

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-DRAFT Minutes-
8/18/2022

Regions Boardroom
Alabama Department of Archives and History

Members present were Don Milligan, Darwin Prewitt, Fay Poole, Adonis Bailey, and Bob Sanders. Absent members were Benjamin Jones, Eugenia Stone, Jo Stiefel, and Debbie Page. Laural Bunn was present to represent the Secretary of State's Office.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 6/23/2022

Chairman Milligan called the meeting to order. Member Prewitt led the board in the invocation and Chairman Milligan followed by leading the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Milligan notified the Board that the meeting was published online to comply with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and acknowledged the reminder was sent to all members. The attendance of five members was noticed and a quorum was present. The members reviewed the agenda for the meeting. Member Bailey made a motion to approve the agenda and a second was provided by Member Prewitt. The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda. Chairman Milligan had Ms. Bunn review the minutes from the June 23rd meeting aloud. Member Poole made a motion to approve the minutes and a second was provided by Member Bailey. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 23rd meeting.

Old Business

Chairman Milligan discussed ongoing issues associated with the failed pay increase legislation while also discussing additional concerns with the unequal disbursement of equipment. Some counties have more equipment, administrative accesses, or resources than other counties. Member Bailey indicated that Registrars have increased work requirements but have not received a compensatory increase in pay. Member Poole suggested for legislators to spend their day in a registrar's office to understand the need for pay increase legislation. Member Bailey discussed the negative media coverage associated with recent reapportionment issues. Members Poole, Bailey and Prewitt discussed the equipment needed to best complete the process. Chairman Milligan, and Members Poole and Bailey discussed the procedures associated with the reapportionment process in accordance with state and federal laws. Member Bailey provided clarification about the procedures the boards must follow and provided insight into the origin of non-related election day issues that are incorrectly attributed to the reapportionment process.

New Business

Chairman Milligan requested additional clarification on the procedure for the reallocation of work days. Ms. Bunn provided the process. Chairman Milligan requested future discussions regarding the funding of unsuccessful reallocation requests made to the county commissions. Member Bailey discussed the need for clarification on which resources to communicate with when troubleshooting different job-related issues. Member Poole agreed further clarification could be provided in future training. Ms. Bunn agreed this will be addressed in future training sessions. Chairman Milligan provided a scheduling update for the AABOR meeting in the fall. Chairman Milligan discussed funding-related issues with the proposed venues.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 2pm in the Archives boardroom.

Adjournment

Member Bailey motioned for the Board to adjourn and Member Sanders seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor of adjournment.

