

## Board of Elections and Registrations

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### Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration November 7, 2019 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, November 7th. Chairperson Margaret Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. Members of the Board were present. October Board minutes were adopted.

#### **New Business:**

- Overview of voters on the Secretary of State website listed for cancellation

#### **List Maintenance:**

- Uhland Roberts motion with Linda Parker second to approve VR Report of 109 obituary deaths.

#### **Old Business:**

- Precincts for 2020- Board approved moving Precinct 115 out of Rothschild Middle School to Holsey Monumental Church on Buena Vista Rd. Precinct 116 from Fort Middle School to Canaan Baptist Church.
- Advertisement will be announced for newly moved precincts and precinct cards mailed to each affected voter.
- State will send someone to every precinct in Ga for inspection
- Public meeting held on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Elections gave the public opportunity to see and use new voter equipment that elections office had on site. Board pleased with attendance of the meeting.
- Board looking to schedule another public meeting with more equipment.

#### **Discussion:**

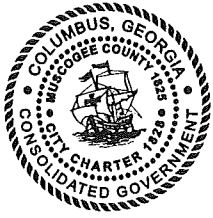
- Linda Parker and Chair Margaret Jenkins to support Elections office at AKA voting machine demo on November 7<sup>th</sup>
- November 16<sup>th</sup> the Elections office is scheduled to do a demo of new voting equipment at Nazareth Church.

#### **Correspondence:**

- Nancy Boren to go before council to request additional funding election year 2020

#### **Guests:**

- Chaille Sullivan- Indivisible Columbus
- Jane Wilson- League of Women Voters
- Richard Parker- DPG Liaison



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No further business Chairperson, Margaret Jenkins, adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret Jenkins*  
Margaret Jenkins  
Chairperson

## Overview

<i>Elections Division of the Georgia Secretary of State</i>
HB316
<b>Overview</b>
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- Voters that are in Inactive status and have no contact through two general election cycles are then subject to be removed from the voter list
- This process is referred to as NGE
- The definition of November general elections in this context are the November elections held in even numbered years
- As an example, a voter that is Inactive as of July 1, 2015, and does not vote in the remainder of 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 is eligible for this process
- Beginning this year, with the change from HB316, we will mail notices to all voters on this list of inactive voters
  - The notices were mailed on Wednesday, November 6, 2019
  - The notice, which is similar to confirmation notices, can be used by the voter to update their address and mail back to prevent being removed
  - If the voter does not complete and return the form within 40 days and has not made contact, the voter will be moved to Cancelled Status for reason of NGE
- The clock ends on December 16, 2019, and all records that have not been updated will be cancelled

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- Any voter cancelled that is an eligible voter can re-register but must keep in mind the registration cutoffs for elections next year
- The voter can also go online to OLVr and complete that process to remain registered or re-register
- Any activity that updates the last contact date on the voter's record will remove that record from the NGE process and stop the clock for that voter
- Reminder of the NVRA regarding removing eligible voters due to change of residence
  - National Voter Registration Act Citation - 52 U.S.C. § 20507(d) *Removal of names from voting rolls.*
    - (1) *A State shall not remove the name of a registrant from the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant--*
      - (A) *confirms in writing that the registrant has changed residence to a place outside the registrar's jurisdiction in which the registrant is registered; or*
      - (B) *(i) has failed to respond to a notice described in paragraph (2); and (ii) has not voted or appeared to vote (and, if necessary, correct the registrar's record of the registrant's address) in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second general election for Federal office that occurs after the date of the notice.*

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- Voters are moved to Inactive status for three reasons
  - Returned Mail – a county that receives returned election mail from the Post Office
    - The county will update the Voter Records that mail was returned as undeliverable or voter no longer lives at that address
    - A return mail confirmation notice is sent to the voter to update the residence and mailing address
  - If the voter does not return the notice within 40 days, the record is moved to Inactive status
    - An Inactive voter is still eligible to vote
  - National Change of Address Notice
    - If a voter completed a change of address to a new county with the Post Office and did not update their registered address, the voter is sent a confirmation notice to update their address
    - Only voters that are listed with an address out of the registered county but still in Georgia are moved to Inactive status after the 40 day clock
      - Voters that are listed as moving within county are updated by the county registrar through the dashboard process of if the notice is completed and returned by the voter prior to the 40 day clock expiring
  - No Contact
    - If a voter does not have any contact with the county office which includes voting, signing a petition, sending in a voter application or confirmation notice for more than five years
      - These voters are also sent a confirmation notice to update their information to remain in Active status
    - If no response is received, the voter is moved to Inactive status for reason of No Contact



