



## Board of Elections and Registrations

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Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration  
April 13, 2023  
Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, April 13th. Vice Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Chair Margaret Jenkins available by phone for meeting. February minutes were adopted.

**Comments:** N/A

### New Business:

- **Special Election – School Board District 7-** Qualifying dates April 12-13<sup>th</sup> 9am to 4pm ending April 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. 6 precincts are in school board district 7 that has just over 13 thousand active registered voters. Staffing will be provided by precinct managers. With Memorial Day being May 29<sup>th</sup> early voting will begin on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Recommended hours of operations are as follows: Location 3111 Citizens Way Community room for 3weeks, beginning on Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm; Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> & June 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm (mandated by state law); Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30am- 6:00pm. To remain consistent with past special elections there will be no Sunday schedule for early voting.  
**Best practices-** Dr Edwin Roldan seconded Diane Scrimshire motion to accept a new procedural study using tri-boards of required signs to go out to the precincts with open suggestions from the managers working on election day, June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Voter Registration Report-** Linda Parker seconded Dr. Roldan's motion to accept 25 obituary deaths for the month of March – these deaths are in addition to the list provided by the state.
  - a) **Process of Deceased Voters- O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31** The State automatically cancels the voter registration records of deceased electors whose information can be verified 100% electronically. When the state cannot verify with certainty, that a decedent's name on their list is the same person on the list of electors with the same name or similar identifying information, they send an electronic list of those names to the counties where there appears to a voter registration record. We, the county, will then compare the information from that list against the information in the voter registration system. If it is determined by us that the information matches, and that they are in fact, the same person we then cancel that voter registration record.



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- b) Muscogee County uses information obtained from obituaries published by local newspapers about persons who have died to cancel the voter registration records of deceased electors as a tool for list maintenance. The law does not require counties to take the initiative to use verifiable outside sources to maintain the system's vital records. This is simply our office policy. However, because Muscogee County has chosen this proactive approach, we are quite often able to cancel many of our deceased elector's voter registration records much sooner than the state can. This is a very good thing for many reasons such as keeping our elector's list well maintained, as accurate as possible, and drastically reducing the possibility of a vote being cast in the name of an elector who is no longer living.
- **Precincts-2024- EBT to Cunningham Center-** (see diagram) Conflict with dates of the 2024 election cycle. Board will table with no action to be taken. Item will be put back on the agenda for the next board meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Board Meeting Requests and Comments-** Agenda Request form will have to be filed with the election's office 2 weeks prior to the board meeting. To be added to the agenda. Sign-in will be required for comments to be made at the end of the meeting. This helps the board keep records of actions, and a record of comments or questions.

### Old Business:

- **By-Laws-** The Board approved by-laws with amendments. Talisha Austin was nominated by the elections board and unanimously approved to remain as secretary to the board. The order of agenda will change moving comments to the end of the agenda.
- **Voter Registration System –GARVIS-** New statewide system Muscogee county had attended states training. June election will be the first with the new system.

**Correspondence:** N/A

### Guest: Public Forum

Denise Cambridge requested Sunday voting, for the board to look into moving the early voting site from 3111 Citizens Way to a location closer in School Board District 7 for the special election.

No further business Vice-Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Uhland Roberts  
Vice-Chairperson



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