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Via Federal Express

Honorable Michael Watson
Mississippi Secretary of State
Heber Ladner Building
401 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39201

Attention: Ms. Kimberly P. Turner

**Re: Town of Boyle, Mississippi
2021 Municipal Elections**

Dear Secretary Watson:

As attorney for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, I enclose for your consideration a copy of the Minutes for the Board of Alderman for the Town of Boyle, MS, dated February 9, 2021, accepting the Minutes of the Election Commission for the Town of Boyle, MS, dated February 8, 2021 concerning the 2021 Municipal Elections. These Minutes will reflect that the candidates who qualified as independent candidates for the office of Mayor and the offices of Alderman Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4 & Ward 5 were all unopposed for their respective offices. In accordance with Mississippi law and since only one person qualified as an independent candidate for Mayor and the offices of Alderman Ward 1, Ward 2, Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5, each of those candidates were declared the winner and the need for an general election on June 6, 2021, was eliminated.

Based on these Minutes of the Election Commission of February 8, 2021, the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, requests your Office recognize the election of these persons as follows:

Mayor: Thomas G. Taylor
313 Lee Street
Boyle, MS 38730

Alderman Ward 1: Stacy Weeks Hurst
P. O. Box 386
Boyle, MS 38730



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Alderman Ward 2: Jeff Peeples
P. O. Box 688
Boyle, MS 38730

Alderman Ward 3: George Evans, III
P. O. Box 393
Boyle, MS 38730

Alderman Ward 4: Sanders Richardson
P. O. Box 97
Boyle, MS 38730

Alderman Ward 5: Azalean Rogers
P. O. Box 15
Boyle, MS 38730

Please issue the Commissions to the above listed persons. After you receive this letter, if you should have any questions please call me.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



J. Kirkham Povall

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Enclosures

cc: Thomas G. Taylor, Mayor
Alice K. Smith, Clerk

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT OF ELECTION COMMISSION
FOR 2021 TOWN OF BOYLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Boyle Election Commission submitted original copies of its Minutes regarding the canvas and determination of candidates qualified for the 2021 Municipal Election for the Town of Boyle; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Commission for the Town of Boyle, MS, reported that independent candidates had qualified as follows:

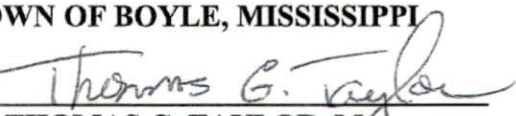
Mayor:	Thomas G. Taylor
Ward One (1):	Stacy Weeks Hurst
Ward Two(2):	Jeff Peeples
Ward Three (3):	George Evans, III
Ward Four (4):	Sanders Richardson
Ward Five (5):	Azalean Rogers

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by George Evans III, seconded by Bobbie McCarty Dean, and unanimously adopted, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Election Commission's report dated February 8, 2021, for the 2021 Municipal Election for the Town of Boyle, MS, is hereby accepted and made a part of the Minutes with the Attorney directed to forward a copy of the Minutes and Certification to the Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi.

The Clerk is directed to attach a copy of the Election Commission's Report as Exhibit "B".

ORDERED this February 9, 2021.

EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED AT END OF MINUTES.

TOWN OF BOYLE, MISSISSIPPI
By: 
THOMAS G. TAYLOR, Mayor

ATTEST:

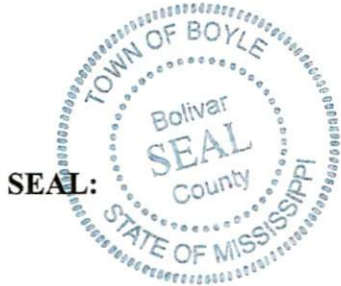

ALICE K. SMITH, Town Clerk



CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

I, the undersigned, **Alice K. Smith**, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, that Thomas G. Taylor is the Mayor of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, and that the attached and foregoing **ORDER** is a true and exact copy of a **ORDER** of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, at its recessed meeting from its regular meeting thereof duly held on February 9, 2021, and is part of the Official Minutes for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, this the 9th day of February, 2021.