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Atlanta, GA  
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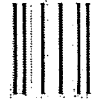
FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

MUSCOGEE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION  
P.O. BOX 1340  
COLUMBUS GA 31902 - 1340  
PHONE: 706-653-4392



REG# 08245965  
JONATHAN ANDREW FREED  
30 LORRAINE ST  
GLEN RIDGE NJ 07028 - 0202

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEORGIA VOTER REGISTRATION  
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE  
FOR TAKING TIME TO  
GIVE YOUR BOARD OF REGISTRARS  
THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
REMEMBER THIS RESPONSE IS POSTAGE-PAID  
YOU DO NOT NEED TO PLACE A STAMP ON IT.



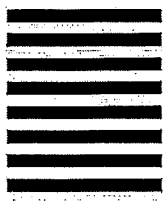
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**BUSINESS REPLY MAIL**  
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SECRETARY OF STATE  
PO BOX 105325  
ATLANTA GA 30348-9562



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GEORGIA VOTER REGISTRATION**

DEAR VOTER:

**YOUR COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRARS IS UPDATING ITS VOTER REGISTRATION LIST**

Your voter registration record was inactive through the November 08, 2016 and November 06, 2018 General Elections. You will be removed from the voter rolls in the State of Georgia if you do not take action in the next 30 days.

To prevent cancellation, you must complete one of the following in the next 30 days:

- Follow the instructions below to complete, sign, and return the bottom portion of this notice.
- Submit an updated voter registration application online at <https://register.vote.sos.ga.gov>
- Complete, print, sign, and return the postage-paid voter registration application located on the Secretary of State's website at [sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/register\\_to\\_vote](http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/register_to_vote)

Failure to act within 30 days will lead to cancellation and require you to re-register to vote.

If you have questions, please contact your County Board of Registrars at the address shown on the outside of this mailer or the Secretary of State's office at 404-656-2871. Visit our website at [www.sos.ga.gov/elections](http://www.sos.ga.gov/elections) for information on elections and voter registration.


If you have moved out of state, please visit [www.eac.gov/voter\\_resources/contact\\_your\\_state.aspx](http://www.eac.gov/voter_resources/contact_your_state.aspx) to find out how to register to vote in your new state.

To confirm or update your voter registration information, please fill out the card below in ink. Fold and seal as instructed. No postage necessary.


RETURN WITHIN 30 DAYS!

TO RETURN: 1) REMOVE TOP 1/2" STUB, 2) FOLD TOP PANEL DOWN, 3) MOISTEN AREAS BELOW AS INSTRUCTED, 4) FOLD BOTTOM PANEL UP, THEN 5) APPLY PRESSURE AT THE GLUE AREAS TO SEAL.

From the Secretary of State website, [www.sos.ga.gov](http://www.sos.ga.gov), a registered voter with a valid Georgia driver's license or identification card issued by the GA Department of Driver Services may change his or her name or address using Online Voter Registration. You may also access Online Voter Registration by downloading the GA SOS app. Visit our website @ [www.mvpsos.ga.gov/MVP](http://www.mvpsos.ga.gov/MVP), download the GA SOS app or contact your local registrar's office.



For Apple



For Android

**IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN YOUR PRIVACY, DO NOT SEPARATE THE CARD BELOW FROM THIS SECTION!**

NGE19

(FILL IN ALL BOXES ON THIS FORM. USE INK ONLY! (DO NOT USE PENCIL!))

>>> Do not separate this card from the section above! See instructions above. <<<  
Please update / confirm my voter registration within current county of registration.

Your Name (as appears on this mailer):		Valid GA, Driver's License or GA, I.D. No.: Required	
Present Name (if different from name on this mailer):		Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number: Optional	
Date of Birth:		Phone (Optional):	
Residence Street Address:		Residence County:	
Apt #	City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from residence):		Residence Street Address:	
Apt #	City	State	Zip Code
Email:		Signature: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Date: _____			

MOISTEN THIS AREA

REMOVE THIS STUB BEFORE RETURNING





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Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration

Public Meeting

October 29, 2019

City Services Center, 3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA

Precinct Information – Maps Attached

1. The Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration is considering moving Fort Middle School precinct to Canaan Baptist Church located across the street from Fort at 2835 Branton Woods Drive.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

2. The Board requests your comments on moving Rothschild Middle School precinct. The Board is considering Holsey Monumental CME Church or Abundant Life Full Gospel Church.

