

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
Special Called Meeting
August 9, 2022

The special called meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Registration was held at the County Courthouse Annex, 109 East Solomon Street at 5:30 p.m. on August 9, 2022. Attending were Vice Chairman James Newland, presiding and Board Members Roy McClain, Jim O'Brien, and Dexter Wimbish (by Webex). Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter, Voter Registration Coordinator Billie Preston, County Attorney Stephanie Windham, and Teresa Watson to record minutes.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman James Newland called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. and welcomed everyone. He read a brief statement regarding meeting protocol.

Invocation/Moment of Silence

Mr. Jim O'Brien provided the invocation.

Pledge

Mr. Roy McClain led the pledge.

Adoption of the Agenda

Roy McClain moved to amend the agenda to add an election challenge public hearing prior to the agenda item, "Challenge of Voters on Electors List". Jim O'Brien seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 4-0 with Dexter Wimbish voting by Webex.

Motion/second by Roy McClain/Jim O'Brien to adopt the amended agenda carried by a 4-0 vote.

Motion/second by James Newland/Roy McClain to enter public hearing at 5:37 carried by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing

Marcia Collins, 50 Ninety-Two Place, Griffin, Georgia

When voting last, she was informed she had voted twice, which she knew to be incorrect. So, she started doing some research after she heard about the two voters who had moved to Florida and voted there while still being on the voter registration rolls here. She was present tonight to ask that the Board consider removing the 94 persons identified on the July 27, 2022, Challenged Voter List.

Billie Preston referenced the July 27, 2022, Challenged Voter List that Ms. Collins had researched and presented, which included 94 persons. These were presented to Board Members in packets for this Special Called Meeting. The document shows everyone's current voting status and the date last voted. The County is only required by law to send notices to the last known Spalding County address; however, whenever possible, these were sent to new addresses, as well. Staff received responses by email and telephone, and 20 were returned. Based on the findings of staff, it is recommended that the Board remove these 94 identified voters from Spalding County voter registrations. Of those contacted, no one confirmed they wanted to remain a voter here.

Motion/second to adjourn Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. by Roy McClain/Jim O'Brien carried 4-0.

Challenge of Voters on Electors List

Roy McClain moved to remove said names identified on the July 27, 2022, list, seconded by Jim O'Brien. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0-1 with Mr. Wimbish abstaining.

Adjournment

Motion/second to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. by Roy McClain/James Newland carried by a vote of 4-0.

James Newland, Vice Chairman

Recording Secretary, Teresa A. Watson