

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
October 12, 2021 Special Called Meeting 6:00 p.m

The Special Called Meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration convened at the Spalding County Courthouse Annex, 119 E. Solomon Street, Meeting Room 108 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

In attendance: Chairman Ben Johnson, Board Member Roy McClain, Board Member James Newland, Board member Alfred Jester, and Elections Supervisor Kimberly Slaughter.

Meeting called to order: Chairman Ben Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The invocation was led by Alfred Jester.

The Pledge to the flag was led by Ben Johnson

Citizens Comments:

Dr. Yoshunda Jones 104 Saint Luke Dr. spoke on the subject of Sunday voting and why she thought the Board of Elections and Voter Registration should vote in favor of Sunday voting.

Sharon King 143 Cumberland Rd. spoke on the subject of Sunday voting. Ms. King shared her thoughts of what Sunday voting means to her. She also stated that some voters are not privileged to take time off from work to vote during the week. She stated that to vote against Sunday voting would be systemic racism.

Mary Braun 628 Jenkinsburg Rd. thanked the Board of Elections and Voter Registration and Administration for their service in challenging times and conveyed her appreciation for everyone working together to obtain the goal of ethical elections.

Carmen Torres 29 Laurelwood Cir stated that she did not meet the requirements for Public Comment.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Alfred Jester made a motion to adopt the Agenda, James Newland second the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim O'Brien made a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes, James Newland second the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business:

(A) Roy McClain briefed the Board on the Ad Hoc Committee and the measures underway to provide safe and secure Elections.

(B) Vote to affirm the Board's decision at its September meeting to suspend the current By-laws and rely on HB 769 and SB 202 in guiding action of the Board. If passed, this action will go into effect November 1, 2021. Jim O'Brien stated that we do need to take some time to review By-laws. Roy McClain made a motion to suspend the current By-laws, James Newland second the motion. The vote passed 5-0.

New Business

None

Report of Elections Supervisor

Kim Slaughter reported on the status of Logic & Accuracy and that it is a process which can take up to three weeks to complete. She also reported some of the challenges incurred so far during the L & A process. Mrs. Slaughter reported that Novus Agenda is a work in progress and that she is working with Kathy Gibson to complete the implementation of Novus for the Elections & Voter Registration Department. There were 89 voters to cast their vote so far during the Advance Voting period. She also thanked several county employees for their assistance with improvements in the office to create a better workflow.

Board Member Comments

Roy McClain asked that all voting systems issues to be reported at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Roy McClain made a motion to adjourn. Jim O'Brien second the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Ben Johnson, Chairman

Kimberly Slaughter/Election Sup.