

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

4/4/2019

(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. John Bennett, David Brewer, Clay Helms, and Rachel Jarrett were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present was James St. John, Jackson County Registrar.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 1/17/2019

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. Rachel Jarrett called the roll and Chairman Stiefel 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 1/17/2019, meeting. Board Member Thompson motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Member Milligan seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Board Member Thompson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from 1/17/2019, and the motion was seconded by Board Member Milligan. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

Board Member Thompson discussed the need for training for newly appointed Registrars. Clay Helms discussed the Auburn trainings and publications that new Registrars would receive for training. Board Member Milligan and Clay Helms discussed the ES&S online user guide. Board Member Thompson asked about cyber security and verifying addresses using Google maps and her counties website. Chairman Stiefel discussed having the county poll workers to sign a statement acknowledging that they have read and understand the poll worker guide with emphasis on the crossover voting law. Board Member Jones made a motion to send a letter to the Probate Judge Association recommending that the probate judges have the poll workers sign a statement that they have read and understand the poll worker guide with emphasis on the crossover voting law. Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

New Business

Chairman Stiefel discussed that non-moral turpitude felony convictions are still coming through Agency Central. Clay Helms stated that AOC is not sending non-moral turpitude felony convictions since the new law passed in 2017. Clay Helms stated that there are still old non-moral turpitude felony conviction records in Agency Central. Board Member Thompson discussed voter registration at colleges. Board Member Thompson stated that some county commissions do not want to give the funds to advertise the voter registration drives on the radio or in the newspaper. Clay Helms suggested talking to the radio stations and newspaper to see if they could do public service announcements for free. Clay Helms stated that the law requires the county to advertise the college voter registration drives. Board Member Bailey asked how many counties have e-poll books. John Bennett responded that 30 counties have e-poll books and 37 counties do not have e-poll books. Chairman Stiefel acknowledged the Statewide Voter Registration Statistics as of March 31, 2019. Clay Helms discussed ERIC notices of death and duplicates sent to the Registrars to process. The Board Members discussed the process of handling duplicates. Chairman Stiefel asked if there were plans to merge duplicates. Clay Helms said that they will probably not merge the duplicates because the system might lose the old information. Board Member Milligan made a motion to study the feasibility of not pulling the duplicate records over to the new county. No Board Member seconded the

motion. Board Member Bailey suggested that the members talk to the other Registrars and then make a determination about the study of the feasibility of not pulling the duplicate records over to the new county.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

Board members discussed setting the next meeting on July 25, 2019 at 11:00 am.

Adjournment

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

Jo W. Stiefel, Chairman 09.12.2019

Debbie Page

Jay Poff

Adrian Bailey

Don Mully

Robert L. Sanders

Kathy Thompson