

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

## **REGULAR MEETING – June 9, 2022**

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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**Presiding:** Dr. Kathleen Ruth, Vice Chairperson

#### **Other Board Members Present:**

Mrs. Teresa Crawford Mr. Aaron Johnson

**Staff Attending:** Mr. Patrick Eskridge, Deputy Director; Ms. Nadine E. Williams, Elections Chief; Mr. Dominic Olomo, Information Systems Manager; Ms. Shamira Marshall, Registration Manager; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Ms. Janell Barganier, Financial Systems Manager; Mrs. Cheryl Ringer, County Attorney; Mr. Thomas Johnson; Ms. LaShandra Little; Mr. James Reese, Production Manager; Regina Waller, Senior Public Affairs Officer

Guests Attending: Susie Trotochaud, David H. Hubert, Jason Frazier, Kathy Whitehouse, Earl Ferguson, Lucia Frazier, Cliff Hops, Gil Trammel, Kevin Muldowney, Candy Muldowney, Lauren Waits, Sandra Burkhardt, Beverly Rice

### #1- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

<u>Vice Chairwoman Ruth entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.</u>

## #2- COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

#### Kathy Whitehouse:

I'm Kathy Whitehouse, and I'm a resident of Fulton County. And I am here because I'm very concerned about what's going on in Fulton County. County, we had an emergency meeting recently where the election results, because apparently when they close the polls, as I'm told some of the election workers forgot to download the results from the machines. And what was told to the precinct or to the general public was at the precinct managers transferred the wrong files onto the thumb drives, which didn't include the actual results. When asked, and this would be Dominic Alma, who was, as I read from the transcripts and stuff that he was asked, How are we going to address this in the

future? He said, well, that they're creating a standard operating procedure and a checklist for the poll managers to ensure that they get the correct files. What I'm told by my friends who know a lot more about technology than I do, but that this resolution is not a feasible or even sensible resolution, because according to the complaint filed by a Kevin monk law, I hope I pronounced his name correctly. He said, There's no action required by the poll manager to save any of the information to the compact flash cards. At is as it is done automatically. The IPC then counts the tallies for each contest prints the poll closing tapes, and then automatically saves the results to the only place it can to the compact flash cards. The worst part about all of this, I am told is that they didn't give us any numbers that were basically what was said was that it happened and it didn't change the outcome of the election, and that it's not a big deal, and that we're going to recertify it. Again, quoting from Mr. Mancha, who filed the complaint. He says the Fulton County Board of registration elections voted to recertify the election results without knowing the totals that they were certifying, nor the difference between what they had already certified and what they were recertifying. So I am here to put forth that. How are we supposed to know given all the things that happened in previous elections and all the national hoopla that Fulton County get? Yes. How do we know?

#### **Cliff Hops**

Good morning. Throughout the primary elections questions were raised, presented to the board by various concerned voters such as Why are the scanners left on overnight in Fulton when it's not done in other counties? Why cannot the public witness the opening of the polls as stated in Georgia law? Why are candidates names left off the ballots in some cases? Also, it appears as questions are raised. The board and Fulton County election officials determined to the Secretary of State's office for answers or directions it wouldn't steal much more confidence in voters. If the board and Fulton County election officials were well trained and understood election law and procedures such that Fulton County officials are the subject matters experts or could challenge the Secretary of State Office interpretation when it contradicts the law or impairs the board from acting effectively in terms of election integrity and transparency. On Memorial Day the board met to certify the Fulton County elections and the people could not attend or comment at this meeting. The Fulton County elections were certified despite questions raised by board members as to the numbers presented and discrepancies reported to them. Then on Sunday, June 5, another emergency board meeting was convened to recertify the Fulton County elections because the previous board certification certified the wrong election results. Again, board members question the corrected results and the elections. IT director was not able to provide the changes in the number of votes or percentages involved. And yet the board certified these results based on the IT officials confidence that the results were correct. At the beginning of the Sunday meeting, it was announced that the Secretary of State's office issued a mandate for the board to certify the results by Monday morning, June 9 at 9am. Can you please review your oath and check it it was made to the Constitution.

