

**Minutes
Election Advisory Panel
June 20, 2012**

Members present:

Leslie Goller, Chair; Scott Wiley, Kathy Carithers, Ed Gaston, Joanie Prater, Kim Glasgal

Visitor:

Jerry Holland, Supervisor of Elections

Members absent:

Deborah Gonzalez, Natalie Alden, Dan O'Connor

EAP Chair, Leslie Goller, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Old Business:

Minutes -

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Website Recommendations-

Leslie Goller suggested that the home page of the SOE website highlight a notification that your precinct may have changed. She recommended something that would catch their attention; your precinct may have changed, use this link to find out where your current precinct is located. SOE Jerry Holland said that we have a precinct finder link highlighted on the front page of website that has that information. Leslie Goller requested prefatory language that alerts that there have been changes. SOE Jerry Holland said that he will also put the new information in a press release next week to let the media and the public know about these changes and typically, will do interviews to let the public know when the new voter registration cards will be sent out.

Term Limits-

SOE Jerry Holland stated that the City of Jacksonville has opted not to sue Jim Fuller; another candidate would have to do so. Jim Fuller has one Republican opponent in the Primary Election, Ronnie Fussell. There are also two Democrats running in the August Primary. For the General Election, besides the Republican Party and Democratic Party runners, there are two candidates running NPA, one who is a Democrat, John Winkler, and a Republican running without affiliation, as well as a write-in candidate who is a Republican.

Voter Registration-

Leslie Goller inquired as to whether there were any voter registration changes as far as Third Party Voter Registration, particularly whether the numbers of registrations are down. SOE Jerry Holland explained that there are no new changes regarding Third Party Registrations except the voter registration applications must be returned in ten days as opposed to 48 hours after receiving them.

Purge Lists-

Leslie Goller asked SOE Jerry Holland if the Department of Justice and the State have filed a lawsuit. SOE Holland said that the Department of Justice has and the State has filed a lawsuit. The letters to the Department of Justice and the State are on our website. We have not received our list of 3,600 Non-U.S. Citizens. Nothing has changed since our last EAP meeting. Our office has sent out 18 certified letters to the first group of potential Non-U.S. Citizens. These voters cannot be removed from the voter rolls because they are within the 90-day period. SOE Jerry Holland explained that to his knowledge no one, within the State, has been removed just because they were on the list. Kathy Carithers asked SOE Jerry Holland whether the burden was on the voter to respond by saying, here is proof that I am. SOE Jerry Holland explained that the letter stated to please contact; the Supervisor of Elections that your eligibility is in question. It did not say that if the voter did not contact us they would be removed. In Duval County, no one was removed from the rolls. This is a list maintenance program not a purge list. The intent of the list is to make certain that all voters are eligible and not registered illegally, there is no malice or fraudulent intent on the part of the State or Supervisor of Elections. We would not want voters on the rolls who are not eligible to be registered, just as we would not want to remove voters who are legally registered. This is to insure that all voters be treated equally and fairly.

Gateway SOE Warehouse and Branch Office Space Status-

There have been no changes since last EAP meeting. SOE Jerry Holland stated that our SOE office would not be moving before the November General Election. We are still taking proposals from developers to present to the Mayor and City Council's office.

Early Voting Hours-

Leslie Goller inquired about the Early Voting locations and hours. She felt that the difference in hours based on location could prove confusing to voters. There is a difference in hours for the Early Voting locations and the Supervisor of Elections offices; also, the weekend hours are ending earlier. SOE Jerry Holland explained that our hours were based on voter turnout at these locations in the past. In the General Election, we will be increasing the number of Early Voting locations and hours.

Ballot-

SOE Jerry Holland stated that the Primary ballot meets federal and state guidelines and presented a packet of all sample Primary ballots. SOE Jerry Holland stated the size of the oval was unable to be increased, although it was slightly darkened. The candidate name was moved closer to the oval. Leslie Goller requested a copy of all Primary ballots. She also suggested that the oval appear on the first line of candidate Charles Fletcher, as with other candidates.

Poll Worker Training-

Poll worker training ends next week, June 29th. Poll workers are being cross-trained so that they can fill in for each other when needed. The deputy position does not cross train. There is a minimum of five poll workers at each precinct. Every precinct has a manager and assistant manager on staff, one inspector per 800 voters, a deputy, DS-attendant and there is a help desk attendant where voter information can be accessed.

Special Assistants will be assigned to closed precincts so that voters know where their new precinct is should they go to the old location.

Actions by EAP or EAP Members-

No actions have been taken by the EAP. EAP member, Kim Glasgal submitted paperwork to become a precinct committee person.

New Business-

Leslie Goller requested that each EAP member receive a copy of the Sunshine State Law pamphlet.

SOE Jerry Holland answered the one question Leslie Goller had at the last EAP meeting about whether we had any dual precincts. We do not have any permanent dual precincts but for the Primary, we have one location that is being renovated that will not be available until the General Election, Charlie T. Joseph Senior Center, Precinct 701; located on 6943 Buffalo Avenue 32208. It will be relocated to Precinct 702; East 44th Street East Baptist Church and operated as a dual precinct in the Primary. In the General Election, Precinct 701 will move back to the Charlie T. Joseph Senior Center. New voter cards will be sent out for the General Election with the new polling location information after the Primary.

Action Needed by EAP-

Budget items – EVID'S at every precinct location was recommended.

EAP approved last meeting's minutes.

Next meeting scheduled for, Wednesday, July 18th @ 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:30 p.m.

