



GLYNN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

May 18, 2018

Board Minutes

The special meeting of the Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 10 a.m.

Present were Patty Gibson, Chairman; Sandy Dean, Vice Chairman; Keith Rustin, Secretary; Tommy Clark, Member; Ruby Robinson, Member was present for a portion of the meeting; Monica Couch, Supervisor; Christopher Channell, Assistant Supervisor; Taylor Cooper, guest.

Addressing acceptance of Absentee Ballots

Mrs. Gibson called the meeting to order and advised the Board as to the reason that the meeting had been called. A number of absentee ballots had been received that failed to complete the Oath of Elector appropriately. In the past, the ballots had been rejected. Two ballots in question dealt with two areas of the Oath that needed addressed at this time. The Oath requires that the Elector include their residential address as they are registered. A few voters have returned their ballots with their Post Office address listed in the residential address line. Mrs. Couch informed that Board that she had contacted the State and spoke with Mr. Chris Harvey. He stated that he couldn't advise, but shared that he might not reject a ballot since the voter's Post Office address was also listed on their Voter Registration, and perhaps we had enough identifying information to determine that it was completed by the Elector. It was decided to refer the issue to the Board, and then remain consistent in our policy.

The other issue was that some electors put the date that they completed their ballot on the line that asks for the elector's Date of Birth. In both instances, it is easily identifiable that it was completed by the Elector.

Mrs. Dean made a motion to accept any and all ballots that submit a Post Office Box address on their Oath of Elector as long as it is also listed in their Voter Registration. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The two ballots in question will be accepted and counted.

The discussion moved to whether the Date of Birth would be accepted, the Board did not feel they could accept these ballots at this time since the date submitted does not match some portion of the Elector's Registration. However, they would like to refer this question to the County Attorney's office to come up with guidelines to follow for future questions regarding the Oath of Elector.

Adjournment

Mrs. Dean made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Rustin seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Patricia Gibson, Chairman

Keith Rustin, Secretary