

**SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED ON AT THE AUGUST 19, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION**

**Members present:**

Hugh Steele  
Kelly Robinson  
Dustin Thompson

**Members Absent:**

Motion passed to approve the Minutes from the July 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written.

Motion passed to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list.

Motion passed to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the City of Covington elections.

Motion passed to approve a resolution providing for the calling of a special referendum election for the City of Covington.

**NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION  
DATE: AUGUST 19, 2019**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hugh Steele called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Hugh Steele, Kelly Robinson, Dustin Thompson, and Angela Mantle, Director.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Chairman Steele welcomed Joyce Wilson, Theresa Hesterley, Mike Hesterley, and Sarah Dauby as guests and explained the procedures of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2019 Regular meeting as written. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Steele announced that he is resigning as Chairman of the Board of Elections & Registration. Mr. Thompson thanked Chairman Steele for his service.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to conduct the City of Covington elections. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the resolution providing for the calling of a special referendum election for the City of Covington. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Board was provided with a copy of the monthly status report showing the number of Active and Inactive voters as of August 1, 2019: Active – 72,762 and Inactive – 6,357.

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The Board was also provided with a copy of a monthly report showing the breakdown of 3,844 voter registration applications received for the month of July 2019. The office processed 384 transferred out-of-county voters and 79 cancellations. Ms. Mantle explained that approximately 1,300 of the voter registration applications were from the National Change of Address process and those were for within county changes.

The Board was provided with a copy of the budget comparison statement as of August 6, 2019.

Ms. Mantle provided the Board with an update to the challenged felon process and advised that on August 1, 2019 over 500 names appeared on the Dashboard. Ms. Mantle further explained that after reviewing those records, that 184 letters were mailed to voters notifying them of the hearing process and their status would change to cancelled after 30 days.

Ms. Mantle advised the Board of an email that she had received from Chris Harvey, Director of the Elections Division at the Secretary of State's Office and that the county would not be receiving the carts with the new voting equipment as shown on the state's website that instead the equipment would be in rolling bags.

Ms. Mantle told the Board that she and Angela White-Davis had participated in the Department Head Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and had provided information regarding the new voting equipment and elections to citizens in attendance.

### **GUEST COMMENTS**

Ms. Wilson had a question regarding the new voting equipment and had asked to see the pictures of the cart and rolling bags.

Mr. Hesterley thanked Chairman Steele for his service. Mr. and Mrs. Hesterley wanted to let the Board know that they felt Sunday voting was needed in the county and Mr. Hesterley asked if this was a state or county decision.

Ms. Dauby thanked Chairman Steele for his service. Ms. Dauby wanted to express the need for Sunday voting in the county as well and said that she does appreciate the extension; however, believes that we have fallen behind.


Chairman Steele advised the guests that the Board had already discussed Sunday voting and reminded everyone about absentee by mail.

Mr. Hesterley stated that they had experienced an issue with not receiving their absentee ballot by mail during the 2018 November General Election; however, he did state that the office was helpful in resolving the issue and they were allowed to cast their ballots.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Steele asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting. Ms. Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

  
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Minutes Prepared by: Angela Mantle, Director

  
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