### New Voting Equipment Survey

3. Are you satisfied with your voting experience?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

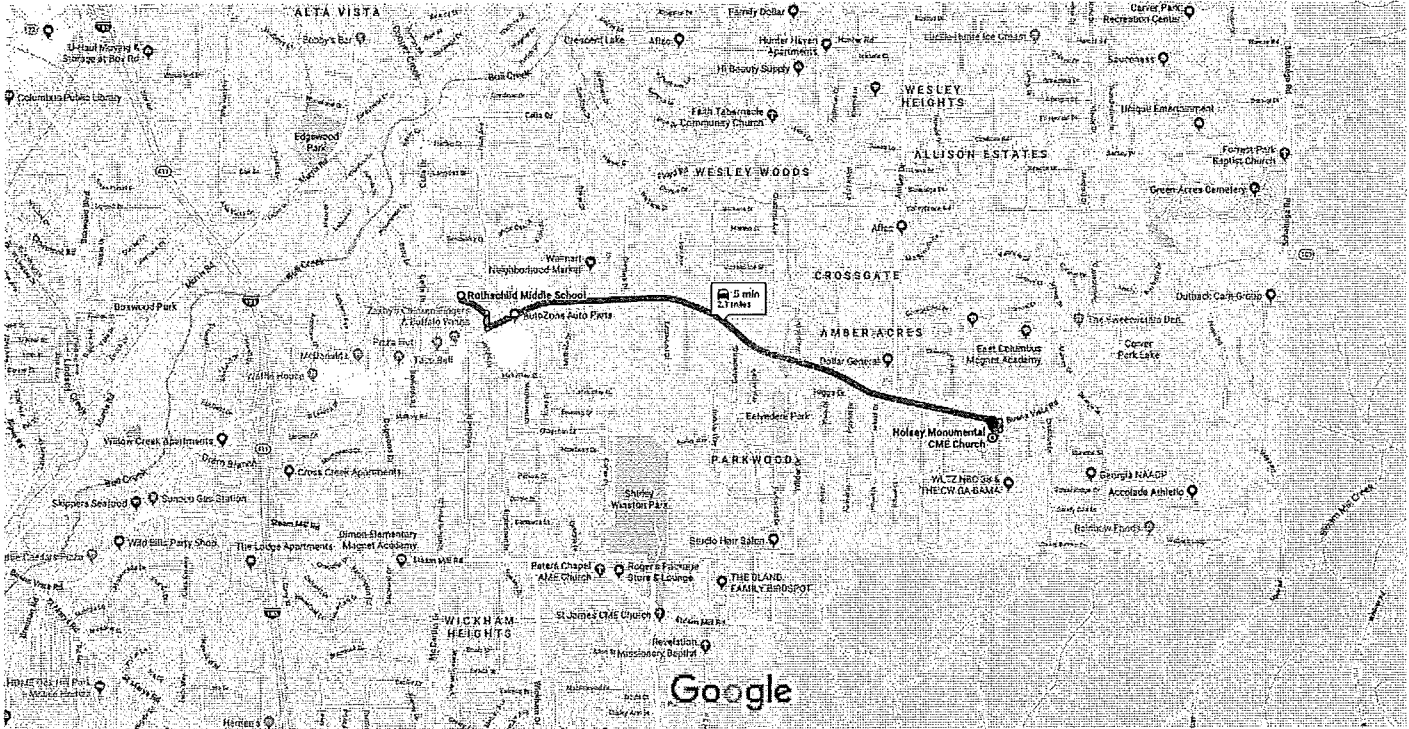
Comments:

4. On a scale of 1-10 (1 – poor, 10-great), how would you rate your voting experience? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What part of the voting experience were you most satisfied with?

