

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS/REGISTRATION

Minutes of Combined Meeting

June 27, 2019

Present: Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman
Anna Lawhorn, Secretary
Dr. Mary Sue Ward
Dawn Arnold
Lamar Ellis

Call to Order:

Vice-Chairman Huckaby called the meeting to order. Chairman Barton, who was attending a medical appointment, arrived prior to the meeting's conclusion.

Invocation:

The invocation was given by Anna Lawhorn.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Dr. Ward made a motion to approve the minutes and Shirley Huckaby seconded. Motion carried.

Citizens to be Heard:

None.

Challenges to be Heard:

None, due to pending changes to the rules affecting felon response time.

Supervisor's Report:

- a. The SOS Office approved moving forward with the NCOA process and all 469 Confirmation Notices for Cook County were mailed out on June 5, 2019. Several have been returned "Undeliverable" or contained a forwarding address. Very few have been returned completed by the registered voters.
- b. An Open Records Request was received from Beatrice Brown with the Coalition for Good Governance on June 3, 2019. The GEMS reports from the 2015 and 2017 November Elections were requested. There was no charge for retrieving and emailing the reports since it took less than 15 minutes to complete the open records request.
- c. On June 17th, an Open Records Request was received from Rebecca Ayala with the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law. A variety of information was requested from the November 6, 2018 election including the number of poll workers, the number of voting machines, closing times, addresses of the polling locations, etc. Itemized budget information was also requested for all even years dating back to 2004. An invoice was emailed to New York for \$45.80 for time spent on retrieving the information.
- d. An Open Records Request was received on June 17th from Eli Presberg with the Georgia Democratic Party. He requested a copy of the current minutes from the recent Board Meeting

and also requested minutes of all future meetings. The County Attorney informed our Elections Supervisor that open ended requests such as this were not allowed. It was suggested that it would be helpful to post all minutes from Board Meetings be posted to the county website. Dr. Ward made a motion to post monthly meeting minutes to the county website and Shirley Huckaby seconded. The motion carried.

- e. Dawn met with the County Commissioners on June 17th to discuss the 2019-2020 budget proposal for Elections. The meeting went well with most of the discussion centered around the new voting equipment and the uncertainties of what parts/furniture would be needed to accommodate the new equipment. Budget approval is not expected until late July or August.
- f. The Voter Participation Center has started their yearly mailouts. To date, two registration applications have been forwarded to us for people who have been coded "Deceased" for quite some time.
- g. A discussion was held concerning preparing a backdrop to be used by voters in making photos on election day showing they voted. Other counties have provided such a backdrop and it has helped to increase voter participation. The size and cost of such a backdrop were issues. No action was taken on this issue, but will be discussed further at a future meeting.
- h. As the result of learning that other counties have paid board members for performing duties as poll workers during early voting, a discussion was held as to the possibility of paying local board members when they serve as poll workers during early voting. This topic will be further explored at a future meeting when all the board is present.
- i. Lamar is in the process of verifying that all voter registration cards and signatures have been scanned in eNet. To date, he has completed cards "A to L".

Announcements:

- a. The date for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) will be March 24, 2020.
- b. The office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th for the Independence Day holiday.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Dr. Ward made a motion to adjourn. Shirley Huckaby seconded and the motion carried.

Next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 25th, at 10:00 a.m.



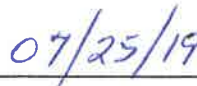
Shirley Huckaby, Vice-Chairman



Date



Anna Lawhorn, Secretary



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