

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
September 14, 2017**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on September 14th, in the Absentee Area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Anthony Lewis, Board Member
 Leona Perry, Board Member
 Baoky Vu, Board Member
 Maxine Daniels, Director
 Erica Hamilton, Assistant Director
 Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Michael Coveny, Board Member

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. Ms. Perry 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. Vu to approve the minutes as written from the August 10th 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

Mr. Jonathan Grant commented on the relocation of polling places, particularly in the Midvale Road area. He was under the impression that the Board held an unscheduled meeting to vote on recent changes on August 22. Ms. Daniels informed him that the August 22 meeting was the Board of Commissioners which is required in the Georgia Election Code to approve any precinct boundary changes, after they had already been approved at the VR&E regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Challenges – Assistant Director Erica Hamilton presented the following challenges with staff recommendation for removal.

- A) John Arthur McCleskey -- The Board was provided with a request from Thomas D. Bentley who lives at the registered address, stating that Mr. McCleskey does not live there, along with our challenge letter, which was returned undeliverable.
- B) Chung Lieu & Cybil Lieu -- The Board was provided with a request from Kelsey Howe who lives at the registered address, stating that neither of these individuals there, along with our challenge letter. Our records indicate the Cybil Lieu has made an address change, but we have received no response from Chung Lieu.

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to remove John Arthur McCleskey's and Chung Lieu's names from the DeKalb County voter rolls, per staff recommendation. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

C) Parkview Subdivision – Assistant Director Erica Hamilton presented the full list of challenges from Day Permuy, with their current status, and a copy of the letter that was personalized and sent to the voters in question. The list provided to the Board indicated letters that had been returned undeliverable, voters who have proven residency, and those who have changed their addresses. Staff recommendation is for all voters, whose letter was returned, plus the ones shown as “Inactive” be deleted.

D) Braeburn Circle, Brown Place & Nash Avenue – Assistant Director Erica Hamilton presented the full list of challenges from Jeni Stallings Scialabba, with their current status, and a copy of the letter that was personalized and sent to the voters in question. The list provided to the Board indicated letters that had been returned undeliverable and those who have changed their addresses. Staff recommendation is for all voters, whose letter was returned, plus the ones shown as “Inactive” be deleted.

A motion was made by Mr. Vu to follow staff recommendation to remove all voters whose letter was returned undeliverable and the others that are shown as “Inactive” from both lists. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Lewis asked for clarification on “Inactive” status and Ms. Hamilton explained the process. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Tillman commented about the issues we’ve been having with DeKalb County Schools. He has been in close contact with the Chairman of the Board Dr. Melvin Johnson, which has resulted in being allowed to remain in the schools where we have not been able to find a suitable replacement location for the November election. Going forward, there will be better communication between the VR&E Board and higher levels on the Board of Education regarding proposed school precinct relocations. Ms. Daniels and the Board members applauded Chairman Tillman for his perseverance in addressing this important issue.

New Business –

A) Election of Officers – In the absence of a full Board, a motion was made by Mr. Vu to defer the election of officers until a future time when all members can be present. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

B) Advance Voting Sites for November Election– Assistant Director Erica Hamilton advised the Board that the only municipality to request and agree to pay for an Advance Voting Site was City of Atlanta. Coan Recreation Center is being proposed to operate the full three week and one required Saturday Advance Voting period in addition to our main office at 4380 Memorial Drive. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the Coan Advance Voting site. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

C) Reschedule December Board Meeting to certify Runoff Election -- A motion was made by Ms. Perry to reschedule the December Board meeting from Thursday, December 14, to Monday, December 11, in order to certify the Runoff Elections. 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) Work Performed in Office

Comments from the Board

Chairman Tillman expressed appreciation to Director Maxine Daniels for her tireless dedication, hard work and exemplary leadership upon her retirement, as well as congratulating her as she reaches this milestone. Each Board member present echoed his comments and added their own personal ones as well. Ms. Daniels stated that never has she had a job that was more rewarding, nor more challenging. She expressed her deep appreciation to the support she has always received from the Board and her staff and feels confident that she leaves the Department in good hands as it continues to operate in excellence.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections