

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

1/17/2019

(3rd Floor) Regions Board Room
Alabama Department of Archives and History Building
624 Washington Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36130

Members present were Chairman Jo Stiefel, Adonis Bailey, Don Milligan, Robert (Bob) Sanders, and Kathy Thompson. Clay Helms, Rachel Jarrett and Eugenia Stone were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present was Lynda Hairston, Madison County Registrar.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 11/15/2018

Chairman Stiefel called the meeting to order. Chairman Stiefel notified the Board that the meeting notice was published online to comply with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and said notice was attached to the agenda.

Chairman Stiefel checked the roll and notified the Board that five members were present which accomplished the quorum requirement. Chairman Stiefel asked the members of the Board to review the Agenda for the day and the official Meeting Minutes for the 11/15/2018, meeting. Board Member Milligan motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Member Sanders seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Board Member Milligan motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from 11/15/2018, and the motion was seconded by Board Member Sanders. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

Chairman Stiefel and Clay Helms discussed the upcoming legislative bills. Clay Helms stated there are three different legislative bills as of right now. The first bill will change the deadline to submit voter registration forms in municipal elections to 14 days prior to an election to conform to state and federal elections. The second bill is changes to the absentee voting laws. The third bill will change the six week time frame for a runoff election to 4 weeks after a primary election. Board Member Bailey discussed the need for possible changes in the future to provisional ballot laws. Board Member Bailey stated that depending on the amount of provisional ballots in a county, the Registrars may need more than a week to process all the provisional ballots. Chairman Stiefel discussed the Post Office reading address wrong on the voter information cards. Clay Helms stated that the issue is with the local Post Offices and that the Registrars need to check with their local Post Office to correct the issue. Chairman Stiefel stated that she still has not heard from the Alabama Probate Judges Association and Alabama Association of County Commissions on the letters sent to associations.

New Business

The Board Members and Clay Helms discussed the required documentation for issuing an Alabama Photo Voter ID. Clay Helms discussed that the seven regional trainings for the Registrars will include the Police & Sheriff's Press training Registrars on the Photo Voter ID equipment and software. Clay Helms stated that the Police & Sheriff's Press won the contract bid so there would not be any changes to the vendor or software for the Photo Voter IDs. Clay Helms discussed that the Secretary of State's office received from the U.S. Courts a list of jurors that said they were not U.S. citizens. Clay Helms stated that this list will be sent to the Registrars. Board Member Thompson discussed the Admin Rule 820-2-2 and the forms C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4. Clay Helms stated that the Secretary of State has not authorized the Registrars to use the forms regarding citizenship. The State of Alabama was waiting on the rulings from the lawsuits in other states regarding the citizenship issue. Clay Helms stated that all Registrars should have received an email regarding cyber security. Clay Helms gave an update on the mileage reimbursement. Board Member Thompson discussed the need for changes to the electronic application when a person has an apartment number. When the address line does not fit in the first box of the application and the person enters the apartment number in the second box, the apartment number


does not pull correctly over to the voter registration system. Board Member Thompson discussed the need to have trainings for the poll workers on cross-over voting and the importance of making the record accurate information. Clay Helms stated that the Secretary of State's office sends a poll worker guide to the county probate judges.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

Board members discussed setting the next meeting in April of 2019 on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Chairman Stiefel agreed to notify Clay Helms of the next meeting date in the coming weeks.

Adjournment

Board Member Milligan motioned to adjourn and Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve.


Robert L. Stiefel
Adonis Spitzer
Don Milligan
Kathy Thompson
Jo W. Stiefel, Chairman 04-04-2019