#### Jason Frazier:

Again, my name is Jason Fraser from Roswell. I wanted to start off by saying that I noticed it three of the duplicate voters that I submitted. About three months ago, I noticed that they had voted in this election. And according to Secretary of State's office, it shows that both their active voter and the canceled voter, both show to have voted. Now I don't know if that's a procedural thing, whatever they were merged, it just shows on both copies, or if maybe both copies did vote, but I just emailed that to you guys a few minutes ago. So you can take a look at that, as well as 11 other people that I had submitted as potential duplicate voters with a letter off something of that nature very small, that may or may not be duplicates. Again, I don't know because I haven't gotten an update on those 12,000 voter challenges yet. The next item I'm still waiting for clarity on the emails that I sent to Nadine on what poll watchers and members of the public can truly observe without having the police called on them. And I also hope that the duplicate voter challenges will be very detailed so that way I know what is a duplicate and which one isn't. So I don't have to look at those again. Lastly, I wanted to give you a heads up I know you guys are gonna be busy but there's not a lot of time between the the runoff election and the next election to submit challenges. And I've got a little over 3000 challenges that I will be submitting here in a couple of weeks. Tried to give you as much time as possible. But those include eight people with no name as their first name, last name or both first and last name not sure how you check an ID on those little over 2000 people with missing address as their street address for the residential address a little over 1000 people at non residential addresses and one street in downtown Atlanta that content consists almost entirely of imaginary houses and other words their registrations to house numbers that simply do not exist there's no tax record on an empty lot even it's just totally fictitious all the way down the street. So just want to let you know what's coming and hopefully we can work those work through those collectively and successfully.

#### **Gil Trammell**

Good morning members of the board. My name is Gil Trammell and I was a candidate in House District 50 in Johns Creek. I have alerted this board the state board as well as the secretary of state of early voting problems from the very beginning of early voting. On day one, we started having problems with the pole pads and the pole pad problem extended all the way through early voting and into Election Day votes. That was ignored. I want to say that since then, I've had several different emails back and forth with the board that were not answered, asking for a recount.

As you're aware in DeKalb County Democrat candidate Michelle long Spears asked for a recount based on the fact that there were zero votes in her precinct. And the same exact thing has happened to me although I was denied an actual hand recount. They found when they did that hand recount that the machines did not count 2810 votes 20% of the total votes. And then she found another 3491 more votes for herself who was in third place and it flipped the race she became the first candidate. Again her precinct level results showed zero counts zero votes on election day. The same thing happened to us in JC 11 And I provided this board with that information There's also zero under votes in HD 50. In the previous elections in this one, we had 703. That tells us there's a problem in that, in that reason alone, but we know now, there has been new and corrupt databases created mistakes in precinct scanners 1000s of votes not counted. Additionally, canvassing shows that we have voters who have been disenfranchised, as they say they affirm that they have voted, and their votes are not showing up in the SOS database. I've heard excuses that that won't show up for two more weeks. But as a candidate, I'd like to know when why we then only have five days to ask for a recount if all of the data is not uploaded within two weeks.

#### **Candy Muldowney**

Hi, my name is Candy Muldowney from Alpharetta, Georgia. My comment today is regarding your emergency meeting on Sunday to recertify the primary election results. At first you couldn't find the live feed. After much searching I realized it was on your Facebook page. An hour later. The warehouse was loud and noisy and difficult to hear what was being said especially by Dominic. Even the observers had a hard time with all the background noise. Why not meet at a quieter location next time. It seems the result had changed, but no one had the exact numbers. Those specifics should have been presented to the Board regardless of whether the outcome changed. Why was a hand count denied in Fulton County for school board district five. Where's the transparency? Did you know that the DeKalb BOE granted a hand recount of a commissioners race. The results were a disaster. Total vote counts went from approximately 12,600 on May 24 to 18,600 on June 3. That's a total vote difference of 3000. Seems the hand recount showed a more accurate count than the scanners did. How does that happen? What went wrong? This filing proves there are serious issues with those machines. Certainly not safe and secure. They need to go and we need to implement paper ballots. Until then, our trust and confidence in elections will be shattered. Thank you.

#### **Lucia Frazier**

Good morning, Lucia Fraser. DeKalb County uses the same election equipment that Fulton uses Dominion BMDS and scanners along with HP printers and memory cards. They had an issue where multiple scanners at multiple precincts didn't count over 3000 votes for candidate Michelle spears. This was not detected by any poll worker the candidate found the error because she notices your votes at one precinct or she herself voted. No machine functions correctly 100% of the time if anyone didn't know that before, now you now you do. It's highly probable this dysfunction has happened before in multiple counties and in multiple elections because no one checks the paper ballots to the scanner digital data. You cannot certify any more elections unless each precinct hand counts the paper ballots and compares to the scanner digital counts. Machines are not the authority we are and you are stewards of the process you are not the authority. When you when people all over the county are telling you the problems of our elections you are to make the changes being asked. You're not to vote on whether to make the change. You are to vote on the process that Miss best makes the change happen. Listen to your peers speaking and emailing you to restore confidence in our elections. Ignoring is maintaining dysfunction. Furthermore, poll workers are paid and may fear calling out errors that open us up to fraud. Poll watchers are the equalizer because we represent the people. Pub workers and police need to be educated that watchers are an equal part of the team that makes elections happen. Watch or shall use their own discretion to look at anything in the precinct workers can help if something is invisible, whatever the public needs to see to have confidence. The watching process was hindered by Both managers and police before the watching even started, didn't even get a chance to break the one rule, which is to not hinder the voting process. It's easy to gather data and not hinder the process. The election process is incomplete without both workers and watchers. Team operation team verification is the recipe for transparent elections. Thank you.

## **Kevin Muldowney**

Good morning, Kevin Muldowney from Milton, Georgia. Sis has recently found that Dominion voting machines the very same we spent are well over \$100 million on here in Georgia, are susceptible to hacking and altering of the QR code, the very same QR code that casts our vote and is unreadable to voters. Sounds like a problem waiting to happen, or could have already happened. We will never know. The Mannion had removed all traces of the nefarious activity in their trusted build in early 2021. Dekalbs recount of the primary in their county commissioners race showed vastly different results between the scanner recount in the hand recount so much that the candidate had originally declared a third place finisher and that won the race and will be the Democratic candidate and the general. As I understand it, dekalb then went on to hand recount other races in their county but was bullied and intimidated by the Secretary of State's office into stopping there and not digging into any of the local and other races local or statewide. The Oath of Office you all swore to refers to faithfully and impartially and impartially discharging the duties imposed by the law. It says nothing about working for the Secretary of State's office, the

law prescribing your duties to the people around fair and transparent elections. The elections boards in Fulton and DeKalb County were apparently bullied and rushed into certifying their results apparently, by your Sunday afternoon secret I mean, special meeting. This precluded any chance to look into the very likely problems in races up and down the ballot, most notably in the very same Secretary of State's race, where the margin of victory was a suspiciously consistent 51%. That forementioned Sunday special meeting, there was a comment made, I believe, by **Mr. Johnson**, that fulton must maintain the public's confidence in their elections. This is laughable. We have no confidence in our elections, and the recent activities surrounding the 2022 primaries only underscores this reality. We need a full hand recount of all races local and statewide. And Dominique that story about the data cards at the Sunday special meeting has no basis. In fact, I worked in as assistant manager, thank you cards download everything at one time off.

