

## MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 20<sup>th</sup> DAY of October, 2022, Fort Bend County Elections Commission, met at a public hearing with the following present:

**CARMEN P. TURNER**  
**LAURA RICHARD**  
**CYNTHIA GINYARD**  
**BOBBY EBERLEY**

**TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR**  
**COUNTY CLERK**  
**DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN**  
**REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN**

**A meeting of the Fort Bend County Elections Commission has been called by Chairman KP George for Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 09:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, pursuant to Texas Election Code §31.033.**

When the following were heard and the following orders were passed:

1. Call to Order.

Call to Order by Honorable Carmen P. Turner at 09:03 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of meeting held on October 31, 2022.
3. Review and analyze the Fort Bend County 2022 Primary Election Cycle and Administration and take all appropriate action.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY Report: (Jahan Toliver)

- A. Remote site will be available on Election night staffed with three (3) Techs to process thumb drives from 06:30 pm – 9:00 pm.
- B. Six (6) cameras installed at 4 locations for live stream viewing starting at 07:00 am on Election Day until all ballots have been counted. Streaming recorded for later viewing access.
- C. IT Election support team will update county website regularly
- D. IT Election staff will have the capability to update the voting locations on the website using pin colors on Election Day.
- E. Contact numbers for elections questions and issues:
  - 281-341-8670 – Voters
  - 281-341-4500 – Judges for election questions
  - 281-238-3580 – Judges for technical issues
  - 281-341-4588 – Judges back up number for technical issues

- F. Pending Nextdoor site update to remind voters that early voting is starting and provide the dates and times

4. TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR:

- A. Requested IT to share the camera views of Election poll counting locations with each of the committee members

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION Report: (John Oldham)

- A. Trucks were loaded the morning of 10/20/2022 to deliver equipment to the early voting polling sites on 10/21/2022.
- B. Election law/legal issue refresher training scheduled for presiding clerks on 10/21/22 for 1.5 to 2 hours
- C. Noted: new early voting sites added are smaller but should relieve Cinco Ranch site
- D. Noted: 11,000 ballot by mail was sent out, currently behind 5500 in comparison to 4 years ago (off year election) - 3500 ballot by mail returned – estimated return of 39% range vs 60% 4 years ago (off year election)
- E. Completed 48 (2.5 – 3 hours) of poll worker training
- F. Sheriff's office hot line numbers have been programmed into the Clerks phones
- G. Noted: historically no major political inspired violence in Fort Bend County
- H. Response to REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN: If there is a larger than anticipated turnout and the ballot box becomes full there is a monitored chain of custody process to replace the box.
- I. Response to REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN: Machine verification does not produce paper this would be a major change beyond the Election Administration control and the state process may take 2-3 to change the process
- J. Response to TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR: There were 22 new Clerks now there are 20 that have been paired with experienced clerks working as alternates at each location with the exception of one site out of the 28, the Democratic clerk decided not to stay on.

COUNTY ATTORNEY Report: (Kenneth Cannata)

- A. Provide phone numbers to provide to the poll Clerks to contact the County Attorney's office and the Prosecutors on call (numbers not provided due to usage restrictions)

B. Public can visit the website to reach the County Attorney's office.

DISTRRICT ATTORNEY Report: (Sunni Mitchell)

A. Noted: In collaboration with District Attorney's office, County Attorney's Office, Election Administration, Information Technology, and the Sheriff's office they have formed an Election Integrity Task Force.

B. Noted: Phone numbers provided by Kenneth Cannata for criminal and non-criminal issues.

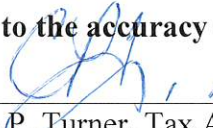
C. Noted: Sheriff's office will provide a rolling patrol by Deputies. Areas of higher concern will have more frequent patrols.

5. Adjournment.

The Elections Commission Meeting adjourned at 09:37 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

Moved to adjourned by Laura Richard and second by Cynthia Ginyard.

**I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.**

  
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Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor/ Collector  
Secretary, Fort Bend County Elections Commission