**Meeting Minutes**

**Chatham County Board of Registrars**

**July 26, 2023**

The July 2023 Chatham County Board of Registrar’s meeting was called to order promptly by Board Chairman McRae followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Board of Registrars in attendance were Mr. McRae, Mr. Norse, Ms. Andrews, and Ms. Durso. Ms. Geiger attended virtually. The staff members in attendance were Director, Sabrina German and Staff member, Veronica Brown.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the Board of Registrar’s meeting minutes for the month of June. Board Member Norse moved to approve the meeting minutes for June as provided to the Board Members prior to the meeting. Board Member Andrews seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business**

**No Activity for Two General Elections (NGE)**

Notices will be mailed to individuals that have an inactive status through two general elections. The notice can be used to update their address and mailed back to prevent removal from the voter list. If the voter does not complete and return the notice within 40 days and has not contacted the Voter Registration Office, the voter will be moved to a Cancelled status with the reason of NGE. A voter cancelled through the NGE process is eligible to re-register. As a best practice, the GARVIS system will generate a letter of cancellation in which our office will mail to affected voters. Any activity that updates the last contact date of the voter’s record will remove that record from the NGE process.

Director’s Operations Report July 2023

**Special Election, September 19th**

Special Election for County Commission District 2 will be held on September 19. Absentee ballot application acceptance begun on July 3. The voter registration deadline is August 21. Early Voting begins August 28. Early Voting will be held at the Voter Registration Annex, 1249 Eisenhower Dr. (NEW LOCATION). Early Voting will be held Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm, and Saturday, September 2 and 9 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**Voter Hubs to secure the Dominion ICX Prime**

Runbeck Election Services offers voting hubs specifically designed to secure the Dominion ICX Prime voting equipment that is used for all elections in the State of Georgia. Each D2 Vote Center Hubs secures two (2) ICX Prime BMD, accommodates printer, battery backup and offers additional storage space. The purchase of twelve D2’s was approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 14. This item was placed on the agenda because the purchase exceeded $25,000. Five (5) of the D2’s will go to the Island’s Library, four (4) will go to Mosquito Control and three (3) will go to Garden City Library.

**Municipal Election, November 7th**

The voter registration deadline is October 10, 2023. Early Voting will be held Monday – Friday, October 16– November 3 at the following locations:

Voter Registration Annex 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Civic Center 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Mosquito Control 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Southwest Library 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Islands Library 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Garden City Library 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday voting will be held at the Voter Registration Annex and the Civic Center. Saturday Voting will be held on October 21 and 28 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Sunday Voting will be held on October 22 and 29 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

**Challenges**

Helen Strahl challenged the following individuals within their municipality:

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| FARIS, GEORGE DEWEY III | UPHELD |
| FARIS, KRISTEN | UPHELD |
| CALLAHAN, MEGAN | UPHELD |
| CANEPA, FRANCA | UPHELD |
| ESSERY, ROBERT | UPHELD |
| KUZEMKA, CHRISTOPHER | UPHELD |
| KUZEMK, MELINDA | UPHELD |
| LAMADRID, EDGAR ELEAZAR | UPHELD |
| LLERENA, ROCIO GUADALUPE | UPHELD |
| MERANTE, ROSS JOSEPH | UPHELD |
| OATES, JENNA MARIE | UPHELD |
| OATES, JOHN RICHARD | UPHELD |
| OSBORN, CHASE AARON | UPHELD |
| PATEL, HINAL DIPAK | UPHELD |
| PEPPER, CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM | UPHELD |
| PHIPPS, CHARLES GRANT | UPHELD |
| PHIPPS, TAMARA JUE | UPHELD |
| SZUCS, COURTNEY JAMES | UPHELD |
| THOMPSON SHERETTE KENYATTA | UPHELD |
| TYLER, EDWARD WEND | UPHELD |
| VAN LEEUWEN, APRIL WESCOTT | UPHELD |
| VAN LEEUWEN, JASON JOHN | UPHELD |
| WEAVER, CARRIE RENEE | UPHELD |
| WEAVER SCOTT | UPHELD |
| WHITSEY, LISA | UPHELD |
| WILLIAMS, JAQUELINE DYER | UPHELD |
| WILLIAMS, JUSTIN | UPHELD |
| ZOROVICH, JESSICA | UPHELD |

The City of Tybee challenged the following individuals within their municipality:

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| CLARK, CHRISTINA | UPHELD |
| CANNADY, CHELSEA | UPHELD |
| CAYE, TINA | UPHELD |
| CHERAU, CHRISTIAN | UPHELD |
| CHERAU, MARCELLE | UPHELD |
| COWART, LOLA | UPHELD |

Janet LeViner submitted a challenge for Mary Jo Geiger, during the meeting.

**Registration Totals**

As reported by Director German, the totals are as follows for Chatham County:

237,810 Total

207,663 Active

29,663 Inactive

484 Pending

**Deletions**

Voter challenges presented were 249 felons, 225 deceased, and 17 requested to be removed from the voter list for a total of 491 voters challenged. These individuals received mailed notifications regarding their challenges. At 12:47 p.m., Chairman McRae asked if any of the people challenged were present or on the call. No one was present or on the call to object to any of the challenges. He entertained a motion to instruct staff to go ahead with deleting the challenged voters. Board member Andrews made a motion to instruct staff to go ahead with deleting the challenged voters. Board member Norse seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Discussion**

Shirley Wright request that the Board have someone with technology experience look at the current system being used for the meetings and find a way to make it audible. She stated that she could not get in through Webex. She mentioned that she notified the host twice that she was waiting. At 12:05 she had to call in. She also mentioned it was impossible to hear. She did not get the dates for election and early voting because she could hear.

Helen Strahl made the comment about the inactive voters from the Secretary of State’s purge list. She has analyzed the list and there are 11,800 names on the list. She stated that the oldest voter that has not been contact or has had no contact since the year 2000. Which is 23 years, and she thinks it’s time they are taken off the list.

Chassidy Malloy echoed Ms. Shirley Wright’s comments that she could not get into the webinar. After failing to reach the host, she had to call in and it was impossible to hear any of the business that was conducted. She did not get any of the dates regarding early voting. She was not able to come off mute to contest any of the challenges that were presented today. She asked if the board would consider allowing the public who are interested to know the names of the challengers before the meeting.

The meeting adjourned.