

## ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD

-Meeting Minutes-

August 1, 2024

11:00 AM

624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104

Members present were Adonis B. Whitlow, James Taylor, John Lackey, Dr. Benjamin Jones, and Eugenia Stone. Absent members were Don Milligan, Kristie Pinyan, and Debbie Page. Candace Payne, Supervisor of Voter Registration and Laney Rawls, Director of Communications was present to represent the Secretary of State's Office.

### **Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 6/20/2024**

Candace Payne, Supervisor of Voter Registration welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Member John Lackey led the board in the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member James Taylor. The attendance of five members was acknowledged and a quorum was present. Candace Payne led the acknowledgment of the notification of the meeting on Open Meetings was posted two weeks in advance. The Agenda was reviewed and approved by all members of the board.

### **Old Business**

John Lackey updated members that he found out the Board of Registrars is not a judiciary body.

James Taylor asked about the option for the board to meet via Zoom. Candace Payne said she was still waiting to get an answer on this. Laney Kelly

### **New Business**

Candace Payne mentioned we are continuing the efforts of voter roll maintenance by continuing to make sure all driver's license numbers or non-driver's ID's issued by the State of Alabama or social security numbers are verifying in the PowerProfile system. The Secretary of State is hosting training for all registrars to discuss the new items and will also do a training at the Alabama Association of Boards of Registrars Meeting in September.

Adonis Whitlow said there was an issue in gaining new registrars in the state because of the low pay. She asked if there was a way for the pay to be increased especially because of the skills registrars need to be able to do for the job. There was discussion amongst the members about the bill from last session that included a pay increase. Candace Payne asked if the (AABOR) could keep her posted about the next legislative committee meeting so she can hear concerns. Dr. Benjamin Jones suggested each county registrars' office invite their legislative delegation to their office for a Legislative Day in order for the legislators to see what the registrars do on a typical day and to get to know them.

James Taylor asked about parking for the members and Candace Payne said she will check with the Archives Department. Laney Rawls also mentioned possibly parking in spaces in front of the archives when the legislators are not in session.

**Next Meeting Date/Adjournment**

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM in the Archives Regions Room.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Adonis Whitlow, seconded by John Lackey, approved by all board members.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

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