

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Minutes-

1/23/2020

(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, Debbie Page, Fay Poole, Kathy Thompson and Benjamin Jones. Members Alleen Barnett, Don Milligan and Robert (Bob) Sanders were not present. Jeff Elrod and Rachel Jarrett were present to represent the Secretary of State's Office. Also, present were Rachel Knowles from the Southern Poverty Law Center and Aubrey (Dev) Wakeley from Alabama Arise .

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 10/17/2019

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. Rachel Jarrett called the roll and notified the Board that six 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 10/17/2019, meeting. Board Member Page motioned to approve the Agenda and Board Member Thompson seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor to approve. Board Member Poole motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes from 10/17/2019, and the motion was seconded by Board Member Bailey. The Board voted all in favor to approve.

Old Business

Chairman Stiefel reopened the discussion about the number of working of Registrars being increased. Board Member Bailey discussed going to the local legislature regarding the working days of the Registrars and the need to go before the session begins. Jeff Elrod recommended talking to the county commissioners about increasing the working days of Registrars in addition to talking to local legislators.

New Business

Chairman Stiefel opened the floor to new business. Jeff Elrod discussed the statewide voter registration statistics as of December 31, 2019 and gave an update on the statewide voter registration and voter file maintenance efforts. Jeff Elrod discussed one of the elections bill in the 2020 legislative session regarding the NVRA process. Chairman Stiefel discussed the 2020 Voter Guide and absentee voting deadlines. Chairman Stiefel opened the floor to the two guests at the meeting. Dev Wakeley from Alabama Arise discussed the two bills that Alabama Arise is working on for 2020 legislature session. The first bill is dealing with automatic registration. The second bill is dealing with unpaid fines when restoring voting rights. Rachel Knowles from Southern Poverty Law Center does not know any specific election bills that SPLC is working on but that she agrees with both of the bills Alabama Arise is working on. Board Member Poole mentioned that the probate judge in her county bought D and R stickers for the county's paper poll books. Jeff Elrod and the Board discussed e-poll books.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

— Board members discussed setting the next meeting on April 23, 2020 at 2:00 pm. —

Adjournment

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

Jo W. Stiefel, Chairman
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