

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
October 13, 2016**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on October 13th, in the Training Room at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member
 Leona Perry, Board Member
 Anthony Lewis, Board Member
 Baoky Vu, Board Member (arrived late)
 Maxine Daniels, Director
 Erica Hamilton, Assistant Director
 Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

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 and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the minutes as written from the September 8th meeting. Ms. Perry 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 - Director Maxine Daniels presented the following challenges with staff recommendation for removal.

- A) Latoya Ciara Harrison -- The Board was provided with a request from Laura Pryor, who lives at the registered address, stating that Ms. Harrison does not live there, along with our challenge letter. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to remove Latoya Harrison'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) Khanda Ali Mohamed -- The Board was provided with a request from Brenda K. Battle, who lives at the registered address, stating that Ms. Mohamed does not live there, along with our challenge letter. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to remove Khanda Mohamed'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.
- C) Madisynn J. Tukpah -- The Board was provided with a request from Donald R. Kemp, who lives at the registered address, stating that Ms. Tukpah does not live there, along with our challenge letter, which was returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to remove Madisynn Tukpah'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.

Approval of Poll Officials for General and Special Elections

The Board was provided with a list of Managers and Assistant Managers for the General and Special Elections. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the poll officials. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

The Board was provided with requests for monitors for Early Tabulation of Absentee Ballots and for Vote Review Panel assignments by the county parties. Early opening of Ballots which requires sequestering will begin at 1:00 PM on Election Day.

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

A) Staff Minutes

Mr. Tillman asked Ms. Daniels what was the biggest challenge and she responded that it is a moving target. At the moment, last minute registration is the big hurdle that must be processed by October 20th. Additional data entry help is being brought in to assist, as well as mandatory overtime for staff. Also absentee mail is daunting. Early voting begins on Monday, which will further stretch resources. However, we are more departmentalized than we were in 2008, which makes for better organization. Ms. Daniels reported that under Twyla Hart's leadership, more than 11,000 letters were sent out to voters that had been rejected since October 2014 because of failure to provide missing information which would put them back into a pending status, as required by an agreement between the courts and the Secretary of State. This was an unexpected additional task that put us further behind in registration.

Mr. Tillman directed Ms. Daniels to extend the Board's sincere thanks to Management and the staff for all of their dedicated hard work, and appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty to make sure the work is caught up and done properly. Ms. Daniels assured him that she would and heartily agreed that she indeed has a great team.

Comments from the Board - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections