

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Special Called Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

*via zoom platform

Start Time: 9:30 a.m.

End Time: 2:05 p.m.

Board Attendees: Chair Samuel Tillman
Vice-Chair Baoky Vu
Dele Lowman Smith
Anthony Lewis
Susan Motter

Other Attendees: Erica Hamilton, Director
Viviane Ernestes, County Attorney
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
Irene Vander Els, Assistant County Attorney
Shelley Momo, Assistant County Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tillman read the rules for public comment.

Public comment may be submitted by sending an email of one page or less to electionspubliccmnt@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM on the day of the meeting. The body of your email must include your first and last name, followed by your address. Abusive, profane, or derogatory language will not be permitted. By submitting an email for public comment, you agree to have your name, address and the email broadcast on the UStream and entered into the record and minutes. The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections reserves the right, at the DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections' sole discretion, to (1) add your email to the record/minutes without reading any of it into the broadcast or (2) read all or a portion of your email into the record/minutes. The Public Comments received are attached and hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. See attachment(s).

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

See attachment(s).

Commissioner Larry Johnson reported

- DeKalb Housing Authority is working with the VRE to place ballot boxes at their sites
- Senior Policy Advocate for Asian Americans Advancing Justice volunteered to translate ballots
- Board of Commissions seeking input about the budget for the Civic Life Grant
- Interested in seeing a COVID Outbreak Strategy and/or protocol for poll workers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Election Day Polling Locations

Motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Vu to approve the changes for polling locations which have changed, subject to and effective upon the second publication of the change in polling places on October 22, 2020.

- Question from Ms. Motter about when notices will be sent and to whom
- Ms. Motter referenced public comments about Briarwood and Linwood locations

Motion carries by unanimous vote.

B) NVAH Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Vander Els recommended the Board amend its contract with NVAH and provided a draft of the amendment.

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the amendment to the NVAH MOU in a form acceptable to the County Attorney. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Updates

1. NVAHI

Ms. Hall shared a presentation.

Ms. Motter comments for the public on the issue with the legal notice for additional space. The Board did not approve the space that was offered in a previous meeting.

Ms. Motter comments on voter review panel.

Mr. Vu commented on the importance of the department's collaboration with NVAH.

2. Communications

Mr. Burton provided updates on preparations for National Vote Early Day on October 28th, the Stakeholder toolkit, and translated election materials.

Board members discussed what election materials would be translated and which languages will be offered besides English.

B) ACLU's Deputy Registrars

Ms. Vander Els confirms that it is permissible to swear-in volunteers as deputy registrars for the purpose of assisting with the cancellation of absentee ballots at the polls so long as they meet the qualifications of deputy registrars.

Board members discussed concerns for bringing in untrained individuals and concerns for volunteers having access to ElectionNet.

Ms. Smith recommended contacting Gwinnett and Fulton Counties to learn more about how they implemented this program.

Mr. Tillman suggested deputizing VRE staff and call center employees in the alternative.

Motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Vu to authorize the director to move forward with the ACLU's Deputy Registrars program. The motion carries three to two.

C) Risk Limiting Audit Team

Ms. Hamilton suggested each board member and each commissioner appoint a citizen volunteer to serve on the RLA team to conduct the risk limiting audit required by the State.

Ms. Smith suggested that NVAH should be engaged in the planning process.

Ms. Smith requested criteria for volunteers and details about their responsibilities that board members and commissioners can consider when recommending volunteers. Mr. Lewis echoed this comment.

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to approve Ms. Hamilton's recommendation for board members and county commissioners to provide names of volunteers to help with the risk limiting audit. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attachment(s).

Ms. Smith suggested that the VRE take advantage of NVAH's line optimization tool.

Ms. Motter discussed comfort measures for voters in line to vote.

Commissioner Mereda Johnson suggested that food offered at precincts come from a county-approved list of vendors.

