

ALABAMA BOARDS OF REGISTRARS LEGISLATION TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2016

Call to order

Secretary Merrill called to order the meeting of the Alabama Boards of Registrars Legislative Task force at 10:00 am on April 20, 2016 in the Jones Room of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Roll call and Acknowledgement of Notification of Meeting

Secretary Merrill informed the Task Force that the meeting notice was published online on the Alabama Secretary of State website, and therefore, was properly noticed per the Alabama Open Meetings Act. Secretary Merrill initiated a roll call by asking Clay Helms to call roll for the group. Members present were Alan Baker, Albert Lipscomb, Charles Woodroof, Chris Priest, Don Davis, Eugenia Stone, Lynda Hairston, Randy Vest, Ronda Walker, Sammy Glover, Secretary Merrill, Steve McKinnon, and Tiffany B. McCord. Ex officio members present were Brent Beal, Clay Helms, Ed Packard, Hope Curry and Will Edwards. Guests present were Carolyn Hart, Chase Cobb, Ellen Hart, Jesse Skaggs and Dr. Mitchell Brown.

Review of Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting

Secretary Merrill asked the task force to review the agenda for the present meeting and the minutes for the meeting held on March 10, 2016. Randy Vest motioned to approve the minutes and a second was given by Sammy Glover. The Task Force voted all in favor and approved the minutes.

Old Business

The task force readdressed the survey spreadsheet containing responses from Probate Judges, Boards of Registrars, County Commissioners and Circuit Clerks. The task force discussed the comparison of surrounding states along with an additional handout of the comparison breakdown.

New Business

Ed Packard discussed the background of the Election Center and its coordination with Auburn University. Dr. Mitchell Brown, from Auburn University, discussed the Certified Elections/Registration Administrator ("CERA") program and other possibilities to facilitate a training and/or certification program for boards of registrars. The task force discussed ideas pertaining to qualifications, certification for hiring/appointment, continuing education possibilities, funding for training, accountability, supervision/oversight and pay increases. Secretary Merrill asked members to prepare

ideas and supporting research to be discussed at the next meeting. Secretary Merrill stated that a survey will be sent to all members to reschedule the June meeting due to conflicts. Secretary Merrill stated that the set June meeting date will be finalized by May 18th.

Next Meeting/Adjournment

Secretary Merrill set the next meeting for May 18, 2016 at 10:30 am in the Jones Room of the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

With no other business before the group, Secretary Merrill adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 am.

Submitted by: Clay Helms

J. H. Merrill
5/27/16