ALICE K. SMITH,
Town Clerk

**BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMISSION FOR
THE TOWN OF BOYLE, MISSISSIPPI**

Re: 2021 Municipal Election

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 AT 1:00 PM**

WHEREAS, that the Election Commissioners for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, consisting of **J. F. STEVENS, CHARLES WARREN and LISA ROARK**, met in official session to canvas and determine whether such persons who submitted Statements of Intent and Petitions were sufficient under the law for the 2021 Municipal Election; and,

WHEREAS, **Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-361** requires an Independent Candidate seeking the office of Mayor and/or Alderman submit a “Qualifying Statement of Intent for and Independent Candidate” together with a Qualifying Petition. In a municipality with a population of less than one thousand (1,000) residents the Petition shall be signed by at least fifteen (15) qualified voters of the municipality or ward depending on the election for such office of either Mayor or Ward, respectively and shall be completed in all respects shown thereon including, but not limited to, the date of the General Election, which for 2021 will be held on June 8, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, **Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-11 (1972), as amended**, establishes the qualifications for a person to seek office in a municipal election to include: the person shall be 18 years of age or upwards, who has resided in the State of Mississippi for thirty (30) days and for thirty (30) days in the County in which he or she offers to vote or for thirty (30) days in the incorporated city or town in which he or she offers to vote; that such person shall be a registered voter and that such person shall never have been convicted of any crime, to include a conviction

of bribery, perjury, or any other crime punishable by at least one (1) year confinement in the Mississippi Penitentiary; and,

WHEREAS, Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-363(5), requires a municipal election commission to determine whether a party candidate or a person who is qualified as an independent candidate for either Mayor or Alderman meets all qualifications on or before the date of the general or special election in which he or she could be elected to office; and,

WHEREAS, a municipal election commission shall determine whether a candidate has been convicted of any felony in a court of the State of Mississippi, or another state or in the federal courts; and,

NOW, BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Election Commissioners for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, did meet for the purpose of reviewing and determining whether all candidates who had submitted qualifying Statements of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for an Independent Candidate for Alderman or an Independent Candidate for Mayor meet all qualifications to hold such office and to ascertain whether the aforesaid papers were properly completed in accordance with the law and in furtherance of their duties the Election Commissioners of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, did find the following:

1. With respect to the office of Mayor for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, two (2) candidates, Thomas G. Taylor and Jeanette Young Washington, filed qualifying papers as an independent candidate for Mayor. The Election Commissioners reviewed and found the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for an Independent Candidate for Mayor submitted by Thomas G. Taylor contained more than fifteen (15) qualified electors from the Town of Boyle, MS; that the persons signing the Petition were qualified

electors residing in the Town of Boyle, MS and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petition for Independent Candidate for Alderman or Independent Candidate for Mayor filed by Thomas G. Taylor were complete and legally sufficient as required by the law.

2. The Commissioners reviewed the the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate for Mayor submitted by Jeannette Young Washington for Mayor and found the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate for Mayor failed to contain or omitted Date of General Election both on the Qualifying Statement of Intent for Independent Candidate for Office of Mayor and on the Candidate Petition for Independent Candidate For Mayor. Because the documents failed to contain or identify the date of the General Election, the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate for Mayor submitted by the Jeanette Young Washington were legally insufficient in failing to state the Date of Election as required by any candidate seeking as an Independent Candidate for Office of Mayor as required by Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-361 (1972) , as amended, confirmed by the Mississippi Supreme Court in in City of Clinton v. Smith, 493 So2d 331 (Miss. 1986) and as directed by the Miss. Attorney General in MS AG Opinion, Sorrell, March 23, 2009. The Commissioners contacted the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office which confirmed the documents submitted by the candidate were void on their face and disqualified Jeannette Young Washington as a candidate for Mayor.

On motion by Charles Warren, seconded by J. F. Stephens, and unanimously approved, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Qualifying Statement of Intent for Independent Candidate for Office

of Mayor and on the Candidate Petition for Independent Candidate For Mayor submitted by Jeannette Young Washington for Mayor are rejected. The Chairman with the assistance of the attorney for the Town of Boyle, MS, will write a letter to Ms. Washington advising her of this action by the Election Commissioners for the Town of Boyle, MS., with the Town Marshall to deliver the letter to the candidate.

3. With respect to Ward One (1), the Election Commissioners found that only one (1) candidate, **Stacy Weeks Hurst**, filed a Statement of Intent and Petition to run as independent candidate for Alderman. The Commission reviewed the Statement of Intent and the Petition, and found that the petition contained the names of fifteen (15) registered electors from Ward One (1); that **Stacy Weeks Hurst** has not been convicted of a felony punishable by more than one (1) year incarceration in the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate were in proper form containing all required information and the date of general election as required by law.

