

# Bryan County

## Board of Elections and Registration Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2023 at 4:00 pm At  
Richmond Hill Administrative Complex, Commissioners Conf. Room  
66 Captain Matthew Freeman Dr.  
Richmond Hill, GA 31324

### Persons Attending:

Chairman Andrew Johnson, Vice Chairman & Secretary Keith Spitznogle, Board Members Elizabeth Ergle, Nevin Patton, Assistant County Manager Kathryn Downs, Elections Supervisor Olivia Chapman, Keshia Gusman Asst. Elections Supervisor. Penny Dubois was Absent.

### Call To Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. The meeting was properly advertised on the County website.

### Agenda Approval

The agenda was approved as presented.

### Minutes

The minutes from the July 20, 2023 Board Meeting were presented. Board Member Ergle made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Spitznogle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### Old Business

- Board Member made Motion to Move Precinct #3 voting center from Board of Education Administrative Building, which is no longer available, to Lanier Learning Center, 6024 U.S. HWY 280, Pembroke, GA 31321. Member Spitznogle seconded. Motion passed unanimous.
- Poll Worker Training dates, for all Pool Workers, will be: Pembroke (Lanier Training Center) Sept 25 5-8 PM, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4PM; Richmond Hill (County Admin Building) Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1-4PM, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 5-8PM.

### New Business

- Chapman presented a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding Georgia elections processes and ballot handling. This was to prepare Board Members how to respond to Voter questions knowledgably and appropriately.
- Preparations underway for Election in November. Team of (2) Board Members will receive Ballots from each precinct and deliver to Pembroke Elections Office on Election night.
- GAVREO in Athens this December. All office Election staff will attend.
- Elections office has mailed "Voter No Activity" notifications.

### Board or Staff Concerns

Member Ergle asked that Board members receive materials for Board meetings with a longer lead time to allow for better preparation.

### Public Comments (Limited to Agenda Items – 5 Minute Maximum)

Guest, Lynn Bladergroen, spoke Thanking the Board for current performance level and is not aware of any issues of concern. Frustrated with all the negative media and community rhetoric concerning computer systems.

Guest, Patty Hewitt, Chairperson, Bryan County Democratic Committee. Presented to the Board a Georgia Elections: Facts Sheet prepared by her. Synopsis, wants the Board to be fair and impartial to all candidates and parties. Is not soliciting a change to paper ballots. Wants election results validated by facts, numbers, and representative count audits. Certification of voter's ballots regardless of outcome. The Facts sheets findings section supported stated position that 2020 election results were accurate and there was no issue with the Dominion Voting Systems. Ergo no need to support any change to paper ballots as advocated by a contingent within the county.

### Executive Session

No Executive Session was necessary.

### Adjournment

No further business being necessary or offered. Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 4:00 pm. (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

Respectfully Submitted,



Keith Spitznogle, Secretary