



Hart County Board of Elections and Registration
182 Cade Street, Suite B, Hartwell, GA 30643
August 8, 2024 9am
Draft Minutes

Board Members: *Garry Hamilton, Board of Elections, Pam Gordon, Board Member, Dottie Williams, Board Member*

Election Coordinator/Staff: *Lacey Sanders, Robin Webb*

Guests: *Sue Ackerman*

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman, Garry Hamilton at 9:02am

Welcome: Chair, Garry Hamilton

Agenda Approved:

- Motion to approve agenda by Member Gordon
- 2nd by Member Williams
- All approved 3-0

Old Business: Voter Challenges

- Voter Challenges
 - During July 9, 2024, the Board of Elections voted to seek legal counsel from the county attorney to determine probable cause for challenges. This meeting/hearing was called to address the challenges at the advice of the County Attorney.
 - Prior to this meeting, all challenged voters in an active status were sent letters advising them of the hearing and the reason for the challenge. Every voter was sent an affirmation of residency, request to cancel their voter registration, and a change of address card with a request to respond accordingly. They were flagged in the Georgia Voter Registration information System as challenged without the intent to deny them the right to vote. The intent of the flag is only to be used as a follow up to maintain correct addresses for the voters if/when they vote in the November 5, 2024 Election. Flags will be removed prior to the election as voters respond to the earlier contact.
 - Inactive voters were also flagged in GARViS but without letters. They were flagged in the Georgia Voter Registration information System as challenged without the intent to deny them the right to vote. The intent of the flag is only to be used as a follow up to maintain correct addresses for the voters if/when they vote in the November 5, 2024 Election.
 - The name of each challenged voter was called, and the status of their voter registration was announced.
 - No further grounds for removal were presented by the challenger for any active voter.

- The challenger had copies of possible proof of registration in other states for numerous inactive voters.
- The following motions were made and voted on by the Board:
 - Chair Hamilton made the motion that no further action for active voters would be taken. Inactive voters with further grounds will be contacted by mail in the same manner as active voters before this meeting. All non-responding voters will remain flagged as challenged in GARViS.
 - Seconded by Member Williams.
 - 3-0 All approved
 - Member Gordon made the motion to remove inactive voters only as they are subject to the National Voter Registration Act.
 - Seconded by Member Williams.
 - 3-0 All approved.
 - Member Gordon made the motion to contact late challenges as a courtesy and flag them in GARViS.
 - Seconded by Member Williams
 - 3-0 All approved.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn at 11:43 am by Member Gordon
- Seconded by Member Williams
- All in favor 3-0

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