

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
March 27, 2017**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on March 27th, in the Training 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 (arrived late)
 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. There were no changes or additions and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the minutes as written from the February 9th meeting. Ms. Perry 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. Tillman explained the rules and time limitations on public comments. Several individuals signed in to speak on behalf of expanding advance voting sites for the Congressional 6 Special Election.

Challenges

- A) Ahnaste Mays
- B) Erica Necole Jeter
- C) Darryl Wesley McGee

Ms. Daniels stated that the office had received notices from the residents at the respective addresses after precinct cards had been mailed, stating that the above individuals do not live there. A copy is enclosed in the Board's packets, along with their challenge letters, all of which have been returned undeliverable. Staff recommendation is to remove the challenged voters. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to remove Ahnaste Mays, Erica Necole Jeter and Darryl Wesley McGee from the DeKalb County voter rolls. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Certify Special Stonecrest Election

The Official and Complete Election Summary was provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis that the Board certify the Special Stonecrest Election results. Ms. Perry 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 document was circulated for signatures.

Election Evaluation

Ms. Daniels reported that it was a very quiet election with a 13% turnout. Staff and pollworkers were very efficient and we were finished before 9:00.

Approve Poll Officials for Special Election – Congressional District 6

The Board was provided with a list of Managers and Assistant Managers for the Congressional 6 Special Election. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the poll officials. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Advance Polling Location Expansion Consideration for Special Election

Ms. Daniels explained that it has been the policy to have only one Advance Voting Site for Special and Runoff Elections and that a change in policy to extend the early voting site(s) would have to come from the Board and be supported by the BOC for funding. She stated we have received multiple phone calls and e-mails requesting advance voting consideration within the District. A list of people who have sent e-mails is included in the Board packets. In anticipation of Board approval, tentative preparations to use the Dunwoody Library during the last week of Advance Voting have been made. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny for a policy change to allow for an additional advance polling location in North DeKalb for the express purpose of this Congressional 6 Special Election. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. After much discussion, the Board unanimously approved utilizing the Dunwoody Library during the last week of Advance Voting, April 10-14, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, as an additional Advance Voting Location for the April 18 Commission 6 Special Election.

Legislative Update

Mr. Tillman reported on the proposal of redrawing the lines of Stonecrest and stated that it doesn't look like the bill will be going anywhere this year. He also stated that none of the election bills, other than possibly the Secretary of State's housekeeping bill passed.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- A) Polling Place Relocation – Winters Chapel – Ms. Daniels reported that because of the Jewish Passover Holiday on April 18, Congregation Beth Shalom will not be available and that Crossroads Church of Dunwoody has agreed to co-locate both precincts there for that election only. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the move. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.
- B) Reschedule June Board Meeting – Probable Runoff – Ms. Daniels stated there will most likely be a runoff on June 20, and recommends the Board meeting be rescheduled accordingly. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to reschedule the June Board meeting to Monday June 26. Mr. Coveny 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 - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.