

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2023**

- A. Call to Order/Moment of Reflection:** The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were Sharita Trice, Dewayne Meacham, Pamela Bulloch, and Salenthia Thomas attended by zoom. Also present was Giavonte Riggins, representing Fair Counts. Mrs. Trice did our Moment of Reflection.
- B. Approval of Agenda:** Pam Bulloch made a motion to approve the agenda. Salenthia Thomas seconded and all approved.
- C. Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2023 Meeting:** Pam Bulloch made a motion to approve the May minutes, Salenthia Thomas seconded, and all approved.
- D. County Elector Reports:** After these reports were presented, Salenthia made a motion to approve, Pam Bulloch seconded, and all approved.
- E. S.O.S, Firefly, GARViS & Legislative Updates:** In the upcoming months, Homeland Security will be conducting a site assessment. No date has been announced. After the 2024 election cycle the SOS office has approved that an update will take place on the Dominion voting equipment. The upgrade will include a software update from the 5.5 version to the 5.17 version. On June 1, 2023, Governor Kemp signed SB 129 and it goes into effect July 1, 2023.
- F. GARVIS:** New updates on Continuing the Journey, are sent to us from GARViS. We are to read these to keep up with these changes and updates. There is a Multi-Factor Authenticator App that has been added for extra security. Each board member has downloaded the app to our phone for log in security purposes for GARViS.
- G. Upcoming Events:** Our office can start accepting applications for the March 2024 PPP election, on 12/25/23. We will begin mailing out ballots on 02/12/23. February 19 through March 8, 2024 will be early voting. February 12, 2024 is the deadline to register to vote or make any type of changes for the March election. In-person Training for EMS Fundamentals is scheduled for July 17th through July 21st in Macon, Georgia. Sharita Trice, and our new employee, Edsel Meacham will be attending this training.
- H. Election Staff:** Elections welcomes Edsel Dewayne Meacham who started work on 6/1/23. We are all pleased to have him on board with us.
- I. Senate Bill 129:** Governor Kemp has signed SB 129. Section 2 of the Bill refers to changing the wording on the absentee ballot applications, where third parties must disclose their name and address. The SOS Office will be updating the absentee ballot applications. Section 4 of the Bill changes the election night data reporting requirement in OCGA 21-2-421 from 10:00 p.m. on election night to 11:59 p.m. Section 5 of the bill changes OCGA 21-2-498 to require audits before State certification following any election or primary with federal contests or statewide contests.
- J. Reminder: Check Email Daily and Voicemail:** Everyone is doing a good job on these.

- K. Board of Elections:** Pam Bulloch made a motion for Edsel Dewayne Meacham to fill the unexpired term of Board Member, Wycene Willis. This term is from 01/01/22 through 12/31/25. Salenthia Thomas seconded and all approved. Mrs. Trice will present this to the Talbot County Commissioners.
- L. Poll Pad Data Cost:** All counties are required to use cellular poll pads for Advance Voting check in and Election Day. This will allow the voter's check in experience to be much quicker and reduces wait time. The cost is \$37.80 per election per location. An estimated cost in 2024 will be \$1512.00 yearly for five elections. This cost will be added to the Election budget.
- M. Roundtable Discussion:** Mrs. Trice stated if we would like to continue to use stylus for the 2024 election cycle. The total cost for 5,000 is \$680.00. Our office will be closed 6/19/23 and 7/3/23 and 7/4/23 for holidays. Mrs. Trice reported that USPS is having another rate increase, effective 7/9/23. Also, our Poll Worker Appreciation Dinner held on 6/9/23 was a huge success, there were 27 in attendance. We had a delicious meal that was enjoyed by all. Awards and plaques were given to all poll workers who were in attendance. Our poll workers really appreciated the dinner and award ceremony.
- N. Adjournment:** Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 11, 2023. With no further business to be discussed, Pam Bulloch made a motion to adjourn. Salenthia Thomas seconded and all voted to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela O. Bulloch

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Recording Secretary