

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
DEKALB COUNTY  
November 13, 2017**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on November 13th, 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  
                                Erica Hamilton, Director  
                                Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Absent:                    Leona Perry, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM and asked for a change to the agenda to move Certification of Election Results to the end of the meeting to allow time for finalization. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to adopt the agenda with the aforementioned change. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the minutes as written from the October 12th 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

Mr. Jonathan Grant presented the Board with an Open Records request and reported on splotchy delivery of precinct cards in his area, dependent upon specific street addresses. Mr. Girishkumar Parkikh commented on the failure to receive his precinct card in the mail, although the office has tried to accommodate him multiple times. Mr. Parkikh was provided with a copy of both his and his son's precinct cards. He further complained that sample ballots were displayed on the wall at his precinct on Election Day; however, individual copies were not made available.

Challenges – None

Election Evaluation

Ms. Hamilton reported that from her perspective, she was very pleased with the course of the election. There was a very tight timeframe to get everything done and commented that her staff did an exceptional job. As always, there are areas to be tweaked for the future, but all in all, she felt the election went great. Mr. Tillman commended Ms. Hamilton on her first election as Director and on how well the staff performed. He also commented on challenges we face to assure that we are meeting federal ADA guidelines in the schools, as they tend to change the assigned areas from one election to the next. Ms. Hamilton responded that new measures are already set to be put into place when the office meets with School Board representatives in a few weeks.

Unfinished Business

- A) Election of Officers – Chairman Tillman stated he would prefer to have a full slate of Board Members present; however, a motion was made by Mr. Coveny to nominate Samuel Tillman as Chair, and Baoky Vu as Vice Chair, after which the nomination was closed. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman turned the gavel over to Board Member Michael Coveny who stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved, electing Samuel Tillman as Chair and Baoky Vu as Vice Chair for the 2017-19 term.

New Business –

- A) Runoff Advance Voting Sites – Director Erica Hamilton reported that the City of Atlanta requested and agreed to pay for the Bessie Branham Recreation Center as an advance voting site to be consistent with our main location during the runoff advance voting period, November 27 through December 1, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the City of Atlanta's request. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

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

- A) Staff Minutes

Mr. Tillman reported that on Election Night, CEO Michael Thurmond visited the office and he took the opportunity to take him on a tour of the facility. Much needed maintenance and repairs were pointed out and the CEO was very receptive and indicated he would send someone from Facilities Management to come over to meet with staff who will be asked to compile a list of what needs to be done to improve working conditions.

Ms. Hamilton reported that on Thursday, ES&S will be here to demonstrate voting equipment at 10:00 AM and the Board is invited to participate.

Comments from the Board –

Mr. Coveny commended Mr. Tillman on his leadership and Mr. Lewis commended the poll workers he encountered on their efficiency and hard work.

Certify General Municipal and Special Elections

The Official and Complete Election Summaries were provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny that the Board certify the November 7 General Municipal and 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.

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Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant  
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