

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

11/15/2018

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

Members present were Chairman Jo Stiefel, Adonis Bailey, Benjamin Jones, Don Milligan, Robert (Bob) Sanders and Kathy Thompson. Clay Helms and Rachel Jarrett were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present were Tate Hall with the disability advocacy center, and a guest of Board Member Bailey, Jackie Cheatham.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 9/20/2018

Chairman Stiefel called the meeting to order. Chairman Stiefel notified the Board that the meeting notice was published online to comply with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and said notice was attached to the agenda. Chairman Stiefel checked the roll and notified the Board that six members were present which accomplished the quorum requirement. Chairman Stiefel asked the members of the Board to review the Agenda for the day and the official Meeting Minutes for the 9/20/2018, meeting. Board Member Milligan motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Members Jones and Bailey seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Board Member Milligan motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from 9/20/2018, and the motion was seconded by Board Members Jones and Bailey. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

Chairman Stiefel gave an update on letters issued to the appointing board members. Jo stated she heard back from State Auditor Jim Zeigler's office and Ag Commissioner John McMillan's office. Chairman Stiefel gave an update on letters issued to Alabama Probate Judges Association and Alabama Association of County Commissions. Chairman Stiefel has not heard back from the Alabama Probate Judges Association and Alabama Association of County Commissions regarding the concerns addressed in said letters.

New Business

Clay Helms discussed the Statewide Voter Registration Statistics as of the 2018 General Election. Clay Helms discussed the Photo Voter ID contract. The only company to respond has been Police & Sheriff Press. Clay Helms discussed the mileage and per diem forms and the new forms will be in the updated board of registrar's handbook. The Board Members asked for an update on any bills that will go to the legislature. Board Member Bailey discussed needing some changes to how provisional ballots are handled. Chairman Stiefel and Board Member Thompson discussed the need for changes to the voter information card to help voter see the card better. They discussed that the post office may be reading the wrong address to send the card. The return address needs to be moved to top left corner of the post card. Clay Helms stated he will contact the post office to see if changes can be made to the voter information card. Board Member Thompson asked Clay Helms if the extra digit in the new driver license would affect the process. Clay Helms said that the extra digit is not going to affect PowerProfile. Clay Helms discussed that some non-driver IDs do not expire. Board Member Thompson gave an update on the electronic polls book. Clay Helms stated that the State offers 50% reimbursement plus any HAVA money the county has available. Clay Helms discussed the organization Turbo Vote and that if anyone has any person trying to mislead voters to send the information to the Secretary of State's office. Clay Helms discussed the new Braille Voter Guides and Photo Voter ID Guides. Clay Helms stated that the Secretary of State's Office contacted the probate judges' offices to make sure Automark machines are working properly.

Adonis Bailey
Don Milligan
Kathy Thompson

Robert Sanders

Jo W. Stiefel, Chairman

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Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The Board approved January 17, 2019, as the next meeting date.

Adjournment

Board Member Bailey motioned to adjourn and Board Member Milligan seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve.