

PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEST SUPERIOR COURTROOM, PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
August 16, 2012  
5:00 PM

- I. Call to order: 5:17 PM.
- II. Roll Call
  - a) Mr. Lynn Callaway, Vice-Chairperson: present
  - b) Mr. Frank Ford: present
  - c) Ms. Annie Parker: present
  - d) Ms. Janet Pearson, Chairperson: present
  - e) Mr. Bob Stinnett: present
  - f) Mr. Gary Sanders, Supervisor of Elections and Registration: present
  - g) Ms. Anne Lewis, BER attorney: present
- III. Public Comments
  - a) None.
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a) Mr. Ford moved to approve the agenda.
  - b) Mr. Callaway seconded the motion.
  - c) Vote: all in favor.
- V. Recommended Consent Agenda
  - a) Approval of Minutes – June 5, June 29, July 13, and July 31
    - i) Mr. Stinnett moved to approve the minutes as presented.
    - ii) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
    - iii) Vote: all in favor.
- VI. Recommended Action Items
  - a) Discussion and possible action regarding nomination petitions for Independent candidates
    - i) Ms. Pearson outlined the process by which the Board will consider three nomination petitions submitted by Independent candidates.
    - ii) Ms. Lewis provided information to the Board on the legal requirements of examining the petitions.
      - (1) Mr. Daniel Brown
        - (i) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the petition submitted by Mr. Daniel Brown, focusing on possible technical defects that the Board will need to address.
        - (ii) Mr. Ford moved to enter executive session pursuant to O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 to seek legal counsel.
        - (iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
        - (iv) Vote: 2-3 with Mr. Ford and Mr. Stinnett voting in favor and Mr. Callaway, Ms. Parker, and Ms. Pearson voting against.
        - (v) Mr. Jack Nebl, attorney for Mr. Brown, presented his client's legal positions and arguments in response to the possible technical defects observed by Mr. Sanders.
        - (vi) Mr. Ford moved to take a brief recess.
        - (vii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
        - (viii) Vote: all in favor.
        - (ix) Mr. Ford moved to reconvene.
        - (x) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
        - (xi) Vote: all in favor.
      - (2) Mr. Bob Landau

- (i) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the petition submitted by Mr. Bob Landau, focusing on possible technical defects that the Board will need to address.
- (ii) Mr. Landau presented his legal positions and arguments in response to the possible technical defects observed by Mr. Sanders.
- (3) Ms. June McLeroy
  - (i) Mr. Sanders reviewed with the Board the petition submitted by Ms. June McLeroy, focusing on possible technical defects that the Board will need to address.
  - (ii) Mr. Ford moved to take a brief recess.
  - (iii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
  - (iv) Vote: all in favor.
  - (v) Mr. Stinnett moved to reconvene.
  - (vi) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
  - (vii) Vote: all in favor.
  - (viii) Mr. Ford moved to enter executive session to consult with the Board's legal counsel.
  - (ix) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
  - (x) Vote: 4-1 with Mr. Callaway, Mr. Ford, Ms. Parker, and Mr. Stinnett voting in favor and Ms. Pearson voting against.
  - (xi) The Board entered executive session.
  - (xii) Mr. Stinnett moved to come out of executive session.
  - (xiii) Mr. Callaway seconded the motion.
  - (xiv) Vote: all in favor.
- iii) Ms. Parker moved to deny the nomination petition submitted by Mr. Daniel Brown.
- iv) Mr. Callaway seconded the motion.
- v) Vote: 3-2 with Mr. Callaway, Ms. Parker, and Ms. Pearson voting in favor and Mr. Ford and Mr. Stinnett voting against.
- vi) Mr. Ford moved to deny the nomination petition submitted by Mr. Bob Landau.
- vii) Mr. Stinnett seconded the motion.
- viii) Vote: all in favor.
- ix) Mr. Callaway moved to approve the nomination petition submitted by Ms. June McLeroy.
- x) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
- xi) Vote: all in favor.

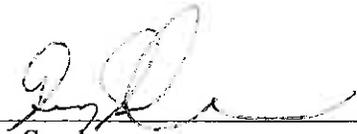
VII. Business and Information from Board Members and Staff

- a) Mr. Callaway: None.
- b) Mr. Ford: None.
- c) Ms. Parker: None.
- d) Mr. Stinnett: None.
- e) Ms. Pearson:
  - i) Reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on September 4.
- f) Mr. Sanders: None.

VIII. Adjournment – 8:37 PM.

- a) Mr. Callaway moved to adjourn.
- b) Mr. Ford seconded the motion.
- c) Vote: all in favor.

ATTEST:

  
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Gary Sanders  
Supervisor of Elections & Registration

  
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Janet C. Pearson  
Chairperson

AFFIDAVIT OF CHAIRPERSON OR PRESIDING OFFICER

Janet Pearson, Chairperson/Presiding Officer of the Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration, being duly sworn, states under oath that the following is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

The Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration met in a duly advertised meeting on August 16, 20 12.

2.

During such meeting, the Board voted to go into closed session.

3.

The executive session was called to order at 7:21 a.m./p.m.

4.

The subject matter of the closed portion of the meeting was devoted to the following matter(s) within the exceptions provided in the open meetings law:

- Consultation with the county attorney or other legal counsel to discuss pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the county or any officer or employee or in which the county or any officer or employee may be directly involved as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1);
- Discussion of tax matters made confidential by state law as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(2), and (insert the citation to the legal authority making the tax matter confidential) \_\_\_\_\_;
- Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(4);
- Discussion or deliberation on the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a county officer or employee as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6);
- Other (describe the exemption to the open meetings law): \_\_\_\_\_ as provided in (insert the citation to the legal authority exempting the topic) \_\_\_\_\_.

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 12.

Janet Pearson  
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Chairperson/Presiding Officer,  
Putnam County Board of Elections & Registration

Sworn to and subscribed  
Before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 20 12  
[Signature]  
Notary Public  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

