

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
February 14, 2019**

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

Present: Michael Coveny, Board Member (arrived late)
 Anthony Lewis, Board Member
 Leona Perry, Board Member
 Erica Hamilton, Director
 Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Baoky Vu, Board Member

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order a little after 3:00 PM, once a quorum was attained and asked for approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to adopt the agenda. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the minutes as written from the January 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

Three citizens signed in to speak; two of the three on Board policy and one regarding voting equipment.

Legislative Update

Ms. Hamilton recommended that the Board and Department meet with the DeKalb delegation regarding several bills that will impact Georgia voting procedures. Mr. Tillman agreed and will coordinate. The office will advise the Board of the arrangements, most likely on a Wednesday around lunchtime. He summarized several of the proposed bills, most of which came out of the House, and some that are already addressed in the law. Of primary concern is Senate Bill 53 regarding school board district annexation, which would require a countywide referendum in November and Senate Bill 7, an ethics bill which will change the make-up of appointments of the majority of boards in Georgia including the VR&E Board. This is the result of a Supreme Court decision which states non-elected officials can no longer appoint board members. Mr. Tillman is currently working on legislation so that Board members would still be nominated by the two respective parties but would have to be approved in some manner by elected officials. Discussion ensued with Board members supporting Mr. Tillman's proposal to preserve the integrity of the process, whereby the appointing elected official would be a Superior Court Judge.

Unfinished Business -- None

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New Business

Ms. Hamilton reported that the Election Supervisor position is being posted for three days and will be open to receive applicants February 25-27.

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

A) Work Performed in Office

Mr. Tillman inquired about current special projects. Ms. Hamilton responded that there are three very time-consuming areas that the staff is working on: 1) Gathering, copying and redacting information subpoenaed in a lawsuit resulting from the 2018 Election that is due by 5:00 PM on February 27; 2) Preparing for the Pension Board Election; 3) Scanning all unscanned voter registration applications into the system for easier access and retention.

Comments from the Board - None

Mr. Tillman encouraged the Board to make their voices heard to the Legislature regarding any proposed election laws.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections