

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
DEKALB COUNTY  
July 14, 2016**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on July 14, in the Poll Worker Training area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present:                   Michael Coveny, Board Member  
                              Leona Perry, Board Member  
                              Anthony Lewis, Board Member  
                              Maxine Daniels, Director  
                              Erica Hamilton, Assistant Director  
                              Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Absent:                   Baoky Vu, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM, and asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to adopt the agenda. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved

Officially Welcome New Board Member Anthony Lewis – Mr. Lewis attended last month’s meeting in an unofficial capacity, but has since been sworn in and was welcomed as a full participant. Mr. Lewis stated he is excited to be working on this Board.

Welcome New Assistant Director Erica Hamilton – Mr. Tillman gave some of Ms. Hamilton’s background and experience and warmly welcomed her on behalf of the Board. Ms. Daniels reiterated the positive working relationship that is already developing. Ms. Hamilton thanked the Board for the opportunity and she is looking forward to working together with Board and staff.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the June 9th meeting. Mr. Coveny 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

- A) Blanca Stells Rodriguez Samaca Challenge -- The Board was provided with a request from Mr. John Underwood, who lives at the registered address, stating that Ms. Samanca does not live there, along with our challenge letter, which was returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to remove Blanca Stells Rodriguez Samaca’s name from the DeKalb County voter rolls. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

- B) University Drive/Spring Valley Challenges -- Ms. Daniels reported that the voters being challenged by Mr. Brian Folse is in anticipation of the subdivision being annexed. The Board was provided with a copy of the letter sent to each individual, along with the list indicating in red those who have moved, and those highlighted in yellow whose letters have been returned undeliverable. Since this is a major election year, staff recommendation is for the removal of those whose letters have been returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to adhere to the staff recommendation to remove the highlighted names. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. After much discussion, Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved. A further motion was made by Mr. Coveny to bring the remainder back before the next Board meeting in the event more mail is returned undeliverable. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.
- C) Woodbridge Hollow/Court/Lane Valley Challenges -- Ms. Daniels reported that the voters being challenged by Mr. Trevor Lamis is also in anticipation an annexation. The Board was provided with a copy of the letter sent to each individual and list indicating in red those who have provided proof of residency, and those highlighted in yellow whose letters have been returned undeliverable. Staff recommendation is for the removal of those whose letters have been returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to adhere to the staff recommendation to remove the highlighted names. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to bring the remainder back before the next Board meeting in the event more mail is returned undeliverable. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Precinct Change – Clarkston – Ms. Daniels explained that we had been informed by Clarkston International Bible Church that they could no longer accommodate us as a polling location. We are requesting that, effective with the General Election, the Clarkston Precinct be relocated to Clarkston First Baptist Church. An explanation sheet and map is provided showing close proximity of the two locations. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Perry. The question was called and the motion was approved.

#### Unfinished Business

Mr. Tilman asked Ms. Daniels for an update on the Irvin Johnson Lawsuit, whereby there will be a hearing on Monday at 9:00 AM. Ms. Daniels responded that there are two Irvin Johnson lawsuits pending and that outside counsel has been retained.

Mr. Tillman asked the status on the subpoena issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to the investigation and Ms. Daniels replied that she was not aware of a subpoena, but to her knowledge, the Judge has still not released the requested documents held by the Clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Tillman indicated that he understood from the SEB Meeting that the Attorney General had issued a subpoena. Mr. Tillman will follow up and report back to the Board.

New Business

- A) Advance Voting Schedule for General Election – Ms. Daniels asked the pleasure of the Board regarding adding an additional Saturday of Advance Voting for the General Election due to expected large volume. We are required to be open on Saturday, October 29, and the Board had earlier approved Sunday, October 30. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to follow staff recommendation to add Saturday, October 22, to the Advance Voting schedule. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. After some discussion, Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved with the caveat that staff determines the Sunday and Saturday hours of operation.

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

- A) Staff Minutes – Mr. Tillman inquired about Merna Banks' concern regarding Advance Voting space to be allocated at South DeKalb Mall. Ms. Daniels explained that Merna is the Precinct Manager for that location and the Mall will not commit to a particular space until close to the election.

Comments from the Board – The Board expressed their pleasure in having Mr. Coveny back following his surgery and he thanked everyone for their concern. Ms. Perry advised the Board that she would be at the Democratic Convention on July 26, General Primary Runoff Election Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant  
Registration and Elections