



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

September 24, 2025
Special Called Challenge Hearing
Approved

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

Office Staff Present: Sharon Gregg, Jennifer Stone, Noah Armstrong

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

Approval of Agenda: Shook made a move to approve the agenda, seconded by Davis. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda.

New Business

- a. Chair Hanley asked Director Gregg to read the proposed challenge hearing procedures drafted by County attorney, Daniel Haygood. Upon motion by Shook and second by Hammond, the hearing procedures were unanimously adopted.
- b. Candidate Challenge Hearing – Challenger Elizabeth Fontaine had Mr. Will Riley speak on her behalf. He presented several Exhibits and passed the documents out to the board. Shook asked questions about the specifics of the challenge to Ms. Fontaine.

Hudson Holder spoke on his own behalf and presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding his residency and belief to remain a candidate for the Town of Bishop. Shook then asked questions regarding his residency.

Attorney Haygood spoke to the opinion of Attorney Reitman and indicated that since the Board of Elections was contracted to conduct the elections for the Town of Bishop, that we were to follow the opinion of the town attorney.

Attorney Reitman then reviewed his previously submitted opinion to the Board, stating it was based on the law.

Mr. Riley and Mr. Holder then gave rebuttals during their allotted time.



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There was board discussion regarding specifics and their determination based on a preponderance of the evidence and whether a reasonable and impartial mind would find if the challenged candidate is qualified to hold the office. After discussion, Shook made a motion to uphold the challenge that Mr. Hudson Holder is disqualified from holding office based on residency requirements to reside in the town limits and to be an elector of the town. The motion was seconded by Davis; all were in favor.

There was no need to go into executive session.

There being no further business, on motion by Shook and second by Hammond, the hearing meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm. All were in favor.