

Voter Registration Advisory Board
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Voter Registration Advisory Board was called to order in the Region's Board Room on the third floor of the Department of Archives and History Building at approximately 2:20pm. Members present were Adonis Bailey, Lynda Hairston, Deborah Howard, Debbie Page, and Benjamin Jones. Others present were Ed Packard and Will Sutton.

Clay Helms began by greeting the members, followed by acknowledging that a quorum was achieved and that the notice of the meeting was posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Mrs. Howard motioned to approve the minutes from the prior meeting held on October 23, 2014. Mrs. Deborah Page seconded the motion, followed by a full vote of approval. Mr. Helms opened for new business by mentioning the upcoming legislation that pertains to voter registration. Bills mentioned were House Bill 33, House Bill 104, and Senate Bill 131. Mrs. Bailey followed by bringing up House Bill 79, and House Bill 115. Mr. Packard provided insight on the bills that involve moral turpitude.

Mrs. Lynda Hairston moved to a new topic of business and mentioned the current requirements for contacting schools of higher learning within the State of Alabama, in which the Boards of Registrars must hold voter drives. Mr. Packard provided the statutory language involved with those requirements. Mr. Helms states that there is no provision in the law that requires citizens who hold voter drives to submit the applications received within a certain period of time.

Mrs. Hairston provided the Board with statistics that show the current overspending to contact applicants for voter registration that submit incomplete NVRA applications.

Mrs. Howard motioned to close, seconded by Benjamin Jones. After a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Clay Helms