

# DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

## Special Called Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2021  
\*via zoom platform  
Start Time: 1:00 p.m.  
End Time: 3:50 p.m.

Board Attendees: Chair Dele Lowman Smith  
Vice-Chair Nancy Jester  
Anthony Lewis  
Susan Motter  
Karli Swift

Other Attendees: Erica Hamilton, Director  
Viviane Ernstes, County Attorney  
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney  
Irene Vander Els, Senior Assistant County Attorney  
Shelley Momo, Senior Assistant County Attorney

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Ms. Motter to call the meeting to order. This special called meeting is called to order. Motion by Ms. Swift and seconded by Ms. Motter to approve the agenda. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Baker read the rules for public comment.

Public comments of two minutes or less may be made live via the teleconference. For those joining the meeting by telephone, please be aware that your phone number may be displayed to the public viewing or participating in the online meeting. Citizens who attend the meeting via the Zoom link above may join the public comment queue by raising their hand in the Zoom application, while citizens who attend the meeting via telephone may join the comment queue by pressing # followed by 2. There will be no comment cards, so when you are called upon, please state your name and address for the record. Also, please be conscious of speaking time so that everyone has an opportunity to provide input in the allotted time. Abusive, profane, or derogatory language will not be permitted.

The following citizens provided public comment:

- Cheryl Mathis

Ms. Ernstes offered to work with VRE staff to provide a written response to the affected parties on behalf of the Board regarding Ms. Mathis's comments.

### **ITEMS FOR DECISION BY THE BOARD**

A) Polling Place Changes

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Ms. Hamilton explained that the Chamblee; Doraville North & South, Memorial South, and Stonecrest polling place locations will no longer be able to accommodate the department on Election Day. Thus, Ms. Hamilton is proposing the following changes:

- Chamblee will move to Chamblee Public Safety/Municipal Court at 4445 Buford Hwy NE, Chamblee, GA 30341
- Doraville North & South will move to Doraville Civic Center at 3770 Central Ave., Doraville, GA 30340
- Memorial South will move to Georgia Piedmont Technical College at 495 N Indian Creek Dr., Clarkston, GA 30021
- Stonecrest will move to Stonecrest Library at 3123 Klondike Rd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Ms. Swift asked about the distance from the original polling places to the proposed locations, why the original locations could no longer accommodate us, and if there is a communication plan. Ms. Hamilton stated that the proposed polling places are all within the precinct boundary lines and a notice regarding the change in polling place will be mailed as required by law.

Ms. Motter asked if the legal notice was posted in *The Champion*. Ms. Hamilton confirmed that the notice for today's special called meeting and proposed polling place changes were published in *The Champion* on Thursday, August 26, 2021 and Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Motion by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Jester to approve the proposed polling place changes. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Motter and seconded by Ms. Swift to convene for executive session to discuss personnel. Motion carries by unanimous vote. No votes were taken during executive session.

Motion by Ms. Swift and seconded by Ms. Jester to resume this special called meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Motter and seconded by Ms. Jester to adjourn. This meeting is adjourned.