

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
April 24, 2017**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on April 24th, 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 (arrived late)
Bennett Bryan, Assistant County Attorney
Tiffany Harlow, 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. Lewis to adopt the agenda. Mr. Coveny 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 March 27th 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 and times for the Congressional 6 Special Runoff Election. Following all of the comments, Mr. Tillman explained that the April 18 Congressional 6 Special Election was the first time a satellite site was open for a Special or Runoff Election. He further stated that the Board understands how important this election as well as all elections are and that preparations must be made before any decision can be handed down. He thanked everyone for their input and promised that a decision will be made at the May 11 meeting after all information and options have been explored.

Challenges

- A) Jonathan Louis Polk
- B) Crystal Leatha Williams
- C) Katie Elizabeth Nelson
- D) LaFrancea Huguley

Ms. Daniels stated that the office had received notices from the residents at the respective addresses, 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. Vu to remove the above four listed names from the DeKalb County voter rolls. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Certify Special Congressional District 6 and Stonecrest Runoff Elections

The Official and Complete Election Summaries were provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny that the Board certify the Special 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 documents were circulated for signatures.

Election Evaluation

Ms. Daniels reported that it was a very well run election, was finished by 10:00 PM and DeKalb was the first to come in. The main issue was explaining to voters who were not eligible to vote in this Election because they did not live in the District. Mr. Tillman stated that he was surprised at the number of individuals showing up to vote at our main location on Election Day, and having to be directed to their precincts. There is never voting at our main office on Election Day. A monitor was sent from the Office of the Secretary of State on Election Night who congratulated the staff on how well the Department worked together and was run. DeKalb received many high complements, including an E-mail from the Secretary of State Elections Director commending the Department on a “near perfect” election.

Unfinished Business – None

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

A) Work Performed in Office

New Business

Mr. Tillman asked for a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation. This is in reference to a lawsuit being filed against the Secretary of State to change the registration deadline for Federal Runoff Elections. Mr. Lewis so made the motion, seconded by Mr. Vu. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved. The Board excused themselves to another area, after which, a motion was made by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Perry to go back into regular session. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called; the motion was approved; and the meeting was called back to order with the following statement: “No decisions were made and no votes were taken while we were in Executive Session.” A signed affidavit to this effect will be placed with the minutes.

Comments from the Board – Mr. Lewis thanked the Director and staff for always doing such an excellent job, which was concurred by the rest of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections

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Chair Samuel Tillman announced that the Board would adjourn into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation.

An "Open Meeting Affidavit" document was signed and notarized and will be included with the minutes.

There being no further business, the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to open session.

Mary Frances Weeks
Administrative Assistant