

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
December 4, 2015**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on December 4, 2015 in the Absentee area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member (arrived at end of meeting)
William Mercier, Board Member
Baoky Vu, Board Member
Maxine Daniels, Director
Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Bennett Bryan, Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Leona Perry, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM and asked for approval of the agenda. There were no changes or additions. Mr. Mercier made a motion to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Vu. The question was called and the motion was approved

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Mercier to approve the minutes as written from the November 6 and November 9, 2015 meetings. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the minutes were approved.

Comments from the Public - None

Challenges - None

Certify SD 43 Special Runoff Election

The Official and Complete Election Summary was provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Vu that the Board certify the Special Runoff Election results. Mr. Mercier seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved, after which the certification document was circulated for signatures.

Election Evaluation

Mr. Tillman announced that the Secretary of State has requested a recount on Monday to be completed by 2:00 PM. Ms. Daniels explained that two precincts, Panola Road and Miller Grove High, were co-located at one facility. Since both precincts had the same ballot style, KSU failed to manually separate the two precincts and we failed to catch the error. The assumption was that the same database from the Special Election was being used for the runoff, but that proved not to be the case, and all votes cast showed up on the Miller Grove High precinct. The number of votes remain the same; but it appeared that no votes were cast at Panola Road. The office has since checked the numbered list of voters and found that the 48 Panola Road votes were counted, but were included in the total for Miller Grove High. A copy of the numbered list of voters was provided to the Board. Ms. Daniels assured the Board that their certification has no effect on the recount. Mr. Tillman inquired as to when the recount would be done and Ms. Daniels responded that it would, most likely, be around 11:00 since the office will be handling qualifying for Tucker beginning on Monday at 8:00. Confirmation of the time of recount will be sent out to the Board.

Unfinished Business -- None

New Business

A) Proposed Precinct Change – Coan Middle Relocation

Ms. Daniels explained that we have been advised by Atlanta City Schools that Coan Middle School is undergoing construction and requested that we move back to Whitefoord Elementary, where we have been in the past. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to relocate the Coan Middle Precinct to Whitfoore Elem, seconded by Mr. Mercier. The question was called and the motion was approved.

B) Proposed Precinct Change – Mary Lin Elementary Relocation

Ms. Daniels reported that construction has been completed at Mary Lin Elementary and that we can now return from being temporarily housed at Epworth United Methodist Church. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to return the Mary Lin Elem Precinct to the school, seconded by Mr. Mercier. The question was called and the motion was approved.

C) Proposed Precinct Change – Chamblee High Relocation

Ms. Daniels explained that the Chamblee High location turned out not to be good for the voters because of parking issues and inaccessibility. Due to numerous complaints, she is requesting that the Chamblee High voters be returned to the Chamblee Civic Center, and then boundary lines be adjusted to transfer some of the Chamblee voters to the Dresden Elem Precinct for more even distribution. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Mercier. The question was called and the motion was approved.

D) Proposed 2016 Board Calendar – The Board was provided with the proposed 2016 Board Meeting Calendar. A motion was made by Mr. Mercier to accept the calendar, seconded by Mr. Vu. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Information Items Included in Packet: (Reviewed by Board members with comments)

A) Work Performed in Office

Comments from the Board

Mr. Tillman inquired if there was a need for the Board to go into Executive Session and there was none. Mr. Mercier asked about the status of the investigation by the office of Secretary of State and Ms. Daniels replied that it is pending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections