

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

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Irene Vander Els, Assistant County Attorney  
Tiffani Gilbert, Elections Supervisor  
Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor  
Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:40 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. Vu to approve the minutes. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Eight citizens signed in and addressed the Board. Several citizens expressed their concern on the Sheriff's election. Other citizens spoke on the new voting equipment, new suggested procedures, and voting rights.

Certifying General Municipal/Special Election

The Board was provided results from the General Municipal/Special Runoff Elections. Mr. Lewis motioned that the Board certify the December 3, 2019 Runoff Elections. Ms. Smith second the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved unanimously.

Challenges – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- A) Special Election for Sheriff – Ms. Hamilton stated that after speaking with the Law Department, the staff's recommendation is to hold the Special Election for Sheriff on March 24, 2020 and for qualifying to begin January 6 at 9:00 AM and end January 8 at Noon. Ms. Smith motion to approve the staff's recommendation of qualifying dates for January 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. There was a discussion on how the qualifying for other special elections have occurred. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis motioned to accept the staff's recommendation and approve the call for the DeKalb County Sheriff Special Election to be held on March 24, 2020. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- B) City of Atlanta Special Election – Ms. Hamilton stated that since the City of Atlanta is in Fulton and DeKalb County, the counties will work together to hold the Special Election. DeKalb County will assist Fulton with the Election, but DeKalb will send results to Fulton County who will consolidate the results.
- C) Runoff Election Overview– Ms. Hamilton thanked the staff for their hard work on the successful General Municipal/Special Runoff Elections.
- D) Pay Increase for Temporary Staff – Ms. Hamilton stated that it was staff’s recommendation that the office and warehouse temporary staff received a raise \$15.00/hour and the delivery staff received a raise to \$18.00/hour. Ms. Smith motioned to accept staff’s recommendation for the pay increase for temporary staff. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.
- E) Pay Increase for Poll Workers – Ms. Hamilton stated that the Poll Workers would also have increased training, and it is the staff’s recommendation that they receive a raise as well for each election and training. Ms. Smith motioned to accept staff’s recommendation and approve the pay raise for poll officials. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Ernstes introduced the new attorney for the department, Irene Vander Els. Ms. Vander Els stated that she was looking forward to working the Board and the staff.

Comments from the Board – Ms. Motter stated that the conference was a wonderful experience. Ms. Smith and Mr. Vu spoke on the ad hoc committee’s quest to find consultants. Mr. Tillman stated that the Board likes to always invite the Commissioners to attend the meetings and Election Night. He also thanked the Law Department for their assistance in getting microphones for the meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator.  
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