

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, June 4, 2024

The June 4, 2024 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chairperson Pamela Morgan.

Members of the Board Present: Pamela Morgan, Chair  
Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair  
Sherman Falana, Member  
Katherine Shelton, Member  
Henry Childs, Member

Member(s) of the Board Absent:

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor, Tom Hall, Esq.  
County Attorney

Chairperson, Pamela Morgan called for the approval of the June 4, 2024 agenda. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bennett and seconded by Member Falana to approve the June 4, 2024 agenda. The motion carried.

Chair, Pamela Morgan called for the approval of the May 7, 2024 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Member Shelton and seconded by Member Childs to approve the May 7, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

### REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

The General Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff Election is June 18, 2024. The registration deadline was April 22, 2024.

Election Day is June 18, 2024 (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.). All election day polling locations will be open.

Logic and Accuracy testing on the voting equipment to be used for the June 18, 2024 General Primary/Nonpartisan Runoff Election began at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 and will continue each day until complete. Early Voting dates and hours are June 10 – June 14 (Monday – Friday) 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Early Voting Locations are Board of Elections, Houston Health Pavilion Conference Center, and Central Ga. Tech.

We will duplicate, and scan all UOCAVA, and regular ballot received as of June 14<sup>th</sup> on June 14, 2024. Board member serving on Vote Review Panel for Early Processing of Absentee Ballots needs to be at the Board of Elections office on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

The Board members serving on the Election Night Vote Review panel will need to be at the Board of Election at 5:30 p.m. All other Board Members will need to be at the office at 7:00 p.m.

Early Tabulation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on June 18, 2024.

Board members' election supply bins are ready for members to pick up.

Provisional Ballots Review and Election Certification is Friday, June 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- June 4, 2024 Agenda
- May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Registration Numbers as of June 4, 2024
- Candidate Tori Branum request for Recount of May 21, 2024 Election
- O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495 code
- Sample Ballot for May 21, 2024 Election
- Early Voting Schedule for June 18, 2024
- Petition to Challenge the Qualifications of Clyde Jackson, Jr. for Candidacy

#### **Old Business:**

The number of voters that utilize the North Houston Sports Complex location during early voting is tabled.

#### **New Business:**

Chairperson Pamela Morgan called to hear from Tori Branum, Candidate for State Senate 20<sup>th</sup> District. Ms. Branum was not in attendance. Ms. Branum requested a recount of the original cast ballots for State Senate 20<sup>th</sup> District. The percentage of votes received in all eligible counties was low and the call for recount was received after certification. A motion was made by Vice-Chair Bennett and seconded by Member Falana to deny the recount. The motion carried.

Chairperson Pamela Morgan called to hear challenge from Caly Hess, candidate for Board of Education, Post 7 (At-Large), General Election, May 21, 2024. Ms. Calypso Hess is challenging Clyde Jackson's qualifications for candidacy for Board of Education, Post 7 (At-Large). Ms. Hess was not in attendance. Ms. Hess challenge was not submitted within two weeks of closing of qualifying per code, O.C.G.A. §21-2-6(b). The Board denied the challenge from Ms. Hess.

Chairperson Pamela Morgan called to hear from Clyde Jackson, Candidate for Board of Education, Post 7 (At-Large), General Election. Mr. Jackson introduced himself as a retired educator/coach and was given the opportunity to speak at length. After hearing from Mr. Jackson and given the Board's consideration of O.C.G.A. § 20-2-51; as well as a prior investigation being completed by the Houston County Board of the Elections, a motion was sought. The motion to disqualify was made by Vice-Chair Bennett and seconded by Member Childs, again, referencing the relevant provisions outlined O.C.G.A. § 21-2-6 and § 20-2-51 4(a). Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-6, the Board of Elections is granted authority

to disqualify any candidate "any time prior to election of a candidate", such as was the situation in the instant case to ensure the absolute integrity of the election process in Houston County, Georgia. The motion carried, unanimously.

The next board meeting will be July 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Member Falana, seconded by Vice-Chair Bennett. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



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Pamela Morgan, Chairperson  
July 9, 2024



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Debra Presswood, Secretary

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Georgia Meeting Provisions of Title 50, Chapter 14 of Georgia Code.