

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
December 12, 2016**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on December 12, in the Absentee area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member
Anthony Lewis, Board Member
Baoky Vu, Board Member
Maxine Daniels, Director
Erica Hamilton, Assistant 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 the records to reflect that a quorum was present. He called 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 November 14th 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 - None

Challenges -- None

Certify Special Runoff Election

The Official and Complete Election Summary was provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny that the Board certify the Special Runoff Election results for Commission District 7. Mr. Vu 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

Ms. Daniels reported that it was a very quiet election with a 3.2% turnout. The pollworkers were very efficient and we were finished by 9:30. Mr. Tillman asked Ms. Daniels to convey to the staff his and the Board's appreciation for all of the hard work they have put in during this entire election year and congratulations for getting us through a very challenging one with very few scars. Mr. Coveny added that he felt that perhaps this was the best run Election Year since he has been involved.

2017 Board Calendar

The Board was provided with the proposed 2017 Board Meeting Calendar. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to accept the calendar, seconded by Mr. Lewis. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Daniels reported that the additional \$400,000 budget increase, due to unanticipated security and election related expenses was approved by the Board of Commissioners at last Tuesday's meeting.

New Business

- A) Stonecrest Election Call & Qualifying – The Board was provided with a copy of a proposed notice to be published in the legal organ. Ms. Daniels explained that the next available election date for the City of Stonecrest would be March 21, and staff is recommending that the qualifying period be January 9–11. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to establish the qualifying period for the City of Stonecrest as recommended by staff, January 9-11, seconded by Mr. Lewis. After some discussion as to whether or not the qualifying period would be long enough, the question was called and the motion was approved. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the March 21, 2017 Election Date for City of Stonecrest officers, seconded by Mr. Vu. The question was called and the motion was approved. The notice will be sent to The Champion as quickly as possible.
- B) SEB Case # 2014-028 – The Board was provided with notification from the Secretary of State that this case is being dismissed with “no violations.”
- C) SEB Case # 2014-093 – The Board was provided with notification from the Secretary of State that this case is going before the State Election Board tomorrow and Attorney Bennett Bryan will be representing us.

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

- A) Work Performed in Office

Comments from the Board – Mr. Tillman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and reiterated how happy he is with what the Department has been able to accomplish this year. Each and every Board Member present echoed Mr. Tillman's comments and accolades to the Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections