

**Voter Registration Advisory Board
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Voter Registration Advisory Board was convened by Adonis Bailey, Chair, at approximately 2:00pm in the Lieutenant Governor's conference room, Alabama State Capitol Building, in Montgomery. Members present were Lynda Hairston, Benjamin Jones, Terry Lathan, Debbie Page and Josh Summerford. Ed Packard, Supervisor of Voter Registration, Office of the Secretary of State, was also in attendance. Members of the public in attendance were PJ Magik of Walker County and Teresa Benefield of Independent Living Resources of Greater Birmingham.

Mr. Packard acknowledged public notice of the meeting. He then took the roll and acknowledged the attendance of a quorum of the Board. Mr. Packard presented the draft agenda for the approval of the Board members. Ms. Lathan moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Packard presented the minutes from the November 29, 2011, meeting. Mr. Summerford moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed legislation affecting voter registration and pre-filed for the 2012 regular session of the Legislature.

The Board discussed sending a resolution to the Legislature urging consideration and approval of an earlier deadline for registering to vote prior to an election. Mr. Summerford moved that the Board approve the resolution and send it to the Speaker of the House, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor. Ms. Lathan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed issues related to the close of voter registration and the printing of poll lists. Mr. Jones moved that Mr. Packard speak to the Secretary of State about promulgating a rule that specifies when the counties may begin printing their poll lists for a pending election. Ms. Page seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed potential dates for the next meeting. Ms. Lathan moved that the Board meet on June 21, 2012. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no other business pending, Ms. Lathan moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Ed Packard

These minutes constituting a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Alabama Voter Registration Advisory Board on January 19, 2012, we have hereunto set our hands this 21st day of June of the year 2012.
