

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

9/30/2021

Zoom Call
312-626-6799
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Members present were Benjamin Jones, Fay Poole, Don Milligan, Jo Stiefel, Bob Sanders, and Darwin Prewitt. Absent members were Adonis Bailey, Debbie Page, and Eugenia Stone. Jeff Elrod was present to represent the Secretary of State's Office.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 4/15/2021

Chairman McMillan called the meeting to order at 10:15am and led the board in the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman McMillan notified the Board that the meeting was published online to comply with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and said notice was attached to the meeting reminder sent to all members. The attendance of six members was noticed and a quorum was present. The members reviewed the agenda. Board Member Prewitt made a motion to approve and a second was provided by Board Member Poole. The Board unanimously approved the agenda. Board Member Poole motioned to approve the minutes from the 4/15/2021 meeting and the motion was seconded by Board Member Sanders. All members voted in favor to approve the minutes.

Old Business

Chairman Milligan discussed the idea of proposing legislation that would increase the amount of time an expired ID could be used at the polls (increase from 60 days to 2 years). Mr. Elrod recommended discussing the proposed legislation further due to legislative sensitivities toward the photo ID law.

New Business

Board Member Prewitt asked if the SOS Office could talk to the electronic poll book vendors to see if expanding the bar code reader for other forms of ID (particularly military) could be explored. Mr. Elrod said he would talk to the vendors and see what is available, but that it might not be feasible due to costs. Mr. Prewitt also asked about the voter registration kiosks that were recently introduced. Mr. Elrod explained how those kiosks function and that the SOS partnered with the Montgomery Probate Office to set up the kiosks. Mr. Elrod discussed the voter registration statistics as of August 31, 2021.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 10am. Tentatively in person.

Adjournment

Board Member Prewitt motioned for the Board to adjourn and Board Member Poole seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of adjournment at 10:45am.



