

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
November 15, 2019**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on November 15th, in the Absentee Area at 4380 Memorial Drive with Board Chair Samuel Tillman presiding.

Present: Anthony Lewis, Board Member
 Susan Motter, Board Member
 Dele Lowman Smith, Board Member
 Baoky Vu, Board Member
 Erica Hamilton, Director
 Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney
 Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
 Tiffani Gilbert, Elections Supervisor
 Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor
 Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 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. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Two citizens signed in and addressed the Board. One citizen expressed their concern on notifying voters of their polling location, voting via a provisional ballot, and requested a microphone for the meetings, and one citizen spoke on the new voting machines and casting a secret ballot.

Certifying General Municipal/Special Election

Mr. Vu motioned that the Board certify the November 5, 2019 General Municipal/Special Elections. Ms. Smith second the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

As the Board reviewed and signed documents, Mr. Tillman introduced Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney, and Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney. Ms. Ernstes expressed that DeKalb County is taking the 2020 Election very seriously and that the Law Department is here to respond to any issues.

Challenges – Ms. Hamilton presented the below challenges with staff recommendation of placing each voter in cancelled status.

- A) Kimberly Anderson, Andrew Maxin Guerrand, and Emeric Thomas Guerrand –The Board was provided information from Jennifer Muserallo that Ms. Kimberly Anderson, Mr. Andrew Guerrand, and Mr. Emeric Guerrand did not reside at their registered address. Letters were sent to all individuals. There was discussion on speaking with Ms. Muserallo to confirm her letter. Ms. Smith motioned to defer the challenge of Ms. Anderson, Mr. Andrew Guerrand, and Mr. Guerrand until the next meeting so that time could be provided for staff to contact Ms. Muserallo. Ms. Motter seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- B) Diondre Daniel – The Board was provided information that Mr. Diondre Daniel did not reside at the registered address. Mr. Daniel was mailed a letter and returned undeliverable. Mr. Lewis motioned to accept the staff recommendation and to change Mr. Daniel's status to cancelled. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed with a 4-1 vote. Ms. Motter voted nay.
- C) Shontell Johnson – The Board was provided information from Ms. Larisa Hutton that Ms. Johnson did not reside at the registered address. A letter was mailed to Ms. Johnson. Ms. Hutton was in attendance at the meeting. There was a discussion regarding quality check of all voter registration applications. Ms. Smith requested that Ms. Johnson's original application be reviewed to ensure the information was entered correctly, which the information was found to have been correctly entered. Mr. Vu made a motion to change Ms. Johnson's status to cancelled. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- A) Challenge List Provided By Lawrence H. Hoskins – Ms. Hamilton explained the format of the list of voter Mr. Hoskins is challenging. The staff's recommendation was to change the status of the 28 voters who were not part of the State's Inactive List Maintenance Process to cancelled (See attached for list of the 28 voters). Mr. Vu motioned to accept staff recommendation and change the status to cancelled for the 28 voters. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A) November Election Overview – Ms. Hamilton thanked the staff for their hard work during the Election and their effort to make sure the election was performed in accordance with the law.
- B) Runoff Advance Voting Times and Locations – Ms. Hamilton stated that there are two runoff elections – Doraville Mayor and Stonecrest City Councilmember Post 5 Special Election. It is staff recommendation to have advance voting sites at the main office and Stonecrest Library from 12:00 PM on Thursday, November 21 until 4:30 PM. These sites will continue to remain open weekdays from November 22nd through November 27th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
- C) State Inactive List Maintenance Process – Ms. Hamilton explained that pursuant to HB 316, if a voter is not active for 5 years, the individual is mailed a confirmation notice. If the voter does not respond to the notice, their status is changed to inactive. After two general elections, if you still remain inactive, the state notifies the voter that they will be removed and provides the opportunity to update their address. The state mailed the letters in early November and voters have until December 16th to respond to the letters. DeKalb County has 27,719 voters on the list and as of November 15, 2,369 of the confirmation notices had been returned undeliverable. Mr. Tillman stated that this is a state process and is not a DeKalb County Board of Voter Registration and Election process.
- D) December Meeting – Due to certifying the runoff election, Ms. Hamilton stated that it was staff recommendation to reschedule to the December meeting to Friday, December 13th. Ms. Smith motioned to follow staff recommendation and reschedule the meeting for December 13th. Ms. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.
- E) 2020 Calendar – The Board was provided two calendars for 2020: one with meeting dates on the usual 2nd Thursday of the month and one with rescheduled meetings in April, May, and November for the 2020 Elections. Staff recommendation is to adopt the rescheduled calendar. Ms. Smith motioned to accept staff recommendation and adopt the rescheduled calendar. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- F) Introduction of New Employees – Ms. Hamilton introduced new full time employees Taneshia Martinez and Kayla Green. Both Ms. Martinez and Ms. Green previously worked in temporary positions with the office. They will both assist with records quality control.

Comments from the Board – Ms. Motter thanked the county attorneys for their presence and providing real time advice. Mr. Lewis thanked staff for another successful election. Ms. Smith thanked the attorneys and the staff. She commented on seeing the election from a different perspective. Ms. Smith also discussed how inspired she was while judging a rhetorical competition at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights on voting access and participation and recommended that Board Members be provided information on elections and voter registration conferences. Mr. Tillman stated that Board and staff are inviting the County Commissioners to attend events and meetings, thanked Ms. Hamilton and the staff for their hard work during the Election, and stated that he wants every eligible voter to see and test out the new equipment in the coming months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator.
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28 Voters - status changed to cancelled

ANDREATOS, MARTHA MAY
APONTE, BRITTNI L
ARMON, BRIGITTE KATHERINE
BADDING, MALCOLM ALBRIGHT
BROWN, GERALD
BUTZLOFF, BARRY JOHN
CHILDREY-CLEAR, JEMHARIE MICHON
CROCKER, MELISSA
CROSS, ANTONIO
FENSTERMAKER, MARK TODD
GEORGE, NISHA
GROOT, JUSTIN PAUL
HICKS, DORIS MCLAURIN
HICKS, EUGENE
HUIE, JASON ANDREW
KELLY, AADAAM MIKHAL
LEWIS, HENRY BLAKE WORTHINGTON
LEYANNA, CASSANDRA D
LEYANNA, MARC ANTHONY
MALLIK, ANTHONY JAVAID
MCCARTHY, MACKENZIE KAY
MCINTYRE, AMIRI NAJEE
OBERMEIER, JOHN R
OJI, STEFANY IFEOMA
TEASE, JONATHAN DEMAAR
WALLACE, KRISTEN CHEVON
WARD, BRADLEE CLIFF
WILLIAMS, KAYLA DANIELLE