



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

October 1, 2024
Board Meeting Minutes
Approved

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

Others Present: Sharon Gregg, Jennifer Stone, Susan Noakes, Harold Thompson, Caitlin May, Tarin Smith, Stephen Aleshire, Victoria Cruz, Kevin McHugh, Doug Hammond

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

Hanley stated after reviewing minutes from September 4, 2024 that the "others present" section needed to be updated. After corrections are made, upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, minutes from the September 4, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Comment – Public comment was made by the following respectively: Victoria Cruz, Stephen Aleshire, Susan Noakes.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- a) Hanley brought forth an amendment from Attorney Haygood to be made to the voter challenge procedures. Hanley read aloud the addition to be made. The addition states that any challenges to voters under O.C.G.A. 21-2-228 could be handled administratively. This is to be added after the third paragraph in the previously approved procedure. Haygood stated that it gives an informal approach for challenges. Upon motion by Davis and second by Shook, the revised procedures were passed unanimously.
- b) Consideration of Hearing from the 21-2-230 voter challenge issued on 08/27/24 and probable cause determined on 09/04/24. Gregg stated that letters and a residency affidavit form as well as a cancellation form along with a link to the website were sent to challenged voters with no response. Gregg recommended to uphold the challenge. Gregg read each name of challenged electors. Cruz (the challenger) spoke about her

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investigation into the research for the challenged voters. Voters are to remain in a challenged status through the General election unless they cure their residency.

c) Challenges were made to voters under O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 challenging their residency.

The following challenges were submitted for the board to determine probable cause:

- a. Challenge submitted on 9-8-24 by Victoria Cruz – 2 names were read and probable cause was determined on both voters. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote unanimously passed.
- b. Challenge submitted on 9-10-24 by Victoria Cruz – 9 names were read and probable cause was determined on all voters. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, probable cause was determined by a vote of 3 to 1.
- c. Challenge submitted on 9-10-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 5 names were read – 1 voter has already cancelled their registration. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, probable cause was determined on 3 of the voters. Vote unanimously passed. The board determined no probable cause was found and no further evidence was submitted by the challenger. Upon motion by Shook and second by Davis, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was not determined.
- d. Challenge submitted on 9-11-24 by Victoria Cruz – 11 names were read and probable cause was determined on all voters. Davis made motion to not find probable cause on 3 of the voters, but later withdrew the motion. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote unanimously passed.
- e. Challenge submitted on 9-10-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 11 names were read and probable cause was determined on 9 of the voters. 2 of the voters have already cancelled or showed no record. Upon motion by Shook and second by Davis, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined.
- f. Challenge submitted on 9-16-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 11 names were read and probable cause was determined on 9 of the 11 voters. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined. Of the 2 remaining, Mr. Aleshire withdrew 1 of the names because of lack of verifiable evidence. Jones stated she had personal knowledge that the other voter had in fact moved. Upon motion by Shook and second by Davis, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined on the remaining voter.



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- g. Challenge submitted on 9-18-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 10 names were read and probable cause was determined on 8 of the 10 voters. Upon motion by Shook and second by Davis, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined. Of the remaining 2, probable cause was not determined. Upon motion by Davis and second by Shook, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was not determined.
- h. Challenge submitted on 9-19-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 4 names were read and probable cause was determined on 3 of the 4 voters. 1 of the voters was a duplicate. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined on the 3.
- i. Challenge submitted on 9-19-24 by Stephen Aleshire – 9 names were read and probable cause was determined on 8 of the 9 voters. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined on 8 of the voters. Of the remaining 1, probable cause was not determined due to lack of information. Upon motion by Davis and second by Shook, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was not determined.
- j. Challenge submitted on 9-19-24 by Victoria Cruz – 1 name was read and probable cause was determined on the voter. Upon motion by Jones and second by Shook, vote unanimously passed that probable cause was determined.

Director's Report

- a) Gregg reviewed status of Logic and Accuracy testing on all equipment to be used in the November 5, 2024 General election. Testing is 95% complete and all have proven accurate.
- b) Gregg gave Absentee by Mail update. As of 09-30-24, 999 civilian absentee ballots have been requested and 106 UOCAVA ballots have been requested.
- c) Gregg recommended update for the SEB Rules be tabled due to pending litigation.
- d) Gregg gave voter registration totals as of 09-30-24. As of 09-30-24, there are a total of 34051 registered voters in Oconee County.
- e) The challenged voters hearing was set for 10-24-24 at 5:30. Upon motion by Davis and second by Shook, vote to set hearing date passed unanimously.



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Upcoming Events

- a) October 1, 3 Poll Worker Training
- b) October 7, 2024 Voter registration deadline/ First day to mail civilian absentee ballots
- c) October 11, 2024 Advance Voting Training
- d) October 15 through November 1, 2024 Advance Voting
- e) October 25, 2024 Last day to receive absentee applications for the November General Election.
- f) November 5, 2024 General Election
- g) November Board meeting TBD – Board discussed certification meeting date and time. The meeting was set for 11/8/24 at 5:30. Upon motion by Shook and second by Jones, vote to set meeting date passed unanimously.

Executive Session – Upon motion by Shook second by Jones, motion was made to go into executive session at 6:39 pm. Upon motion by Shook and second by Davis the board adjourned back into regular session at 6:49 pm.

There being no further business, on motion by Shook and second by Davis, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.