

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS  
DEKALB COUNTY  
March 8, 2018**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on March 8th, in the Absentee Area 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  
                              Bennett Bryan, Attorney  
                              Erica Hamilton, 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 Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the February 8th 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 asked the Board to consider expanding hours and days of the General Primary Advance Voting period.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- A) Legislative Update – Mr. Tillman reported on legislative bills that crossed over and indicated he would provide the Board with a breakdown of each election bill. He stated that Senate Bill 848 specifies dates and times for Advance Voting, removing all Saturday and Sunday voting, as well as changing Special Elections to partisan rather than nonpartisan races. The other major election bills that crossed over are related to updating Georgia's voting machines. Ms. Hamilton reported on Election Officials Day at the Capitol and stated she would be inviting election equipment vendors present to bring their proposed units to our office for a demonstration. She will advise the Board, CEO's office and County Commissioners of the date and time.
- B) Candidate Qualifying Status – The Board was provided with a list of Nonpartisan and Democratic candidates that have qualified to date. A correction to the list is being made and will be e-mailed to each Board member. This information is also available and updated daily on our website.
- C) Advance Voting – Ms. Hamilton advised the Board of proposed Advance Voting sites and times for the General Primary. Three locations are proposed for the full three week period, including a Saturday and Sunday, plus an increase in the number of locations the week before the election from eight to nine. After some discussion it was determined that the Board would wait to vote on Advance Voting dates and times until the April meeting and it is known what happened with Senate Bill 848.

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Proposed Precinct Boundary Changes – Ms. Hamilton presented three proposed relocations and boundary changes as follows:

- A) Woodrow Road/Stonecrest Library – Stonecrest Library has been added as a polling location to eliminate overcrowding at the Woodrow Road Precinct and voters will be distributed between the two locations.
- B) Smoke Rise – Relocated from Mt. Carmel Christian Church to be co-located with the Hugh Howell Precinct at Smoke Rise Baptist Church because Mt. Carmel Christian Church is being sold.
- C) Rockbridge – Relocated back to Rockbridge Elementary School from temporary location at Freedom Elementary School, now that renovations at Rock Bridge Elementary have been completed.

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the requested relocations and boundary changes. Ms. Perry 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) Work Performed in Office
- B) Staff Minutes

Comments from the Board – Ms. Perry complimented Mr. Tillman and Ms. Hamilton on the painting and facelift of the office. Mr. Tillman coordinated improvements through the office of the CEO and Ms. Hamilton executed them beautifully, as well as sorting and cleaning out neglected areas. Mr. Tillman expressed the Board's sincere appreciation for all of her hard work and organization skills. While there is still more work to be done, the overall appearance has improved dramatically.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant  
Registration and Elections