Ms. Smith suggested that the department commit to having daily briefings (15-20 min.) with partners to check-in and go through a punch list.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel issues. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Vu to resume this special called meeting. No votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis commented that the board has never done anything with the intention or desire to provide a more favorable voting experience to members of one part of the county as opposed to members of another part of the county.

Ms. Smith commented that counties are precluded from requiring masks at early voting locations and on Election Day; however, masks are strongly encouraged. For department staff, N95 masks, temperature checks and other safety measures should be required.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Public Comments (15)

Public Comment #1

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Early voting is a vital option for voters, especially in communities where voters face soaring waiting times on Election Day. For communities of color, wait times of over an hour have become the devastating norm. It is unreasonable for voters to sacrifice significant time —1 hour or more — to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

Black and brown voters in Central DeKalb are forced to sacrifice more of their personal time to vote. The average voter of color has to travel 14% farther than the average white voter to reach an Early Vote site.¹ This disparity is due in large part to increased travel times between locations and a lack of Early Vote sites to cover more voters. Voters of color in these areas have reported that they have had to sacrifice appointments, time with family, work obligations, and work pay--time that they will never recover--in order to vote. That is unacceptable.

The DeKalb Board must add at least three early voting sites, Toco Hills and Salem-Panola libraries and Stephenson Middle School, to alleviate the wait time burden on voters. These sites are already available on Election Day, in 13 days. We ask that you accelerate that availability to include early voting from now until October 30. That's only 9 days. We are asking you to give voters 9 days to keep their appointments with their doctors. 9 days to keep their hours at work. And 9 days to spend more time with their families.

In order for this to work, we also encourage the Board to tell voters about new voting sites immediately and add more equipment at each location. As we have seen, voting machines have become overheated from overuse and have become unavailable, causing longer than usual wait-times. Adding more machines will reduce the likelihood of such an issue and will help keep our lines shorter.

Lastly, in order to expedite the voting process overall, it is necessary that elections officials begin preprocessing mail ballots as soon as possible. Given the expected volume of ballots and the long delays experienced by DeKalb during the primary, earlier processing will dampen criticism and ease concerns about the security and accuracy of the count.

Voters give a lot of themselves to access our democracy. Let's work together to ensure that they never have to give more than is necessary to vote.

Public Comment #2

Public comments to DeKalb Board of Elections, 10/21/20

Update on Registrations: Provide an update on the number of registered voters, confirm all applications have been processed, the number rejected and why.

Absentee Ballot Process: Provide an update on the Absentee Ballots - the number of requests received, number of requests waiting to be filled, ballots sent, ballots accepted; ballots not accepted and reasons why, success in hiring staff to open ballots, etc.

Update on Decreasing wait times: How is the county reducing wait times? If more ID scanners and staff are needed, is DeKalb providing them? There was discussion two weeks ago about more early voting sites the last week of early voting – will that happen?

DeKalb has @ 760,00 people and 12 early voting sites – with no large sites - or a site/65,000 people.

Fulton has @ 1,064,000 people with 30 sites – with 3 large sites with 50 to 300 machines -- or a site /35,000 people.

Drop Boxes: Confirm that all the Drop Boxes clearly say DeKalb and are secure/appropriate. The one I used at Tucker Library opened like a regular, flimsy mailbox – with an opening so big someone could put damaging things in it. I thought Drop Boxes were supposed to open about 1 inch – larger enough for the ballot but not for a troublemaker to cause damage. What I have seen on TV from other states do have small slots for security.

Partial solution: I was very upset when I saw the Tucker Library Drop Box. 1.) make boxes more secure so they only open 1-2 inches, even drill a screw into the sides so they don't open as far, and 2.) have certified staff pick up ballots 2-3 times more often from those boxes so if there is mischief, there will be fewer ballots lost.

Communication Efforts: Provide an update from the Communication Team!

- 1.) Put out information in multiple places on changes in polling sites,
- 2.) Develop signage and put it up at polling sites that have been changed so people who show up by mistake will know where to go, and
- 3) Develop and put up signs at early voting and polling sites, including outside next to waiting lines, about wearing masks and no weapons allowed You may not be able to mandate masks, but you sure can suggest wearing them!

