

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
February 13, 2020**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on February 13th, 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
 Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
 Irene Vander Els, Assistant County Attorney
 Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor
 Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:35 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. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Twelve citizens signed in and addressed the Board. Three citizens expressed their desire to get more information on the Absentee Ballot process and how voters can guarantee their absentee ballots count. Citizens discussed the need to update the website and ways the department could be more transparent. One individual spoke on concerns over the county's budget for 2020, and several citizens expressed concern on Advance Voting locations and times, poll worker training, and other preparations for the 2020 Election Cycle. One Candidate for Sheriff spoke on the qualifying process.

Unfinished Business

- A) Resent Letters from Larry Hoskins' Challenge List – Ms. Hamilton stated that it was the staff's recommendation to table this item due to Mr. Hoskins needing to be notified again and the Voter Registration deadline being less than two weeks away. Mr. Vu motioned to table this item, and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.
- B) Advance Voting Times and Locations for March 24, 2020 Elections – Ms. Hamilton announced the recommended Advance Voting times and locations. There are twelve total locations. Ms. Hamilton stated that there were adjustments to the list provided to the Board. Ms. Smith requested the format be updated. Ms. Smith motioned to adopt the Advance Voting Times and Locations recommended by staff with the amendments discussed. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

A list of the managers for the Advance Voting locations were provided to the Board. Ms. Smith motioned to adopt the provided list. Mr. Vu seconded. The question was called, and the motion was unanimously passed.

New Business

Mr. Tillman stated that he had a meeting with the CEO and Budget Office to discuss the cuts to the Department's proposed budget. He was assured that the budget would be restored to full requested amount.

Director's Report

Ms. Hamilton provided information on the status of the Registration Department, Election Department and the Outreach Team. Ms. Hamilton also addressed some questions raised during the Comments From the Public including the process of auditing the new voting machines to guarantee the scanner reads the ballots correctly, emergency ballots for any potential issues on Election Day, training and poll official pay, and the website update.

Comments from the Board – Ms. Smith discussed the demonstration her organization hosted on the new voting machines. Ms. Smith also requested that the public information in the Board's packets be published with the agenda. Mr. Tillman introduced Erin Austin as the Department's Public Education Coordinator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator.
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