#### Susie Trodachaud

No problem. Everybody has a problem with it. I just want to take a few minutes to say thank you to the Fulton County Board and to the staff for all of your hard work and making sure that you certify the primary election results in a timely manner. I know there was a lot of challenges, and we appreciate your time and efforts. You still have a lot of work to do with a runoff and then the the elections coming up. So keep working hard. We appreciate it. I want to encourage the staff to determine where challenges occur, and request resources needed to make sure that all the upcoming elections run smoothly and fairly or as much as possible. The board should continue to support the staff in their efforts as well as the poll managers and the poll workers so that upcoming elections allow Fulton County voters an opportunity to have their voices heard. Again, that's all I want to say. Thank you.

#### **Lauren Waits**

Good morning. I'm a resident of Fulton County. I was down at the election processing center for the paper ballot vote review and ballot duplication panels work. It was a mouthful. It's still a mouthful. I just want to tell you what a positive experience it was. I don't think it matters As I genuinely feel like I can speak for both parties who participated that we felt it was collegial. It built confidence in each other. We appreciate the fact that that was chosen in Fulton. And I want to give a shout out to miss bodison and her team, they are downstream of all of the other processes and they get what is given to them on an unpredictable schedule. They were positive, upbeat, as as flexible as possible. And it was a great experience for someone who is new to the process. I do want to say, we also observed the need for training resources for precinct captains. We saw precinct captains brought in when there were some technical problems, those are of concern, but what that resulted in was the Republican coordinator and the Democratic coordinator who were running these panels, writing a joint letter together to **Ms. Bodison** and to give our feedback. So just know that that is a resource out there and we're, we're good team. We're looking forward to November and this run off

#### Sandra Burkhardt

Great job. My name is Sandra Burkhart. I live in Sandy Springs. I am a legitimate voter of Fulton County and I'm embarrassed by what goes on in Fulton County for the election process. Specifically, I'm astounded as to how the Board of Elections could recertify an election when the results changed. But the board numbers members themselves admitted they did not know how much. I'm sorry, that wasn't for you, sorry. The recertification this past Sunday was voted on by three board members solely based on the opinion of one person Dominic the head of IT for Fulton County elections. He stated he was confident in the results. The number this was a dereliction of duty from the board members and a prime example as to why there is zero trust in our election officials and zero confidence in Fulton County elections. Contrary to what **Mr. Johnson** tried to claim. Finally, I find it extremely suspect that this emergency meeting was called on a Sunday afternoon after Brad Raffensperger insisted the results be certified by 9am. On Monday morning, your duty to the voters of Fulton County. Also that platform on which it was advertised as being available to the public were not operational at 2pm time. It was only available one hour later on Facebook page, why? We demand more transparency in our elections. Excuse me, from the board members to reestablish and maintain election integrity in Georgia. I might also mention that Commissioner Marvin Arrington was on the ballot when he went to vote early. I think there's a lot of problems going on. I hope we will correct them. Thank you.

#### **Beverly Rice**

Thank you for this opportunity, Madam Chair and board and also to the staff. I stand here today to say thank you. I am Beverly rice. And I want to say thank you I have seen great improvement in the election process. And I want to applaud you for that. In addition to that, I want to thank you for how you have worked with poll managers, and how I see more cohesiveness between the board members, and also the poll workers. I know that we do have challenges with our elections, sometimes that's just something we have to expect and we have to work through. So I want to commend you for the work that you've already done. I also want to say which is my personal concern is that we do more to educate our voters when it comes to the run of elections. I think that they're not given enough notice and enough information about runoff elections, especially when it comes to early voting. So if we

can work together to get the information out to them and educate them about early voting for runoff elections, I think we would be doing a great job. Thank you so much.

#### Ms. Haynes

Good morning Board staff members and audience. We have two emails the first one being from Carrie Hefner subject board encouragement and support, and it's dated June 9 2022. Hello. As a Fulton County voter, I want to thank the board and election staff for all of your hard work on behalf of the voters leading up to the primary. I appreciated the timely certification of the election results. As we gear up for runoff, I like to ask the board to continue focusing on early voting and vote by mail. These flexible voting of options remain crucial as we are still in a pandemic with many people overburdened by work and family responsibilities. In these unprecedented times, people need options for how and why they vote. A big part of this is continuing the process of absentee applications and ballots in a timely manner and notifying voters of any problems with their applications or ballots. Thank you again for all you do and for continuing to support our poll managers and workers as they prepare for our next election day, sincerely, carefully Carrie Hefner. The next is an email as well, and it's from Candice stalk them, if I'm pronouncing it right, and it's on June 9 2022, subject board encouragement and support. Hello, my name is Candace Dokkum. And I want to thank the Fulton County Board of Elections and staff for working around the clock on behalf of voters. I encourage the board to continue preparing for increase in early voting and vote by mail. And to ensure that our early voting locations have the resources they need to keep the lines down. I also want to encourage the board to continue processing absentee ballots in a timely fashion and notify voters immediately of any issues with their application or ballots. The board should continue supporting their poll managers and poll workers to ensure smooth election day operations as well. Once again, thank you for your consideration and attention to these issues.

Dr. Ruth asked if email responses from the public were allowed.

**Mr. Lowman** stated that reading and responding to email or remote comments is not covered in the bylaws. The bylaws provide for public comment which require the public to appear in person.

Dr. Ruth stated moving forward only public comments from the public appearing in person would be heard.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **#3- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting May 12, 2022
- Special Meeting May 30, 2022

**Ms. Crawford** requested a change to the May 12 meeting minutes on page 8 to change the word tip to uptick.

<u>Vice Chairwoman Ruth entertained a motion to approve the Regular and Special meeting minutes from May 12 and 30, 2022. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Crawford, and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.</u>

#### **#4- MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR MAY 2022**

## Ms. Williams reported:

- Elections Division
  - Primary Election preparation
  - After Action Plan
  - Supplies and Logistics

- Supply deployment for June 21st Election
- Absentee drop boxes same drop box locations
- Polling place changes
  - Recruitment and Training
    - Poll worker survey
    - Poll worker kiosk available for additional training.
- Advance Voting Reported by Sharon Benjamin
  - Runoff election preparation
- **Mr. Johnson** asked if the redistriticing issues previously presented were corrected as some Commissioners and voters were having issues at the polling locations during early voting. Specifically candidates not being on the ballot.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the department contacted blue raster to conduct an analysis of all precincts to correct any errors. It is believed that the issues have been cleared. The department will continue to maintain street files as the county develops through real estate.
- **Ms. Crawford** asked for clarification of the company name.
- Ms. Williams stated Blue Raster.
- **Mr. Johnson** asked about Poll Worker Training and the satisfaction of the training of supplemental staff and poll workers.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the temp agencies do not conduct training, training is conducted via the department. The department has received positive feedback concerning the revamped training and the poll worker kiosk. There is a poll worker survey available to all poll workers and the feedback from those surveys have been positive. The poll worker kiosk is available should poll workers need additional hands-on training.
- Mr. Johnson asked if there was a number analysis to show the percentage of positive feedback.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the survey is optional. The department will analyze and determine a percentage of those submitted.
- **Mr. Johnson** asked if the number was present.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that it would be provided to the board.
- **Dr. Ruth** clarified that **Mr. Johnson** was asking for the results from evaluations from trainers but that doesn't coincide with whether trainers are well equipped when they are in the field. Some poll workers have provided feedback that poll managers are not abiding by the trainings.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the feedback received has been received from one particular party and that the poll workers from the other party would be asked to submit their feedback to have a well rounded view. The surveys are concerning how poll workers felt about the training they received. Poll workers will receive a report card to determine how well the department thinks they performed in their duties. The feedback needs to be balanced prior to a full analysis.

- **Dr. Ruth** stated that the feedback received is from every party not simply republicans. The emphasis is the importance of training and ensuring the poll workers and poll managers are trained consistently and that the training is standardized.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the department will review all the feedback and compile it for analysis and process improvement.
- Ms. Crawford asked for a synopsis of the comments already received.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that many of the surveys focused on the provisional voting process, concerns of having or not having a technician. The responses were varied but a summary will be provided to the board.
- **Ms. Crawford** asked that the training emphasize how to change the tapes in the voting machines as that would be one less reason to require a technician.
- **Mr. Johnson** commented on Poll Worker materials and some locations lacking provisions. Some locations requested provisions and did not see a resolution for hours.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that the department will monitor what is placed in WebEOC to receive feedback from the managers. If a request was put in and hours have passed without resolution, that will show in the system.
- **Ms. Crawford** asked if the poll managers are aware of the process.
- **Ms. Williams** stated yes. All issues are to be documented in WebEOC so that the department can see what happened and implement solutions to fix the issue. Concerning supplies, all supplies are issued with a checklist. If the items are missing prior to election day, the poll managers can contact the warehouse. There are over 200 items received and experience shows that they have overlooked the item. Staff cross checks the items to ensure everything is available. The board will be updated upon review of the issues.
- **Dr. Ruth** asked about the redistricging process with the contractor and whether that was going as expected.
- **Ms. Marshall** stated that the process was moving exceptionally. The department sends a report to Blue Raster and a file is returned with the records that need review. The revisions are made and a follow up report is submitted the following day. The department believes there will be little to no issues for the runoff. The focus has been heavily emphasiszed to focus on every voter specifically those that are in the runoff. The department is also working with GIS in conjunction with Blue Raster for better quality control.
- **Dr. Ruth** asked if the updates will be published to the poll pads.
- Ms. Marshall stated yes and that spreadsheets will not be needed for the runoff election.
- **Ms. Crawford** asked if posters have been created by the communications team.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that they have been drafted and will be used to plot every polling location. For recruitment and training, the regional coordinators are contacting all poll workers to determine who has elected to return.

- Ms. Crawford asked what size the posters would be.
- Ms. Williams stated 11 by 17.
- **Dr. Ruth** asks about the update that would be received from **Mr. Olomo**.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated during the last election usually the process is to extract the result files images and log files from the compact flash cards. This election there was a technical glitch. In some precincts there may be two icps, for that precinct one AICP did not pull in either the last fall, the images, and are just pulling the results. We also had some CF cards that are pulling the result and not the images and the log files. So there was a discrepancy on election night. On the Saturday after the election the discrepancies were realized, and the director was alerted. While the glitch did not change the outcome or result of the election, there was a difference of about 1860 registered voters comparing the first election summary result that the board certified versus the recertification.
- **Dr. Ruth** asked for clarification on the number.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated 1860. **Mr. Olomo** acknowledged that **Dr. Ruth** requested that number on the day of recertification, but the information was not available because the entire system was checked.
- **Ms. Crawford** asked where the technical glitch occurred and whether it was a result of the BMDs.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated the glitch happened when the result file, the images, and the log files were being pulled from the compact flash card. Moving forward and SOP will be created to ensure due diligence for complete file extraction.
- **Dr. Ruth** clarified that this glitch was not human error.
- **Mr. Olomo** acknowledged in the affirmative.
- **Mr. Johnson** asked how many cards has issues and the total number of cards that are in the polls.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated 7 and 650 respectively.
- Mr. Johnson asked about the mechanism for the cards that show the results of the downloads.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated that the mechanism produces the results file page, but it only shows the results. It does not include the images and log files.
- **Mr. Johnson** asked if the report is processed before the certification because if the report is ran prior to the certification it would show red flags or that all of the files have not been downloaded.
- **Mr. Olomo** stated that on election day, more scanners are deployed and at time scanners can go down. If a scanner goes down, a new scanner must be deployed. The result file from L&A testing and the database is zeroed. The actual number of CF cards that are in play will increase

from 650 to however many are used on election day. The department must rely on manual data to get those numbers because on election day the scanners can go down. The new SOP will reflect the changes so the L&A results will not be zeroed until 4 pm on election day. 4pm is the cutoff because replacement scanners are usually not deployed after 4pm. Prior to zeroing the L&A report, the tabulator report will be pulled to show the number of scanners that have been deployed.

**Mr. Johnson** asked concerning the 1860 vote differential where the differentials were placed.

**Mr. Olomo** stated that the numbers were not available but that they will be provided to the board.

**Mr. Johnson** was under the impression that the information would be available since it was requested at the recertification meeting.

**Ms. Williams** stated that the numbers were dispersed throughout all races and that the board will receive the information.

**Mr. Johnson** stated that the certification is based upon trusting that what the department has provided is 100% accurate. To answer questions that are received, the additional information is needed.

**Ms. Williams** agreed and stated that a detailed breakdown will be provided to the board. The official election summary gives a breakdown of exactly which ones were affected by the upload.

**Mr. Johnson** asked if it could come with highlighted information.

**Ms. Williams** stated that a summary with side-by-side comparison and highlight will be provided.

**Dr. Ruth** expressed the importance of voter confidence in the election process. It's not ideal to have to recertify an election. As there are two races that are questioned for accuracy. **Dr. Ruth** asked for clarification on the number of registered voters on the election certification from Memorial Day.

**Mr. Olomo** responded 185840 registered voters.

**Dr. Ruth** then asked for a batches loaded report to be provided prior to certification and the cast vote record.

**Mr. Olomo** stated that a batches loaded report would be provided. The cast vote record is the statement of votes cast.

**Dr. Ruth** asked for a poll pad check in list.

**Mr. Olomo** stated that the poll pad check in list isn't available until two weeks after the election because the poll pad data must be exported from the physical poll pads.

**Dr. Ruth** clarified whether the poll pad check in lists were received.

**Mr. Olomo** stated that they are available but not until one to two weeks after the election because the poll pads must be collected from the precincts and then the data is extracted which takes time.

## Mr. Eskridge reported:

- Administration Division
  - Vacancies
    - Registration Manager
    - Elections Officer
      - Considering a position change
    - Voter Education Outreach Specialist
  - Poll Worker
    - Credentials and badges for poll watcher
  - Reports
    - Campaign Contribution Disclosure Report
      - o Due 30 June 2022
      - o Grace Date: 8 July 2022
      - o All reports will be sent to the state finance commission
  - Election Preparation
    - June 21st Runoff Election Preparation

**Ms. Crawford** asked for clarification on the VEO specialist position concerning classification changes.

**Mr. Eskridge** stated that the position that was previously within the department is no longer required and the position is being reclassified and replaced with the VEO specialist.

#### Ms. Marshall reported:

- Voter Registration Division
  - Voter Registration Status
    - Ensuring voters are in the correct precinct
    - Error correction
  - Voter Registration Applications
    - 16, 371 applications received in May
    - 0 in progress for processing due to voter registration deadline
  - Registered Voters
    - 841,933 total
      - o 740,908 active
      - o 101,025 inactive
  - Voter Registration Questions
    - Absentee Ballots
    - Ensuring polling location
  - Duplicate records and research
  - Map updates
    - Collaborative effort with GIS
  - Training
    - Statewide calls with the SOS
      - o ESRi

