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Merit Board Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2025
Floyd Elections Office
18 E 12th St. Rome, GA 30161
1st Floor Conference Room

Present:

Nicholle Harrison – Chair
Eddie Chubb – Vice-Chair
Jim Ford – Member
John Harkins – Member
John Reiners – Member
Utamu Lackey – Member
Darryl Bowie – HR Director
Jessica Woodall – HR Administrative Assistant

Called to Order

Nicholle Harrison called the meeting to order. Nicholle noted that there were no members of the public present. John Reiners made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by John Harkins. The motion came to a vote, the vote was unanimous, and the minutes were approved.

Members

Darryl announced the newest member of the Merit Board Utamu Simone Statton Lackey. Mary Hardin Thornton had the honor of presenting and administering the oath of office to Utamu Lackey. Additionally, this meeting was the last that John Reiners would serve on the Merit Board. He was given a warm and heartfelt farewell as a gesture of appreciation for his contributions.

Elections of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The Merit Board members unanimously voted to retain Nicholle Harrison as Chairperson and Eddie Chubb as Vice Chairperson for the year. Both individuals will continue in their respective positions, as the vote was unanimous for each role.



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Elections Office/ Akyn Beck

Akyn Beck provided an overview of her department's operations. She reported that her department manages approximately 200 to 250 poll workers across 19 locations. Following the completion of the election, Akyn's team performs a 200% check on all ballots. Additionally, Akyn gave a tour of the computer room, highlighting the security measures in place to protect all voter materials.

Next Meeting: February 19th, 2025, at 2:00pm in the Administration Building.

Nicholle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Eddie, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Approved by: Nicholle Harrison, Merit Board Chair: _____