

Voter Registration Advisory Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 3, 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 2:30pm. Members present were Adonis Bailey, Lynda Hairston, Don Milligan, Deborah Howard, and Benjamin Jones. Others present were Clay Helms, Will Sutton, and an intern of the Office of the Secretary of State, Emily.

Adonis Bailey called the meeting to order followed by an acknowledgment that a quorum was achieved by Clay Helms. A motion was made by Deborah Howard to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on March 12, 2015, and was seconded by Lynda Hairston. After a full vote of approval, the motion was approved.

In the first order of new business, Clay Helms gave a legislative update on all of the House and Senate Bills pertaining to voter registration, followed by a group discussion of the language within the Bills themselves.

Clay Helms provided the group with an update on the Office of the Secretary of State scheduling stops in each county of the state to offer voter registration and issue photo voter identification. The members gave insight on how to improve productivity and results from the event scheduling process in the future.

Lynda Hairston reminded the group that all Boards of Registrars members in Alabama are up for reappointment with the official date being October 1, 2015. Lynda Hairston asked for increased training offerings for all Boards of Registrars members periodically throughout the year. Don Milligan offered a possibility of extending the length of training time at the AABOR meetings to aid in the effort of training. Lynda Hairston provided past success stories using Calhoun College in Madison County as a host site for the training sessions. Clay Helms added that the Office of the Secretary of State plans to hold training sessions for all new registrars sometime in October of 2015, focusing on those persons that have never been involved with the duties of a registrar.

Lynda Hairston and Adonis Bailey commented on the need for full training for all registrars, regardless of years of service.

Lynda Hairston made a motion to move future meeting times to 1pm instead of 2pm in order to aid in travel time for the members. The motion was seconded by Deborah Howard, and approved by the group.

Deborah Howard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Benjamin Jones. After a full vote, the meeting was adjourned.

**After adjournment, the advisory board members changed their proposal for a new meeting time to 11am for all upcoming meetings.

Submitted by Clay Helms

Adonis Bailey
Lynda Hairston
Don Milligan