MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DEKALB COUNTY August 10, 2017

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on August 10th, in the Absentee Area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member

Anthony Lewis, Board Member Leona Perry, Board Member Baoky Vu, Board Member

Bennett Bryan, Assistant County Attorney

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. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to adopt the agenda. 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 Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the July 13th 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

<u>Challenges – Pine Lake Voters</u>

A) Director Maxine Daniels presented the full list of challenges from the City of Pine Lake, with their current status, and a copy of the letter that was personalized and sent to the voters in question. A summary list is provided to the Board indicating the letters that had been returned undeliverable. Staff recommendation is for all voters, whose letter was returned, plus the one deceased voter whose letter was not, but his death was confirmed, be deleted. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to follow staff recommendation and remove the highlighted and deceased names from the DeKalb County voter rolls. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved. A further motion was made by Mr. Vu and seconded by Mr. Lewis to defer action on the remaining seven names on the list until a later meeting. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

<u>Precinct Changes</u> – Ms. Daniels explained that the five following relocations, with no boundary changes, are primarily because the respective schools are no longer available. The proposed precinct changes have been published as required by law.

- A) Whitefoord Elem Relocated from Whitefoord Elementary School to Coan Recreation Center because school can no longer be used.
- B) Dunwoody High Relocated from Dunwoody High to Kingswood UMC because school can no longer be used.
- C) Henderson Mill Relocated from Henderson Mill Elementary School to St. Bede's Episcopal Church because school can no longer be used.
- D) Cross Keys Relocated from Cross Keys High to Briarwood Recreation Center because school can no longer be used.

E) Wadsworth – Relocation from Rockbridge Elementary School to Columbia Drive UMC because school can no longer be used.

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the requested relocations. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. There was much discussion regarding the trend for schools asking us to leave. Mr. Tillman has been in contact with the Chairman of the Board of Education regarding this issue and will keep the Board appraised. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

<u>Unfinished Business</u> – None

New Business -

- A) Fifth Member appointment A motion was made by Mr. Vu to reappoint Michael Coveny as the Fifth Member for the term ending June 30, 2019. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.
- B) Lawsuit Assistant County Attorney Bennett Bryan stated that he would be happy to speak to Board Members individually or in Executive Session if they would like any advice; however, he gave quick overview of public information, including the fact that the Secretary of State, through the Attorney General's office has moved to remove the case from Fulton County Court to Federal Court. All Board Members and the Executive Director have signed and submitted a request for legal representation so that the county can defend them in this matter.

<u>Information Items Included in Packet</u>: (Reviewed by Board members with comments)

A) Work Performed in Office

Comments from the Board – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant Registration and Elections