

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
March 12, 2020**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on March 12th, in Training Room A at 4572 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
- Irene Vander Els, Assistant County Attorney
- Shelley Momo, Assistant County Attorney
- Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor
- Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:41 PM. He requested for the Director's Report and the Executive Session to be switched on the agenda. Mr. Tillman asked for approval of the agenda. The modified agenda was adopted.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to approve the minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Comments from the Public

Three citizens signed in and addressed the Board. Two citizens thanked the Board for the increase in advance voting sites and times. One citizen thanked the staff for being on the front line with the concern of the coronavirus. One citizen expressed concern over ballot secrecy with the new voting equipment.

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business -

- A) Approval of Poll Officials for Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election – Ms. Hamilton stated that per Georgia Law, the Board must approve the poll officials at all voting locations. A list was provided to the Board members. Mr. Vu motioned to approve the poll officials. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion passed.

Director's Report

Ms. Hamilton provided information on the status of the Registration Department, Election Department, Advance Voting turnout, and Absentee Ballot request. She also spoke on the visit by the auditors.

Mr. Tillman mentioned his recommendation to the auditors that the departments needs more staff and more space.

Executive Session

Mr. Tillman asked for a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to consult with legal counsel regarding legal matters. Ms. Smith motioned to go into Executive Session. Mr. Lewis second the motion. The question was called, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board excused themselves to another area, after which, a motion was made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lewis to go back into regular session. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called; the motion was approved; and the meeting was called back to order with the following statement: "No decisions were made, and no votes were taken while we were in Executive Session." A signed affidavit to this effect will be placed with the minutes.

Comments from the Board – Ms. Motter thanked the staff for their assistance during qualifying. Mr. Vu spoke on the success of the stakeholder working group. Mr. Tillman thanked Mr. Vu and Ms. Smith for their contributions to the working group and stated that there would be special called meeting on Tuesday, March 17.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator.
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