



Oconee County

Board of Elections and Registration

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June 6, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Jay Hanley, Kirk Shook, Ken Davis, Shami Jones

Others Present: Sharon Gregg, Noah Armstrong, Daniel Haygood

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

No corrections were made to the minutes from May 24, 2024. Upon motion by Shook and seconded by Davis, minutes from the meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment – The public comment signup sheet had no one signed up to speak.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- a) Discussion of Possible Candidate Ineligibility – Gregg presented 2 Board of Education candidates' qualifications (Brock Toole and Michael Ransom) were brought into question on May 20, 2024 by citizens claiming those candidates were in violation of O.C.G.A. 20-2-51. After consultation with County Attorney Daniel Haygood, it was determined that those family members of the candidates were not system administrative staff. Therefore, the possibility of a challenge was declined by our board.

Haygood spoke regarding the law and research he did regarding this. Michael Ransom's wife is a teacher which is not system administrative staff and Brock Toole's wife is a technology support technician, which is also not managerial or administrative. The code is basically an anti-nepotism statute. Haygood asked the BOE for the job descriptions, also checked the State Board of Education and there it stated that system administrative staff is defined by the local school board policy which states that system administrative staff is managerial not support positions. Based on all the evidence they do not fall into the category pertaining to the code section mentioned. Haygood spoke to a case in Walker County which had received a letter from the Attorney General which



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stated that the anti-nepotism statute was only for high level employees not middle management. Also, a month ago the superior court ruled a no nepotism claim. Davis asked if the "challengers" had been notified? They were notified that day, O.C.G.A. 21-2-6 states challenges must be made within 2 weeks after qualifying. The Walker County case was a lawsuit, not a challenge.

Director's Report

- a) Gregg reviewed the Risk Limiting Audit that was conducted for the May 21, 2024 General Primary. The results confirmed the accuracy of the tabulated results.
- b) Voter registration totals were given as of May 31, 2024. 30850 active voters, 2325 Inactive voters which equals 33175 total registered voters.

Upcoming Events

- a) August 19, 2024 First day to accept civilian absentee ballot applications
- b) September 17, 2024 First day to issue UOCAVA ballots
- c) September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 and October 1, 3 Poll Worker Training – for November, more poll workers and more equipment if location is electrically sufficient to accommodate. Gregg to conduct updated electrical site inspections.
- d) Next board meeting will be held July 9th at 5:00 p.m. August meeting to be held August 6th at 5:00 p.m. – Call to possibly be issued for the Board of Education Special election at the July meeting.

Executive Session – None

Motion to adjourn by Shook and seconded by Jones at 5:17 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.