Functioning of the BOE and VRE: Lots of issues are raised with little closure or resolution.

Partial Solution: Review the minutes and have continuity between weekly agendas. Agenda should focus on decisions and Board members should follow up the next week on issues unresolved or resolved but VRE has not responded. Board meetings are important – Erica and Sam should always stay in the meetings.

Impact of COVID19: You have closed Memorial Dr office twice now for deep cleaning because of staff Covid infections. What is the plan to continue work at polling sites and at Memorial Dr. Office if Covid cases occur among staff on or around election day?

Suggestions: 1.) if you continue to use the Memorial Dr. Office as an early voting site, redesign it so voters do not go into the main lobby of the office -- keep early voters separate from general staff; 2) Train extra poll workers so you have backups if polling staff get hit with Covid or other emergencies.

Thank you,

Nancy Watkins 2626 Smoketree Court, Atlanta, 30345

Public Comment #3

As the 2020 early voting period continues into week two, the Korean American Coalition Metro Atlanta continues to be concerned about lack of language access at the polls for limited English proficient (LEP) voters in DeKalb County. Our organization is committed to Korean Americans and the community and we want to ensure all LEP Dekalb voters are able to participate in early voting. The current election resources and materials do not take into account the critical necessity of in-language resources for LEP voters. LEP voters are entitled to taking advantage of the early voting process AND November election day. Dekalb County can not afford to leave these votes uncounted and voices unheard.

Last week during the Board of Commissioners Operations Committee meeting, the request for BRE to provide in-language resources was made by Chairman of the Committee, Commissioner Larry Johnson. His request for in-language resources was supported by members of the committee and county officials. That request included the following:

- Sample ballots provided in Spanish and Korean, printed and posted at polling locations for LEP voters and provided on the county website
- County Voter FAQ sheet provided in Spanish and Korean printed on the county website and provided at polling locations
- Poll staff properly trained on the Georgia language assistance statute, ensuring knowledge of the statute beyond the legal requirement of prominently placing the statute at polling locations.
- Providing LEP Voters with the Advancing Justice Atlanta multilingual non-partisan voter hotline (770-239-6649) for LEP voters. (As explained to the committee, this is not a translation line for poll workers but a resource for LEP voters participating in the electoral process)

Since it's request to BRE for those resources, LEP voters have not been provided the requested materials.

I urge you to update LEP voters and advocates on the estimated timeframe for translation of materials and dissemination of those materials to polling locations as well as website publication. These materials play a pivotal role in LEP voters ability to be well informed and an opportunity to fully participate in the electoral process.

Time is of the essence for BRE to provide these resources. I urge you to act expeditiously.

Signed,

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Public Comment #4

Good Morning,

As the 2020 early voting period continues into week two, Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Atlanta continues to be concerned about lack of language access at the polls for limited English proficient (LEP) voters in DeKalb County. Our organization is committed to increasing language access that provides an opportunity for all Georgians to participate in the electoral process and we want to ensure all LEP Dekalb voters are able to participate in early voting. The current election resources and materials do not take into account the critical necessity of in-language resources for LEP voters. LEP voters are entitled to taking advantage of the early voting process AND November election day. Dekalb County cannot afford to leave these votes uncounted and voices unheard.

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Time is of the essence for BRE to provide these resources. I urge you to act expeditiously.

Signed,

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Last Name: Tuff

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Public Comment #5

Chairman Tillman, Vice-Chairman Vu, and Board Members Lewis, Smith, and Motter:

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. I am Susannah Scott, the president of the League of Women Voters of Georgia, and a life-long resident of DeKalb County. I am committed to the League's mission of empowering voters and defending democracy.

I would like to start by thanking the Communications team for fixing the FAQ link. The information on the page is clear and answers many of the questions LWV DeKalb has received from voters.

We have continued to see record turn out by DeKalb voters over the first week and a half of early voting, which speaks well of DeKalb's citizens. Unfortunately, there have been long lines requiring some voters to wait extended periods to vote. Please consider adding additional polling locations for the last week of early voting, specifically in majority minority areas where lines have typically been longer. Adding Stephenson Middle School and the Salem Panola Library could alleviate some of the wait times in South DeKalb. Additionally, I again encourage you to direct the office to re-assess the needs of the polling locations and to reallocate resources to ensure that polling locations are equipped with adequate numbers of poll pads, touch screens, poll workers, and technicians so that voters during the remainder of this election cycle are not forced to spend hours in line in order to vote.

Finally, I once again request that public comments be read into the record during meetings. Given the failure of this Board to publish minutes in a timely fashion (the last minutes posted on the website are from the June 29, 2020 Special Called Meeting), it is important that the public is aware of the concerns and issues their fellow citizens are raising during the public comment section. I also strongly encourage the Board to ensure that they are adhering to the Open Meetings Act (§50-14-1) by ensuring meeting agendas and minutes are posted in a timely fashion. Given the importance of the upcoming November 3 election, it is imperative that this information be made available to the citizens of DeKalb.

Thank you for your time and attention to these issues. The League of Women Voters stands ready to assist DeKalb to ensure all DeKalb voters have full and equal access to the ballot box in the upcoming

election.

Sincerely,
Susannah E. Scott
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Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Public Comment #6

We are in the second week of early voting and we see with dismay the limited availability of information available in language across the state but specifically in the county as a resident of Dekalb.

The Latino Community Fund (LCF Georgia) a community organization with over 35 members dedicated to amplify the voice of our diverse community, build capacity and infrastructure in Latinx-led and Latinx-serving organizations and catalyze investments is actively working to educate and ensure our community participates civically in a number of ways, from census to meeting with Superintendent Watson-Harris to ensure equitable quality education for English Learners, to specifically participation in the 2020 elections.

In alignment with our strategic priorities and work, we want to ensure all English Learning voters in Dekalb (also known as Limited English Proficient - LEP) are able to participate in early voting. The current election resources and materials do not take into account the critical necessity of in-language resources and access for our community.

Dekalb County can not afford to leave these votes uncounted and voices unheard.

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- Sample ballots provided in Spanish and Korean, printed and posted at polling locations for LEP / English Learning voters and provided on the county website
- County Voter FAQ sheet provided in Spanish and Korean printed on the county website and provided at polling locations
- Poll staff properly trained on the Georgia language assistance statute, ensuring knowledge of the statute beyond the legal requirement of prominently placing the statute at polling locations.
- Providing LEP / English Learning Voters with the Advancing Justice Atlanta multilingual non-partisan voter hotline (770-239-6649) for LEP voters. (As explained to the committee, this is not a translation line for poll workers but a resource for LEP voters participating in the electoral

process)

As an organization and as a resident of the county, we are very supportive of these requests.

Since it's request to BRE for those resources, LEP voters have not been provided the requested materials.

I urge you to update LEP voters and advocates on the estimated timeframe for translation of materials and dissemination of those materials to polling locations as well as website publication. These materials play a pivotal role in LEP voters ability to be well informed and an opportunity to fully participate in the electoral process.

Our commitment is to work in partnership with you to ensure ALL communities participate and exercise their rights civically.

Respectfully and with urgency,

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Public Comment #7

To Whom it May Concern:

As the 2020 early voting period continues into week two, as a DeKalb County resident, I continue to be concerned about lack of language access at the polls for limited English proficient (LEP) voters in DeKalb County. I want to feel confident that all the voices of my neighbors are heard, and language access in the voting process is a critical way to do that.

I understand that LEP Commissioner Larry Johnson has requested DeKalb Board of Elections to provide in-language resources such as sample ballots provided in Spanish and Korean, County Voter FAQ sheet provided in Spanish and Korean, training for poll staff on the Georgia language assistance statute, and providing LEP Voters with the Advancing Justice Atlanta multilingual non-partisan voter hotline (770-239-6649) for LEP voters.

