**Meeting Minutes**

**Chatham County Board of Registrars**

**March 27, 2024**

The March 2024 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. Geiger. Ms. Durso attended virtually. The staff members in attendance were Director, Sabrina German and Staff member, Alicia Haywood.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Old Business**

For the March 12th Presidential Preference Primary there were 6,674 voters that voted early. 1,503 voters requested absentee ballots by mailed and 1,337 ballots were returned.

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| **Location** | **Total** |
| Annex | 3,728 |
| Civic Center | 544 |
| Mosquito Control | 667 |
| Island Library | 1,389 |
| Garden City Library | 346 |
| **Total** | **6,674** |

Director German stated that additional signage for all Early Voting locations has been ordered.

She also reminded the Board that the next BOR meeting will be held virtually on April 24,2024.

**New Business**

Updates were given on the following upcoming election activities: UOCAVA mailout will began April 2nd – April 6th, sample ballot will be available on April 8th, General Primary election’s press conference is April 19th, absentee ballots mailout will began on April 22nd, voter registration deadline is April 22nd, early voting setup begins April 21st- April 26th, early voting begins on April 29th-May 17th, weekend voting on May 4th & 5th only at 1249 Eisenhower Drive, May 11th & 12th it will be at 1249 Eisenhower & Civic Center, General Primary election will be on May 21st, and early voting will be held at the Annex, Civic Center, Mosquito Control and Oatland Island Wildlife Center.

The Director gave a brief overview on the court order affecting 15-17 Georgia counties regarding absentee ballots and campaigning within 150 feet of a polling place.

She also reminded the BOR of HAVA Act of 1993 in regard to the challenges.

**Registration Totals**

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

229,665 Total

199,515 Active

 30,150 Inactive

 0 Pending

**Deletions**

Voter challenges presented were 153 felons, 171 deceased, and 8 requested to be removed from the voter list for a total of 332 voters challenged for the month February. These individuals received mailed notifications regarding their challenges. At 12:25 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 Norse made a motion to instruct staff to go ahead with deleting the challenged voters. Board member Geiger seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**Public Discussion**

Helen Strahl thanked board for doing a good job. She also mentioned that as a Pooler resident she was concerned about the early voting sites dropping to 4 locations because the population there is growing.

Andrea Silverman asked for more information on the upcoming press conference.

The meeting adjourned.