

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

5/11/2017

Region's Board Room (3rd Floor)
Alabama Department of Archives and History Building
624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130

Members present were Robert Sanders, Don Milligan, Benjamin Jones, Jo Stiefel, Deborah Howard and Adonis Bailey. Clay Helms was present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present from the Secretary of State's Office John Bennett, Rachel Jarrett and intern Christian Crawford.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 4/13/2017

Chairperson Jo Stiefel called the meeting to order. Chairperson Jo Stiefel notified the Board that the meeting notice was published online to comply the Alabama Open Meetings Act and said notice was attached to the agenda. Chairperson Jo Stiefel called roll and notified the Board that six members were present which accomplished the quorum requirement. Chairperson Jo Stiefel asked the members of the Board to review the Agenda for the day and the official Meeting Minutes for the April 13, 2017, meeting. Benjamin Jones motioned to approve the Agenda and Deborah Howard seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Deborah Howard motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes and Don Milligan seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

The Board discussed updates on the bids for a new software system for voter registration.

New Business

Clay Helms introduced and the Board discussed the Statewide Voter Registration Statistics as of April 30, 2017. Also, Clay introduced and the Board discussed the Board of Registrars College Day Visitation Form and the instruction on registering to vote online and via the voter registration app. Clay introduced and the Board discussed the steps on NVRA 2nd Mailings. The Board discussed the call and letters they have been receiving about the design of the NVRA 2nd Mailing regarding security concerns with date of birth, driver license numbers, and last four digits of social security. Deborah Howard suggested we put on the NVRA 2nd Mailer postcard may update voter registration online. Don Milligan discussed the website that people do not realize that they have to complete a full voter registration form for an update on their voter file. John Bennett discussed the changes to the website that will help with the confusion. Adonis Bailey and Jo Stiefel discussed the process on the overwritten names memo they received from the Secretary of State's office. The Board discussed the NVRA 23 form. Don Milligan suggested that the Board of Registrars need limited access to the driver license systems to verify date of births for voter registration. The Board discussed legislative bills and redistricting for the 2018 election cycle. Clay Helms discussed an issue E, S&S system where registrars were saving NVRA Mailing responses without updating information. The system will flag when no response has been entered before saving. No motions were made.


Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting date was scheduled for August 25, 2017 in the Region's Board Room (3rd Floor), Alabama Department of Archives and History Building, 624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130. Don Milligan made a motion and Deborah Howard seconded the motion. The meeting date was approved.

Adjournment

Deborah Howard motioned to adjourn and Don Milligan seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Submitted by Clay Helms and Rachel Jarrett


Deborah Howard
Kathy Thompson
Don Milligan
Cedric Dickey
Debbie Page
Robert L. (Bob) Sandline