In 2018, I experienced first-hand a Korean-American DeKalb County voter being denied the access to use an interpreter to help him understand his ballot. Myself and his interpreter had to fight for his right to language access -- which was permissible under federal law. So I underscore the importance of these resources for voters as well as training for poll staff.

Please update LEP voters and advocates on when we can expect to see these materials at the polls. The time is of the essence. DeKalb can be a positive example to the rest of the state -- this election!!

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Public Comment #8

Dear Board Members:

I was encouraged that the BOCC OPS Committee is concerned about voter wait-times. Plans for deputy registrars and other measures discussed in their meeting could help ease wait times. But this board needs to go farther.

Director Hamilton's plans to wait to create more Emergency Paper Ballots if needed were not reassuring. Her plan to print 20% is inadequate given the high turnout expected and the problematic software that is running the BMDs. Insist that DeKalb follow the Brennan Center recommendation to print Emergency Ballots for 40% of voters.

Hamilton's remarks at the OPS meeting that Emergency Ballots are only used if BMDs become inoperable doesn't make sense.

There are too few Poll Pads, they often don't work or work too slowly, and they have proven to be the bottleneck in voter wait times. If Poll Pads cannot encode ballot access cards promptly, there is no time for a poll manager to run around and put in access codes on everyone's BMDs.

Rule 183-1-12-.11. 2 (c) states that Emergency Ballots are to be used when wait times exceed 30 minutes. We all know wait times in many Early Voting locations have far exceeded that already. Do not fall for tricky interpretations such as "wait times" meaning waits after voters are checked in, or waits after 100% of equipment has failed. Hamilton referred to a "training mishap" that kept Ray of Hope from processing voters for hours on June 9th. There must be no training mishaps this election.

The Director should explain to poll managers what warrants the use of Emergency Ballots, and tell them they have legal authorization to use them if they cannot get prompt permission from her at the height of an emergency.

Sincerely

Liz Throop

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Public Comment #9

To Whom it May Concern,

I read the recent AJC article regarding the long lines at polls in South and East Dekalb County. I am concerned that the county is not adequately prepared to support the election, and it's particular effect on minority communities that are already targets of voter suppression.

My ask of the County Commissioners and the County Board of Registration and Elections is that there is a quick and thorough review of how resources are assigned across the county, and that those resources are distributed equitably and without regard to demographics or location.

Thank you,

Calais Vandromme

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Public Comment #10

To the Board:

Please stay up-to-date posting early vote totals. Yesterday, @DeKalbVotes promoted the link in a tweet but didn't bother to post them for Monday, and as of 9:30 a.m. today Monday's totals still aren't up. There is a great deal of public interest in this. I suggest setting a daily deadline for posting for consistency.

The Board of Elections quit posting early vote totals entirely during the last week of early voting in the Primary, which was a significant and noticeable failure. Please don't repeat that mistake.

Jonathan Grant
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Public Comment #11

Dear Board of Commissioners at Dekalb County,

My name is Michelle Zuluaga would like to submit this comment to be entered in the record of this meeting.

We are concerned about the lack of language access at the polls for English Learners in DeKalb County and we would for the Board Commissioners to support Chairman Larry Johnson for in-language resources including:

- Sample ballots provided in Spanish and Korean, printed and posted at polling locations for English Learning voters and provided on the county website
- County Voter FAQ sheet provided in Spanish and Korean printed on the county website and provided at polling locations
- Poll staff properly trained on the Georgia language assistance statute, ensuring knowledge of the statute beyond the legal requirement of prominently placing the statute at polling locations.
- Providing English Learners or Limited English Proficient Voters with the Advancing Justice Atlanta multilingual non-partisan voter hotline (770-239-6649) . As explained to the committee last week, this is not a translation line for poll workers but a resource for LEP voters participating in the electoral process.

Since this request was made, English Learning voters have not been provided with the requested materials.

