

**TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

- A. Call to Order/Moment of Reflection:** Mrs. Howard called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Present were Marjorie Howard, Patricia Robinson, Wycene Willis, and Pam Bulloch. Sharita Trice was absent. Wycene Willis gave our Moment of Reflection.
- B. Agenda Approval:** Pam Bulloch made a motion to approve the Agenda. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- C. Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 2021 Meeting:** After everyone read the minutes from the November meeting Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve these minutes. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved.
- D. County Elector Reports:** All reports were presented. Wycene Willis made a motion to accept the reports. Patricia Robinson seconded and all approved.
- E. S.E.B. Hearing Results:** Mrs. Howard advised the Board members that the case from the June 9, 2020 Election came before the S.E.B. Board this morning. She advised that she went over the details of the incident and the information that she originally submitted to our liaison, Robin Carr, and the S.O.S. investigator, Mr. Kelly Monroe. The Board allowed her to read her statement and the one prepared by the Flint Hill precinct manager, Mrs. Mary Ann Searcy. The S.E.B. Board members voted to issue letters of instruction to the four voters that were involved and to refer Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Searcy over to the Attorney General's office. Mrs. Howard stated that she did not know what this means in terms of future actions and that she'd advised County Manager, Mrs. Ison, at the Commissioner's office and the County attorney, Edward Davis, asking him for guidance and to see if he could give her more information about what to expect.
- F. Site/Equipment:** Moving has begun today to relocate us to our office on Geneva Highway. Desks, equipment, etc. have been moved. Mrs. Howard will check about getting our phones and computers connected at the new office.
- G. 2022 Elections – What's Up:** Qualifying for the May 24th Primary is scheduled to begin March 7, 2022 and will end on March 11, 2022 at 12:00 noon. Qualifying dates for the March 15th Special Election have to be determined once the qualifying fees are approved by the Commission. Mrs. Howard has requested salary information from Carol Ison at the County Commission and from Joy Andrews at the School Board so that the 2022 qualifying fees can be determined.
- H. Training:** Mrs. Howard will get the 911 street listings from LeighAnn Erenheim. Redistricting will be our main focus of training. Someone will need to be assigned to work on this with Mrs. Trice and Mrs. Robinson.
- I. Current News:** Mrs. Howard reminded us to keep up with things on The Buzz and on the Secretary of State's website.
- J. Re-Districting – Time to review and practice:** There was a re-districting training in Macon, Georgia yesterday (12/13/21). Mrs. Howard, Sharita Trice, Mrs. Robinson, and Pam Bulloch attended this training.
- K. Elections Security:** Each worker has a code to be able to enter in the back employee entrance into the building. Ronnie Hendricks advised Mrs. Howard that a code has been

set up for the security gate entrance to the back parking lot. Mrs. Howard will check this code tomorrow to make sure it works correctly. Marjorie explained how the door security would be done upon entering and leaving the building. When someone comes to the front door and rings the bell, we have two monitor units to check who is at the door. The door can be unlocked from these units. Sharita will have a unit in her office and another will be set up in the hallway.

- L. **Roundtable discussion:** Mrs. Robinson mentioned that she did not feel that our redistricting would be as bad as we think. We will get to practice putting these changes in so we can be confident when the changes are actually done. Wycene asked about getting a small modem for the back of her computer versus having the hard drive unit that sits on the floor. Mrs. Howard said she will check into this as it is an additional expense. Everyone was wished a safe and happy holiday.
- M. **Adjournment:** Our next meeting is set for January 11, 2022. With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Wycene Willis seconded and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela O. Bulloch

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Recording Secretary**