

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

*via zoom platform

Start Time: 4:30 p.m.

End Time: 5:24 p.m.

Board Attendees: Chair Samuel Tillman
Dele Lowman Smith
Anthony Lewis
Susan Motter

Other Attendees: Erica Hamilton, Director
Vivane Ernstes, County Attorney
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
Irene Vander Els, Senior Assistant County Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order. Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Motter to approve the agenda. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Lewis to adopt the minutes from March 26, 2021. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson addressed the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Baker read the rules for public comment.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to recess for executive session to discuss litigation. Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith to resume this regularly scheduled session. Motion carries unanimously. No votes were taken during executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Communications Update

Mr. Burton provided a brief update on efforts to adjust to Senate Bill 202. More to come in a future presentation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attachment(s).

Ms. Smith followed-up on a previous request for Ms. Hamilton to provide the Board with a reconciliation of this election cycle's grant spending. Ms. Hamilton is still in the process of preparing this report.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Tillman expressed concern about outside input and interference with the Board.

Mr. Lewis stated that the decision to reconstitute the working group should be discussed and voted on by the Board.

Ms. Motter responded to Mr. Tillman's comments.

Ms. Smith supports the working group and the Board's other collaborative efforts. Ms. Smith disapproves of the adoption of Senate Bill 202, and is confident the department will adapt to the changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Ms. Smith adjourn. This meeting is adjourned.