Main Elections Office  
4:00 p.m.

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<th>Board Members Present</th>
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<td>Tori Silas</td>
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<td>Jessica Brooks (Remote)</td>
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<td>Steve Bruning</td>
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Others Present: Gregg Litchfield, Janine Eveler, Beau Gunn, Tara Crisp, and Crista Watson.

Chairperson Silas called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Lisa Campbell spoke regarding the importance of drop boxes for voter accessibility, convenience, record setting use, and requested use be continued to encourage voter participation.
- Ralph Bruce spoke about the contention surrounding drop boxes, sloppy chain of custody, and requested security at voting locations.

Chairperson Silas called upon each of the virtual meeting attendees and offered an opportunity to make comments. Braulio Pena, Irene Barton, Ashley Cleaves, Richard Binenfeld, Tania Robinson, and Abril Castro all stated they did not wish to comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- August 9, 2021

Mr. Bruning made a motion to approve. Mr. Gartland SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.
PUBLIC HEARING:

To request approval to temporarily change the location of the polling place for Dobbins 02 (DI02) from Calvary Baptist Church of Smyrna, 1243 Belmont Ave., Smyrna, GA 30080 to Windy Hill Community Center, 1885 Roswell St. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080 beginning August 26, 2021 through November 30, 2021.

Calvary Baptist Church notified Cobb County Elections and Registration, within the terms of their contract, that they no longer wish to serve as a polling location.

In January 2020, this precinct was co-located with Dobbins 01 at Windy Hill Community Center and split to form Dobbins 02.

- Mr. Bruning inquired about the contract terms, specifically, how long facilities commit to serving as a polling location and asked if an amendment to the contract terms should be considered. Director Eveler explained Calvary Baptist Church provided adequate notice to terminate their contract and further explained notice must be provided 90 days prior to any election and must be made in non-presidential or midterm election year.
- Chairperson Silas asked how long contracts last. Director Eveler responded that contracts do not specify term dates and facilities are not required to specify the reasons they wish to terminate their contract.
- Ms. Brooks stated it would be beneficial to the board and public if there were a list of the polling locations within schools, churches, and non-government facilities.

Pat Gartland made a motion to approve the proposed temporary precinct change of Dobbins 02 to Windy Hill Community Center beginning August 26, 2021 through November 30, 2021. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Director Eveler reviewed legislative changes impacting the use of absentee ballot drop boxes and explained the emergency law enacted last year is no longer in effect. She went on to detail the permissible use established within SB202 including the requirement that they be located within an advance voting polling location and available during the hours the location is open for voting. Discussed hand delivery, ability to bypass lines when submitting, October 11, 2021 being the first day ballots may be issued, anticipated validation time lines, and processing times. The Advance Voting workers will validate ballots hand-delivered to the advance voting Poll Manager on the day of receipt, but those inserted into the drop boxes will be processed the following day at the main office. She went on to explain that only 5 drop boxes, not including the one located at the main elections office, are permitted for use.

- Mr. Gartland asked, by law, only 5 drop boxes are allowed. Director Eveler responded yes.
- Chairperson Silas asked if that was in addition to the drop box at the main office. Director Eveler explained that the law requires one drop box at the Main Office and also allows 1
drop box per 100,000 registered voters. Cobb County is therefore permitted a total of 6 drop boxes.

Chairperson Silas reviewed the advance voting plan starting on October 12, 2021 for the November 2, 2021 election

- Mr. Bruning suggested additional locations for East Cobb and West Cobb and recommended the East Cobb Government Center and the Boots Ward Recreation Center. Director Eveler explained that East Cobb Government Center is not an efficient option due to security issues relating to the building and will not be used in future elections for this reason. Registration Manager Beau Gunn explained that Boots Ward could not be utilized due to their fall programs and recreation leagues.
- Registration Manager Beau Gunn went on to explain that recreation centers require a lot of advance planning and they are currently working on a plan for May and June 2022.
- The advance voting plan publishing deadline is 14 days before an election.
- Chairperson Silas asked if Sundays were considered for advance voting. Director Eveler explained that the number of days, locations, and hours were expanded and are more than the minimum required. Director Eveler pointed out that the Municipalities and the School Districts are paying these costs and had been consulted about the previous expansions. At this time, each location has staffed workers at each location who will be working 14 hours per day for the entirety of the advance voting period. Due to this, the decision was made not to hold Sunday voting. Director Eveler detailed that the law only requires that early voting be conducted for 3 weeks at the main office and with the advance voting locations across the county, 93% of registered voters will be able to vote within 5 miles of their address and 100% of voters have access to a voting location within 6 miles of their address.

Mr. Gartland made a motion to APPROVE. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. Approved 5/0.

Chairperson Silas went back to the drop box discussion and asked what the Board wanted to do in that regard. Mr. Bruning MOVED to include the maximum number of 5 additional drop boxes at advance voting locations. Mr. Gartland SECONDED. Approved 5/0.

- Director Eveler asked for clarification as to which advance voting location would not have a box and the Board determined that the CCSD Brown Professional Learning Center would be the location without a drop box.

Chairperson Silas reviewed the communication and voting plans for the November 2, 2021 election.

Mr. Gartland made a motion to APPROVE. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. Approved 5/0.
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Ms. Brooks recommended the Board Members observe the poll worker training.

- Mr. Bruning stated it would be helpful to be involved in next year’s plan and would like to see an increase in the number of locations.

- Mr. Gartland thanked the staff for all their work.

- Chairperson Silas thanked everyone for the opportunity to engage in discussion.

Chairperson Silas set the next Board Meeting:
- September 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.