

**Voter Registration Advisory Board
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 22, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Voter Registration Advisory Board was convened by Ed Packard, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Office of the Secretary of State, at approximately 2:00pm in the Lieutenant Governor's conference room, Alabama State Capitol Building, in Montgomery. Members present were Adonis Bailey, Lynda Hairston, Terry Lathan, Debbie Page, and Josh Summerford.

Mr. Packard took the roll and acknowledged the attendance of a quorum of the Board.

Mr. Packard presented the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Bailey moved that the agenda be approved. Ms. Hairston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary of State Beth Chapman made a brief appearance and spoke to the Board about its mission. She emphasized the importance of service on the Board and of the Board's charge to assist in improving voter registration in the State of Alabama.

Mr. Packard presented the minutes from the June 11, 2009, meeting, the last meeting of the Board at which a quorum attended. Ms. Hairston moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Summerford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Members of the Board requested that prior to future meetings the draft minutes for the previous meeting be distributed for their review. Mr. Packard stated he would do so.

Mr. Packard presented an overview of the Board to include a description of its membership, purpose, and duties.

The Board discussed HB56 and the citizenship requirements included in the legislation that will be effective if the legislation is precleared by the U.S. Department of Justice. Members of the Board asked for a listing of the acceptable forms of proof of citizenship. Mr. Packard said he would provide the listing to the members.

The Board proceeded to select a chair. Ms. Bailey was nominated. Ms. Hairston moved that Ms. Bailey be elected chair of the Board. Ms. Lathan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bailey stated as chair, she would like the board to help with legislation that would improve the voter registration process, such as an earlier close of voter registration prior to an election. She discussed the issues Registrars face with a 10-day close of books.

Ms. Bailey provided general information on the Boards of Registrars and registrar duties.

Members discussed possible dates for the next meeting and suggested November 29, 2011.

With no other business pending, Ms. Hairston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Ed Packard

These minutes constituting a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board on September 22, 2011, we have hereunto set our hands this 29th day of October of the year 2011.
