

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

9/12/2019

(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, Don Milligan, Debbie Page, Fay Poole, Robert (Bob) Sanders, and Kathy Thompson. Members Benjamin Jones and Alleen Barnett were not present. Jeff Elrod and Rachel Jarrett were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present were Ruby Milligan, guest of Board Member Milligan, Jack Stiefel, guest of Chairman Stiefel, and Rachel Knowles, from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 4/4/2019

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 seven 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 4/4/2019, meeting. Board Member Milligan motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Member Poole seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Board Member Page motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from 4/4/2019, and the motion was seconded by Board Member Sanders. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed by the Board.

New Business

Chairman Stiefel acknowledged the Alabama Voter Registration Statistics as of August 31, 2019. Jeff Elrod informed the board members about the reimbursement for board member's travel to and from the Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board meetings. Board Member Thompson discussed the Board of Registrars receiving a death list for people that died outside the State of Alabama. The Board discussed interstate cross check list. Board Member Sanders discussed the jury duty list comes from the active voter list. He mentioned in California they found illegal aliens on the active voter list through people checking they were non-citizens on the jury duty list. The Board discussed the people marking they are non-citizens on the jury duty list. Jeff Elrod gave an example that sometimes non-citizens get registered to vote through the driver's license department in error. Board Member Milligan discussed some registrars are not being reappointed. Board Member Milligan expressed the need for a basic training boot camp for the new appointees. The Board discussed the training of new Registrars. Board Member Milligan recommended getting seasoned veterans to go to the offices. Board Member Bailey recommended there be a central location to train new Registrars. Chairman Stiefel discussed the need for qualification to be a Registrar such as computer skills. Jeff Elrod stated that the Board of Registrars Handbook has the skills list that is needed by Registrars. Board Member Poole discussed the possibility of only issuing Photo Voter ID's two or three months prior to an election instead of year round. Board Member Poole stated people come in the office and state they need ID to get a job or cash a check. Chairman Stiefel stated there is a need for the Photo Voter ID year round because of special elections. She further stated it is best to accommodate everyone. Jeff Elrod discussed why there is need to issue the Photo Voter ID year round. Board Member Bailey

discussed the possible option of the driver's license department sending the Registrars information if someone is a non-citizen. Board Member Page asked if there is a rule about attendance at the Board meetings. Chairman Stiefel said there is no rule on attendance. The Board discussed openings and term limits of the Board. Board Member Milligan discussed the process of handling duplicates. Chairman Stiefel explained duplicates to the Board. Board Member Page asked if there is a boot camp for poll workers. The Board discussed the poll workers training through the Probate Judge's office in each county. Rachel Knowles with Southern Poverty Law Center introduced herself and the organization she works for to the Board.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

Board members discussed setting the next meeting on October 17, 2019 at 2:00 pm.

Adjournment

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



Debbie Page

Cedric Stiefel

Don Willy

Jay S. Poole

Robert Sanders

Kathy Thompson

Jo W. Stiefel, Chairman 10.17.2019