We urge you to provide us an estimated timeframe for translation of materials and dissemination of those materials to polling locations as well as website publication. These materials play a pivotal role in ensuring ALL voters in the county can participate in the democratic process.

Our organization is committed to strengthening the Latino Community and communities of color through civic engagement and we want to partner in this effort informing our neighbors of the new resources. We urge you to act expeditiously.

Thank you

Michelle Zuluaga
Latino Community Fund Georgia

Public Comment #12

As a resident of Dekalb County and as a member of the English Learning voter or LEP (Limited English Proficient) community in the county, I urge the BRE to provide us with resources and transitions of ballots in language as recommended by Commissioner Larry Johnson. I appreciate your urgent attention to this matter.

Maria Vines Peck,
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Public Comment #13

On Monday, 10/18/2020, I observed the informative special BOC OPS meeting during which election issues were discussed. Thank you to all who participated and asked and answered questions. It was helpful.

I am concerned about eNet. It is my understanding that Ms. Hamilton said that voter registration, checking in voters, and determining whether a voter has voted or cancelled an absentee ballot, and processing of absentee ballots, are all done using the eNet network. It is also my understanding that Ms. Hamilton said that eNet is managed by the Secretary of State (SOS), and that the initial slowdowns at polling places last week was attributable to bandwidth limitations. According to AJC reports, the SOS took steps to work with the eNet vendor, Citrix, to improve the bandwidth, and as a result, voter processing times have improved. That's good, and it is something that should be expected.

However, what happens when more polling sites come online, and absentee ballots start being processed and scanned? Won't this tax the bandwidth problem in a significant way?

Ms. Hamilton said that absentee ballot processing will take place from 9 am to 7 pm, beginning Monday, October 26. I have two issues with that decision:

1. Why delay starting Absentee Ballot processing for a full week? The SOS amended its regulation allowing processing to begin a two weeks before Election Day. So why isn't DeKalb taking advantage of the extended period?

2. Why is Dekalb only processing Absentee Ballots during the normal voting hours for early voting? Won't that negatively effect the eNet bandwidth? Why not process Absentee Ballots overnight, when there is less demand placed on the limited eNet bandwidth?

Please specifically address processing Absentee Ballots and effect on eNet.

Thank you.

Paula Bosworth
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Public Comment #14

Dear Board Members,

I'm writing you this morning to express my lingering concerns about aspects of the election:

- Is there appropriate signage going up at closed precincts?
- What is the status of deputies being assigned to cancel absentee ballots at the polls for people who changed their mind and want to vote in person? I heard there were over 500 volunteers to do this?
- I'm told the county provided the tents at Dunwoody and Memorial and the poll manager has to request them. Is this correct? Are all polls getting these?
- I have heard feedback that the training on provisional ballots was insufficient. Can you please email additional training information clarifying the provisional ballot process to ALL poll managers and workers, as they will likely play an important roll on November 3.
- We have yet to hear any information on the machine count per precinct and how many machines and polling pads are there per how many voters. I am VERY concerned that the ratio of pollpads to voters is woefully insufficient and not in proportion to what is being done in other counties.

- Can you please confirm that ALL people working on this election will have access to N95 masks? Poll managers, poll workers, vote review panel, staff, etc.
- I'm very concerned about the staffing. You've had so long to address this, and we still have no data about the staffing information. Please share that information in terms of numbers and how it corresponds to the volume of voters at each polling place? Are you using shifts? What is the plan?

- Can you please make it clear that "line warming" efforts are legal as long as there is no "electioneering" taking place according to Georgia law? Can you please clarify this information with all poll managers, poll workers, and local law enforcement?
- Please extend the early voting hours to 8 pm during this last week.

These are some of my concerns. There are more. Please reassure the public about these issues.

Thank you,
Karen Mixon
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Public Comment #15

Processing involves opening envelopes, removing ballots, and scanning them. What is the purpose of waiting until one week before the election to start scanning ballots, when the SOS allows scanning now? Why is scanning being delayed? Seems to invite problems going forward.

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