

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
June 13, 2019**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on June 13th, 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
 Erica Hamilton, Director
 Tiffani Gilbert, Elections Supervisor
 Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor
 Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at 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. Lewis to approve the minutes as written from the May 9th meeting. Mr. Coveny 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

One citizen signed in to speak on precinct cards and polling place change voter notification.

Unfinished Business -- None

New Business --

- A) Precinct Boundary Changes Ms. Hamilton reported that all of these changes have been posted in the Champion Newspaper as well as on our website to go before the Board of Commissioners at the June 25 BOC meeting.
- 1) Renfroe Middle relocation to Decatur Precinct also affecting some of the Oakhurst Voters – Renfroe Middle School can no longer accommodate us and the new location will be at Evergreen Baptist Church and will be renamed Decatur Precinct. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the proposed changes. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. Mr. Lewis asked for clarification. Ms. Hamilton explained that the law requires a polling place to be within the precinct boundary lines which sometimes requires boundary lines to be redrawn. The question was called, and the motion was approved.
 - 2) Additional Clarkston Community Center Precinct – At a previous meeting, Clarkston representatives asked that the precinct be divided because some of the citizens did not want to go to a church to vote. We were able to add the Clarkston Community Center Precinct and reduce the number of voters at each location. A motion was made by Mr. Coveny to approve the proposed change. Ms. Perry seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion was approved.

- 3) McNair High/Piney Grove/Burgess Precincts -- Due to City of Atlanta annexation, affected voters were moved to the Burgess Precinct and boundary lines were drawn accordingly. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the proposed changes. Mr. Coveny seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion was approved.
- 4) Margaret Harris Ed/Woodward Elem Precincts -- Due to City of Brookhaven annexation, affected voters were moved to the Woodward Elem Precinct and boundary lines were drawn accordingly. A motion was made by Ms. Perry to approve the proposed changes. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. 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

Ms. Hamilton thanked the staff for their over and above efforts under Registration Supervisor Twyla Hart to catch up and process the tens of thousands application forms by coming in early and working late.

Mr. Tillman commended the staff on the new maps for precinct changes.

Comments from the Board – Mr. Tillman stated that when the Board convenes in July, the Board will look different. He thanked the current Board for their hard work, dedication and support given him as Chair over the past years. The Board has done an excellent job in representing the county and putting their partisan preferences aside for the overall good of the county.

Ms. Hamilton spoke for herself and on behalf of the staff to say thank you to the Board for all of the support and dedication provided to the Department, especially during the past two years she has been Director. Board members are invited to stay after the meeting for a small thank you gathering by the staff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Assistant
Registration and Elections