Google Maps

Rothschild Middle School to Holsey Monumental CME Church Drive 2.1 miles, 5 min



Map data ©2019 1000 ft



via Buena Vista Rd

5 min

Fastest route, the usual traffic

2.1 miles

### Explore Holsey Monumental CME Church



Restaurants



Hotels



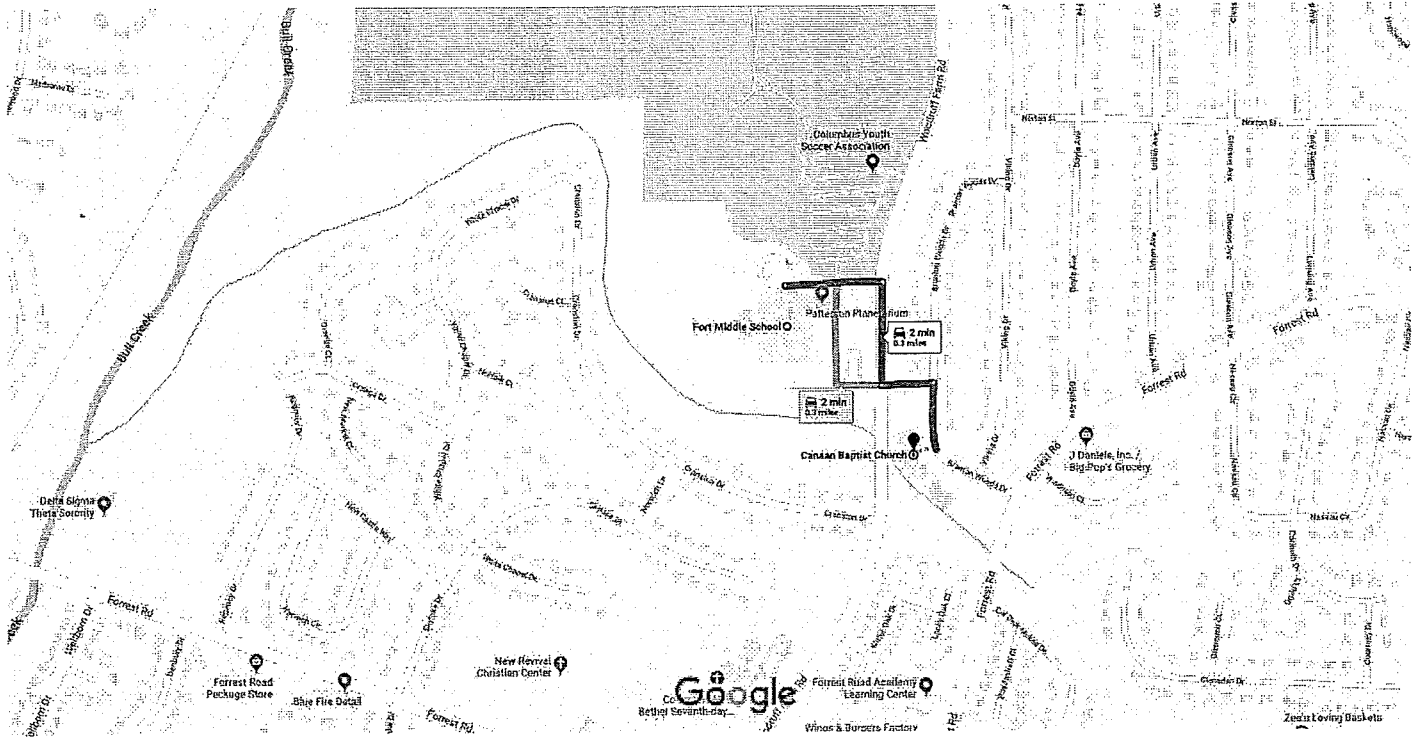
Gas stations



Parking Lots



More



Map data ©2019 200 ft



via Woodruff Farm Rd  
Fastest route

2 min  
0.3 mile



via Branton Woods Dr

2 min  
0.3 mile

### Explore Canaan Baptist Church



Restaurants



Hotels



Gas stations



Parking Lots



More

## OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> PUBLIC MEETING RESULTS

1. Move Fort Middle School Precinct to Canaan Baptist Church - 9
2. Move Rothschild Middle School Precinct to Holsey Chapel Monumental CME Church – 1  
Move Rothschild Middle School Precinct to Abundant Life Full Gospel Church - 0

### PRECINCT INFORMATION

#### COMMENTS FOR MOVING FORT MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Good to see voting precincts out of schools.
- Will the voter for this location be notified?
- How and will they be notified?
- What is the benefit to the city of each location for this change

#### COMMENTS FOR MOVING ROTHSCHILD MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Not sure
- Can you canvas the voters in the precinct?
- The proposed location is two miles away from the current precinct – is there public transportation available.
- N/A
- That's a good idea, take them out of schools
- Holsey Monumental
- Good idea
- Yes

### NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

#### Are you satisfied with your voting experience?

Yes – 9

No – 0

On a scale of 1-10 (1-poor/10-great) – 7 rated their voting experience a 10/1 rated their voting experience an 8 and one rated their voting experience a 9

#### Comments:

- Will any voter who is purged from the roll be notified?
- How and when?

#### What part of the voting experience were you most satisfied with?

- The efforts you make to educate us – thank you!
- The easy way to get in and out of voting place (Citizens Service Center)

- No long wait
- Was a great meeting, great questions were answered very well
- Questions and answers
- All
- Early voting
- Information given was helpful
- Learning new device