

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
DEKALB COUNTY
August 1, 2019**

The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections convened to conduct its monthly meeting on August 1st, 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
Bennett Bryan, Attorney
Erica Hamilton, Director
Tiffani Gilbert, Elections Supervisor
Twyla Hart, Registration Supervisor
Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator (Trainee)
Mary Frances Weeks, Administrative Coordinator

Mr. Tillman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 PM and asked for an Executive Session to be added to the agenda as 5B to discuss a legal matter. A motion was made by Ms. Smith to approve the agenda. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and the motion was approved.

Minutes

Ms. Smith recommended that the "Comments from the Public" from the July 11th meeting be reworded. 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.

Comments from the Public

Five citizens signed in and spoke. Four citizens expressed their concerns with poll watcher selection, absentee ballots, and election fairness. One citizen expressed his appreciation of the Director and the office.

Challenges -- Director Erica Hamilton presented the following challenges with staff recommendation for removal.

- A) Anthony Lombardo -- The Board was provided with a request from Joseph Firpo, who resides as the registered address, stating Mr. Lombardo only lived at the residence for 6 months and has not lived at the address since 2015. A letter addressed to Mr. Lombardo was returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Mr. Vu to remove Anthony Lombardo from the DeKalb County voter roll. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved.
- B) Tiffany Harris; Eric Warren Robbins, Leon Harris -- Precinct cards were mailed back to the Board from the individual who currently lives as the registered address with a note stating Ms. Harris, Mr. Robbins, and Mr. Harris no longer lived at the address. A letter addressed to each individual was returned undeliverable. A motion was made by Ms. Smith to remove Tiffany Harris, Eric Warren Robbins, and Leon Harris from the DeKalb County voter roll. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved.

- C) City of Decatur -- Per Election Law, a list of registered voters was sent to the city. The City of Decatur questioned the address of 444 Sycamore Drive, Decatur, GA 30030. The address was found to be a business where clients can only stay for three days, and citizens cannot register at a business. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis to remove those registered at 444 Sycamore Drive from the DeKalb County voter roll. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved. Ms. Smith questioned how an individual was registered at a business address. Ms. Hamilton stated that her understanding was that at one point, it was a residence.

Presentation

Mr. Tillman requested to add to the agenda a special presentation. M. Vu presented Mrs. Weeks with a gift recognizing her 20 years of service to the Board and DeKalb County.

Unfinished Business

- A) Audit Update -- Ms. Hamilton reported that some members of the board met with audit officials on July 31st. The Board is waiting on official word and notifications from the auditors on how the audit will proceed.

New Business

- A) Precinct Change -- Emory Road – Ms. Hamilton reported that the current Emory Road Precinct is no longer able to accommodate the election. According to Georgia code, a meeting is required after posting a notice in a legal organ two weeks prior, which has been completed. The Board has notified the State Election Board, as it is required since the proposed relocation is outside the precinct. The proposed temporary move is to Druid Hills High School, an existing precinct. A motion was made by Ms. Smith to approve the precinct change. Mr. Vu seconded the motion. Mr. Tillman stated the motion was made and seconded. The question was called and precinct change was approved.
- B) Executive Session -- Mr. Tillman asked for a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved. The Board excused themselves to another area to meet with counsel, after which, a motion was made by Mr. Vu, and seconded by Mr. Lewis to return to regular session. The question was called and the motion was approved. A motion was made by Ms. Smith to enter into a consent order for State Election Board case 2015-100. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The question was called and the motion was approved. “No decisions were made, and no votes were taken while we were in Executive Session.” A signed affidavit confirming this will be placed with the minutes.

Comments from the Board – Ms. Smith stated that it was a pleasure working with Mrs. Weeks and wish her joy and peace in her retirement. Ms. Smith thanks Mrs. Weeks for an easy onboarding process. Speaking for the staff, Ms. Hamilton wish Mrs. Weeks the very best in her retirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Hillman, Administrative Coordinator.
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