- Redistricting
- Poll worker training
- **Ms. Crawford** asked if the driver license registration option has affected the numbers.
- **Ms. Marshall** stated that the numbers are going up. The dashboard show 15,000+ applications that need to be processed. The department is averaging greater than 500 applications per day.
- **Dr. Ruth** asked concerning the duplicate merges whether they were cross referenced with the information that was presented by Mr. Frazier.
- Ms. Marshall confirmed in the affirmative.
- Ms. Bodison reported:
  - Absentee Division
    - Processing absentee ballots and applications
    - Updated statistics
      - Processed 5870 applications and ballots
      - Accepted 5580 applications
      - Rejected 254 applications
        - 205 received after election day
      - 56 undeliverable ballots
    - Vendor communications
      - Opecs
      - Pitney Bowes
    - Absentee ballots deadline 10 June 2022
- Mr. Johnson asked concerning the rejected ballots the number rejected.
- **Ms. Bodison** stated that the number has increased because the department continues to receive after election day ballot submissions.

#### Ms. Little reported:

- Voter Education and Outreach Division
  - 16 new deputy registrars trained, 290 deputy registrars' total
  - 205 voters registered, 800 for the year
  - □ 33 poll worker recruitments, 354 for the year
  - □ Voter identification cards created (0) through the mobile education unit
  - □ 34 voter outreach events, 161 for the year
  - 12 absentee applications
  - 130 connections with organizations, residents, and community throughout the county, 1836 connections for the year
    - 1000 event engagements, 4600 for the year
  - 4 media inquiries
  - Senior citizens interaction increase
    - Understanding the absentee application process
    - Understanding the absentee deadline
  - Atlanta Public Schools
    - Voter registration drives for eligible graduating seniors
  - New training guide for VEO coordinators

- Deputy Registrar updated training
- Future event planning
  - Fulton County schools
  - Atlanta Public Schools
  - High school student voter registration
  - Municipality events
  - Fulton County libraries
- **Mr. Johnson** asked **Ms. Bodison** is the absentee ballots have time stamps.
- **Ms. Bodison** stated yes.
- Mr. Johnson stated that the state legislature was trying to allow people to receive ballots earlier. Understanding the mailing timeline will assist with helping to determine a decision, specifically for seniors.
- **Ms. Bodison** stated that there a date and time stamped.
- Dr. Ruth asked if the ballot tracking software would be used not for the runoff but will be used for the General Election.
- Dr. Ruth asked Mr. Olomo about the differential numbers concerning the registered voters between the certification and recertification.
- **Ms. Williams** stated that a detailed report will be provided to the board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## **#5- GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION REPORT**

**Ms. Williams** stated that the general primary election report is the after-action election report. The department is still waiting on some of the divisions to submit their reports to review what went well, what went wrong, and what the department is planning to implement to improve processes.

#### #6- DUPLICATES AND VOTER CHALLENGE UPDATES

Ms. Marshall stated that the voter registration department has reviewed the file that was submitted by Jason Frazier. Total of 11, 784 names submitted, 9, 715 have been processed for correction. Mr. Frazier as well as the board would receive an update once the review and merge is complete. The only voter challenge received to the division was from David Hubert and that hearing date is set for Tuesday, June 4, 2022. The email subject and the challenge numbers are a discrepancy, but Mr. Hubert has been informed.

**Dr. Ruth** clarified that the hearing date is June 14, 2022.

## Ms. Marshall stated yes.

## **#7- POLLING PLACE CHANGES**

## Ms. Williams presented the following replacements due to location unavailability:

- Advanced Voting
  - 1. High Museum changed to the Government Center
  - 2. Chastain Park changed to Garden Hills Elementary School
- Election Day
  - 1. AP05 Creek View Elementary School changed to Alpharetta High School
  - 2. JC03A/B Finley Oaks Elementary School changed to Abbott Hill Elementary School
  - 3. JC06 North View High School change to Wilson Creek Elementary School
  - 4. SS02A/B Spalding Drive Elementary School changed to North Springs High School

<u>Vice Chairwoman Ruth entertained a motion to approve the polling place changes. The motion was made by Ms. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.</u>

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

## **No Executive Session**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

<u>Vice Chairwoman Ruth entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion.</u> Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 11:26 a.m.

The meeting adjourned.

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