



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

February 6, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes
Approved

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

Others Present: Sharon Gregg, Jennifer Stone, Harold Thompson, Susan Noakes, Angela Helwig, Steve Helwig, Elizabeth Kurimo Beechuk, Rama Patel, Phil Gilbertson, Victoria Cruz, Stephen Aleshire, Cheryl Ann Hollifield, Mike Patton, Lee Becker, Ann Stoneburner, Robert Wyatt, Pam Davis, Raymond Smith, Dan Magee, Julie Crowe, Gail Tarver, Mark Rogers, Michael Prochaska, Janet Jones

Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

No corrections were made to the minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting. Upon motion by Jones and second by Shook, minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Unfinished Business

- a) Regarding the 228 Challenges, Hanley mentioned that Attorney Daniel Haygood recommended we postpone any action with the 228 Challenges. Recommended not to move forward. Shook made motion to not move forward and to postpone any action regarding the 228 challenges until further information is received from attorney, seconded by Davis. All were in favor.

New Business

- a) Precinct Consolidation Hearing – Gregg presented powerpoint regarding data from previous elections and voter turnout. Shook read additional data and gave details regarding the statistics.

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- b) Public comment was made by 10 people against the consolidation. Board member Davis made comments regarding consolidation as did Shook and Hanley. Hammond and Jones did not comment.
- c) Motion was made by Shook to move forward with the consolidation of the Civic Center, City Hall, Bishop and North Oconee precincts into one precinct to be named Oconee Central located at Oconee County Civic Center and for the Marswood Hall and Bogart precincts into one precinct to be named Oconee Northeast located at St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church as well as renaming the Colham Ferry precinct to be named Oconee South. Jones seconded the motion. Chairman Hanley called for a roll call vote. Jones voted no, Davis voted no, Shook voted yes, Hammond voted yes. Due to a tie, Chairman Hanley broke the tie by voting yes. By a vote of 3 to 2, motion was passed. Gregg then reviewed the next steps regarding the consolidation and discussed the PSC primary.

Director's Report

- a) Gregg read election related legislative changes that went into effect on January 1, 2025.
- b) Gregg informed the board that cross state notices were sent out in December 2024 and the staff has been receiving those back to update voter's information.

Upcoming Events

- a) 03/04/2025 – Board Meeting to be held at 5 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion: Kirk Shook made motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

Second: Shami Jones

All in favor.

No Action was taken in Executive Session

Adjourned into Executive Session: 7:23 p.m.

Regular Session

Hanley called the regular session back to order at 7:31 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion by Shook and second by Hammond, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm. All were in favor.