public comment section at our board meetings. Discussion was had concerning the stipulations and guidelines regarding allowing public comment. Shook will be developing a board policy to review and adopt at the next board meeting. The board outlined specific guidelines for the policy that they wish to include. Such guidelines include: each speaker must sign up prior to the board meeting if they wish to speak, each speaker is limited to 3 minutes each with a total of 15 minutes allowed for public comment, the comments should be directed to the board as a whole and are to remain respectful and courteous. No candidates should make their comments political; the board chair can terminate if the speakers don't adhere to the guidelines set; there will be no comment from the board, but an email will be sent following the meeting regarding any comments or questions; they will speak in the order they sign in; speakers on the same topic are encouraged to have a spokesperson.



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Director's Report

- a) Gregg gave a review of Advance Voting. All went well. The board is to come by during the next Advance Voting period to come up with suggestions about logistics.
- b) Gregg stated that there were no issues on Election Day and that all went well.
- c) Voter Registration totals were given by Stone. As of 02/29/24, there are 32.907 registered voters.

Upcoming Events

- a) March 20, 2024 through March 21, 2024 – Risk Limiting Audit
- b) April 15, 2024 – Poll Worker Training
- c) April 22, 2024 – First day to mail Absentee Ballots
- d) April 22, 2024 – Voter registration deadline
- e) April 29, 2024 – May 17, 2024 – Advance Voting
- f) The next board meeting will be held April 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., the following regular May meeting will be held on May 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the North High Shoals conference room upstairs; the following certification meeting of the May General Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Election will be held on May 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session – None

Motion to adjourn by Hammond and seconded by Davis at 6:17 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.