



## Board of Elections and Registrations

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### Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration February 8, 2024 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Vice Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m.

**Board Comments:** Welcome new board member Annette Williams to the Board.

**Agenda Request:** N/A

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Linda Parker seconded Edwin Roldan's motion to approve the December board meeting minutes.

**New Business:**

- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair-** Diane Scrimshire made a motion for Uhland Roberts to become Chair and Linda Parker to become vice-chair. Edwin Roldan seconded the motion. Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
- **Obituaries and Vital Report Totals-** Linda Parker moved acceptance of the obituary report. Diane Scrimshire seconded. Board unanimously approved the report accepting 50 obituary deaths for the month of January.
- **Special Election- HD 139-** A special election to fill the vacancy in HD 139 will be held on April 9. If a runoff is necessary, it will be May 7. Early voting will begin as soon as ballots are available. If a runoff is necessary, it will be during a part of early voting for the May General Primary.
- **FY25 Budget Request-** The FY25 budget request includes additional poll pad printers for each early voting location and the replacement of damaged equipment at the North Warehouse because of a water leak in roof.

Board discussed increased in bi-weekly pay.

The General Assembly is considering ballot paper that contains a water-mark to enhance security paper. If this legislation is passed, all ballot stock on hand will be replaced with new ballot paper. All old stock will be destroyed.

**Old Business:**

- **Presidential Preference Primary-** Early voting will begin February 19<sup>th</sup> 7am-7pm.at three locations: City Services Center, Shirley Winston Recreation Center, and Columbus Public Library.
- **Human Resources Processes-** On-boarding process for returning employees has been changed by the Human Resources Department. This change will affect all previously employed temporary employees. This new policy is not the same for all departments. Director Nancy Boren asked for an exception due to it being so close to early voting to begin but was denied.



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- **Deputy Registrar Program-** Tabled because of voter registration deadlines for Presidential Preference Primary..

**Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:** Laura Walker thanked the Board and staff as she announces her departure from the state in April of 2024. Ms. Walker is the former chair of the Democratic Party in Columbus.

Nancy Boren thanked Laura Walker and Alton Russell, former chair of the Republican Party, for their participation in the audit of the 2020 election.

**Correspondence:** N/A

No further business Vice- Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts  
Vice-Chairperson