

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
DEKALB COUNTY  
September 8, 2016**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on September 8, in the Absentee area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member (arrived late)  
Leona Perry, Board Member  
Anthony Lewis, Board Member  
Maxine Daniels, Director  
Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant  
Bennett Bryan, Assistant County Attorney

Absent: Baoky Vu, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM and asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Tillman asked that “for Tax Commissioner” be deleted from item 4 to read simply “Certified Write In Candidates.” A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to adopt the agenda as changed. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the August 1st meeting. Mr. Lewis 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 – Mr. Charles McCorkle stated his case regarding his write in candidacy for CEO that is to appear before the Board later in the meeting. He stated he came to our office and was given a copy of OCGA 21-2-133 and instructed to visit the Secretary of State’s website for further direction. He stated he also spoke with someone from the office of the Secretary of State who indicated he had until September 12 to file his intent, which is contrary to OCGA 21-2-133.

Challenges

- A) Woodbridge Hollow/Court/Lane Valley Challenges from July meeting -- Ms. Daniels reported additional certifications from individuals living at the residences highlighted on the list have been provided attesting that those individuals do not reside there and staff recommends that they be removed from the voter rolls. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to accept staff recommendation to remove the highlighted names. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Certified Write In Candidates

- A) Antiqua Walker – Tax Commissioner – Ms. Daniels reported that Ms. Walker filed her notice on August 18 and verified publication in The Champion Newspaper as required by OCGA 21-2-133. Staff recommendation is that Ms. Walker be certified as a write-in candidate for DeKalb County Tax Commissioner. A motion was made by Ms. Perry that the Board accept staff recommendation to certify Ms. Walker as a write in candidate for DeKalb Tax Commissioner. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

- B) Charles McCorkle – CEO – Ms. Daniels reported that Mr. McCorkle filed his notice today, September 8, which is two days past the cut-off date of September 6, per OCGA 21-2-133, and staff recommendation is that he not be certified. Mr. McCorkle was given an opportunity to repeat his earlier statements and make additional ones. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Coveny to accept staff recommendation to abide by OCGA 21-2-133 and deny certification of Mr. McCorkle's write-in candidacy for DeKalb CEO. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved with a 3-1 vote.

Unfinished Business

- A) Report on Johnson Lawsuits – Attorney Bennet Bryan gave a brief summary of the status of the Johnson Lawsuits. The judge's determination was that the Special Election for Tax Commissioner was unconstitutional and the county is deciding whether or not to appeal. This is a non-binding, not precedential decision at this point.

New Business – None

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

- A) Work Performed in Office
- B) Staff Minutes
- C) Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund Correspondence

Ms. Daniels reported that the number of applications processed in August of 2016 is the most the department has ever done in a month's time. There were just under 40,000 applications processed which doubles what was done in any month in 2008. The temporary staff, along with our permanent staff, have done an outstanding job in handling the backlog. As of today, we are current. Mr. Tillman directed Ms. Daniels to extend the Board's sincere appreciation to Management and the staff for their hard work.

Ms. Daniels was directed to respond to the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund requesting them to provide us with bilingual poll officials.

Comments from the Board - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant  
Registration and Elections