

## ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Meeting Minutes-

November 30, 2023

2:00 PM

624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104

Members present were Kristie Pinyan, Adonis B. Whitlow, Eugenia Stone, John Lackey, Bob Sanders, and Dr. Benjamin Jones. Absent member was Don Milligan. Jeff Elrod and Candace Payne were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office.

### Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 6/29/2023

Jeff Elrod, Director of Elections called the meeting to order. Member John Lackey led the board in the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Dr. Benjamin Jones. The attendance of six members was noticed and a quorum was present. Jeff Elrod led the acknowledgment of the notification of the meeting on Open Meetings was posted two weeks in advance. The Agenda was reviewed and approved by all members of the board.

### Old Business

The topic of the mission statement was brought forward by John Lackey. John Lackey brought information about the Administrative Code of Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board references and that the act outlines what the purpose of the Voter Registration Advisory Board and there is no need for a mission statement. The topic of citizenship and voter registration was discussed. Jeff Elrod gave update the steps the Secretary of State's office is taking with Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) and the Attorney General's office with an upcoming plan of action of how to handle citizenship verification.

### New Business

Legal name changes in regard to voter registrations was discussed. Suggestions for assisting in the verification of the names changes was using the Probate Judge and ALEA offices. Adonis B. Whitlow suggested the registrars to contact the voter directly to verify if they legally changed their name and if they had legal proof of the name change. Eugenia Stone suggested mailing out a letter after 10 days of receiving the voter registration form, asking the voter to verify the name change. Dr. Benjamin Jones suggested requesting document when making a legal name change.

Eugenia Stone asked if after the Voter Registration Advisory Board meetings if the suggestions go to the Governor. She also suggested the Secretary of State office sends out the recommendations to the Appointing Board.

Adonis B. Whitlow brought up discussion of GIS system. <sup>She</sup> He asked if the counties that do not have GIS, if it can be requested that they get the system. It would be helpful with the redistricting. Jeff Elrod gave updates on his visits from KCS, the GIS vendor, and he hopes the Secretary of States office and KCS can show the counties the benefits of using the GIS system.

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next meeting is set for Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM in the Archives Regions Room.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Member John Lackey, seconded by Member Eugenia Stone, approved by all board members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