4. With respect to Ward Two (2), the Election Commissioners found that only one (1) candidate, **Mark Jeffery Peeples**, filed a Statement of Intent and Petition to run as independent candidate for Alderman. The Commission reviewed the Statement of Intent and the Petition, and found that the petition contained the names of fifteen (15) registered electors from Ward Two (2); that **Mark Jeffery Peeples** has not been convicted of a felony punishable by more than one (1) year incarceration in the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate were

in proper form containing all required information and the date of general election as required by law.

5. With respect to Ward Three (3), the Election Commissioners found that only one (1) candidate, **George L. Evans, III**, filed a Statement of Intent and Petition to run as independent candidate for Alderman. The Commission reviewed the Statement of Intent and the Petition, and found that the petition contained the names of fifteen (15) registered electors from Ward Three (3); that **George L. Evans, III** has not been convicted of a felony punishable by more than one (1) year incarceration in the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate were in proper form containing all required information and the date of general election as required by law.

6. With respect to Ward Four (4), the Election Commissioners found that only one (1) candidate, **Sanders Richardson**, filed a Statement of Intent and Petition to run as independent candidate for Alderman. The Commission reviewed the Statement of Intent and the Petition, and found that the petition contained the names of fifteen (15) registered electors from Ward Four (4); that **Sanders Richardson** has not been convicted of a felony punishable by more than one (1) year incarceration in the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate were in proper form containing all required information and the date of general election as required by law.

7. With respect to Ward Five (5) the Election Commissioners found that only one (1) candidate, **Azalean Rogers**, filed a Statement of Intent and Petition to run as independent candidate for Alderman. The Commission reviewed the Statement of Intent and the Petition, and found that the petition contained the names of fifteen (15) registered electors from Ward Five (5); that **Azalean Rogers** has not been convicted of a felony punishable by more than one (1) year incarceration in the Mississippi State Penitentiary and that the Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate and Candidate Petitions for Independent Candidate were in proper form containing all required information and the date of general election as required by law.

8. The Election Commissioners found that the deadline to qualify as a candidate for an either Mayor or Alderman had expired at 5:00 p.m., on February 5, 2021, and that no other candidates may qualify for any of the municipal offices according to **Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-363 (1972)**.

IN ACCORDANCE with **Mississippi Code Annotated §23-15-363(6)**, and on motion by J. F. Stephens, seconded by Charles Warren, and all members voting “**AYE**”, **IT IS ORDERED** that only one (1) candidate duly qualified as a candidate for the Offices of Mayor and Alderman Ward One (1), Ward Two (2), Ward Three (3), Ward Four (4) and Ward Five (5). Based on the fact that not more than one (1) person duly qualified to run as a candidate for the Offices of Mayor, Ward One (1), Ward Two (2), Ward Three (3) Ward Four (4) and Ward Five (5), the General Election for the Mayor and Aldermen for Wards One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5) in the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, scheduled for June 8, 2021 is hereby dispensed with and each candidate as heretofore identified who were found to have duly qualified for Mayor and Alderman for Wards One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Ward Five (5) are

declared unopposed and therefore are duly and legally elected as follows:

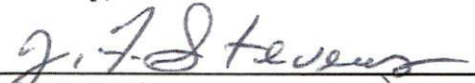
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On motion by Charles Warren, seconded by J. F. Stephens, and unanimously approved, **IT IS ORDERED** that the above persons are declared elected to the offices so identified; that a copy of these minutes shall be provided to the Board of Aldermen and Mayor of the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, with a request a copy of these Minutes be made a part of the regular Minutes for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi; that a certified copy and an appropriate report be sent to the Secretary of State for the State of Mississippi in accordance with and as required by the law regarding certification of candidates for Mayor and Aldermen for Wards One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4) and Five (5), for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, for the 2021 Municipal Election scheduled for June 8, 2021, which is cancelled as provided by law.

A copy of all documents referred to in these Minutes are attached hereto and marked as a **Collective Exhibit "A"** hereof.

{SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

SO ORDERED on this the 8th day of February, 2021.



J. F. STEVENS



CHARLES WARREN



LISA ROARK, Chairperson

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Charles Warren, hereby certifies as Secretary for the Election Commission for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi, that the above Minutes for the Election Commissioners for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi dated February 8, 2021, are a true and correct copy of the original Minutes signed and executed by said Election Commissioners on February 8, 2021, the original of which having been filed in the official papers for the Election Commissioners for the Town of Boyle, Mississippi.

SO CERTIFIED this the 8th day of February, 2021.



CHARLES WARREN, Secretary