

SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
Special Called Meeting
November 15, 2022

The special called meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Registration was held at 825 Memorial Drive, Griffin, GA. Attending were Chairman Ben Johnson presiding, Vice-Chairman James Newland, and Board Members Roy McClain, Jim O'Brien, and Dexter Wimbish. Also present were Elections Supervisor Kim Slaughter and County Attorney Stephanie Windham.

Call to Order

Chairman Ben Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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 public comment. Jim O'Brien seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 5-0.

Motion/second by Roy McClain/Jim O'Brien to adopt the amended agenda carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comment

Ron Hoffman presented concerns in regards to CISA vulnerabilities stating the Secretary of State's office has not addressed. He also shared that the QR code is not representation of the voter's vote and represents the ballot in question. He also encouraged hand counts to ensure that the system is processing voters' votes correctly.

Discussion of Board Members

Board members discussed the security of Elections including concerns of the QR code. Chairman Ben Johnson requested documentation as to whether we can use paper ballots or not. James Newland went on record to say he desired a ballot that lists only candidates voted for. Roy McClain expressed concern about why there is not a QR code reader available to the counties. Dexter Wimbish expressed concern as well with the QR code in discussion among the Board.

Kim Slaughter informed the Board that preparations were being made for the Risk Limit audit to take place for the November 8, 2022 election. Dexter Wimbish spoke about a hand count outside of the Regular counting of ballots. Kim Slaughter shared concerns about the QR code after witnessing along with the Vote Review Panel the error made by the Secretary of State's office on an EBD (Electronic Delivery Ballot) for a UOCAVA voter. The EBD ballot reflected Precinct 8 with a County Commission District 5 race. Precinct 8 does not consist of County Commission District 5 but rather County Commission District 3. The Secretary of State's office was made aware of this error but a response has not been received. The Poll pad incident was also discussed where the poll pads reflecting other

counties precincts within Spalding County. KnowInk made the correction to the Poll Pads as soon as the Election office made them aware of the error.

Board Member Comments

Roy McClain stated that he appreciated the hard work of the Office staff.

Certification of Election

Jim Newland moved to certify the November 8th, 2022 Election pursuant to the Election Summary Report. Roy McClain seconded the motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion/second to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.. by Ben Johnson/James Newland carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ben Johnson, Chairman of the Board

Kimberly Slaughter, Elections Supervisor