

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

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on November 14, 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

Absent: Leona Perry, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:40 PM and asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to move certification of the General Election to the bottom of the agenda. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the agenda was approved as amended.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the minutes as written from the October 13th meeting. 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

Election Evaluation

Ms. Daniels reported that the last precinct came in at 10:30 was the one at St. Philip, which is a large one and that all precincts came in quickly and efficiently. She stated our largest issue was the absentee by mail ballots, plus more than 1,000 electronic ballot delivery for the UOCAVA voters which had to be duplicated and scanned. Ms. Daniels requested seeking legislation to consider county-wide provisional ballots which would eliminate having to duplicate provisional ballots. Ms. Daniels explained the duplication process to the Board Members.

Mr. Coveny inquired about Early Voting and Ms. Daniels reported that 60+% of DeKalb's voters took advantage of early voting which greatly helped Election Day.

Mr. Tillman stated that there has to be a way to get the employees out at a decent hour following the Election. It was 5:00 AM the next morning for this one. Management and the Board need to brainstorm ways that Legislation can help. Ms. Daniels pointed out that part of the problem is small counties vs. large counties

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- A) Reschedule December Board Meeting to Certify Runoff Election -- A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to move the December Board Meeting to Monday, December 12, to certify the Commission District 7 Special Runoff Election. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Lewis commended the staff on how helpful everyone was on Election Night and the rest of the Board concurred. Mr. Coveny also commented on how professional the Call Center performed.

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to take a ten minute recess to await tabulation of UOCAVA ballots that came in today. Mr. Vu 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. Vu to resume the November 14 Board Meeting. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Certify General & Special Elections

The Official and Complete Election Summary was provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny that the Board certify the General Special Election results. 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 documents were circulated for signatures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
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