

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Special Called Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2022

*via zoom platform

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

End Time: 10:23 a.m.

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

Other Attendees: Keisha Smith, Executive Director
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
Shelley Momo, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Irene Vander Els, Assistant County Attorney
Tristen Waite, Assistant County Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Lowman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She read the roll by calling each board member by name. All members were in attendance.

Motion by Ms. Motter and seconded by Vice-Chair Jester to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Austin 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 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:

- Marci McCarthy
- Collette Frix

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A) Emergency Polling Place Changes

Director Smith proposed the following temporary locations for three precincts that needed to be changed.

Clarkston Community Center: Clarkston Library
Coan Recreation Center: Israel Missionary Baptist Church
Tucker: Tucker High School

Ms. Motter stated for the record that the legal organ for notification was the Stone Mountain Champion. She asked about other notifications to affected voters. The Director responded that there would be notices at the former sites, letters to the voters, and notices on the website.

Erik Burton stated that there would also be a press release, social media, and posts to the stakeholder list.

Ms. Swift asked if radio spots could be added. Mr. Burton said he would have to check the budget. Ms. Swift asked him to think about reminding voters that the sites will likely move back to their original locations for November.

Motion by Vice-Chair Jester and seconded by Ms. Swift to approve the temporary polling places. The motion passed unanimously.

B) Advance Voting Locations

Director Smith proposed the addition of Neighborhood Church to the list of advance voting sites.

Ms. Swift commented that she had requested the addition of a location serving the City of Atlanta after the withdrawal of Bessie Branham Recreation Center.

Motion by Ms. Swift and seconded by Ms. Motter to approve Neighborhood Church. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Swift and seconded by Vice-Chair Jester to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice-Chair Jester and seconded by Ms. Swift to resume the regular meeting. There were no actions taken during executive session.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Motter thanked Mr. Matelski and Ms. Lewis for facilitating the board meetings on short notice.

Mr. Lewis reminded members of the public that Logic and Accuracy testing for the runoff had begun and invited them to observe.

Chair Lowman Smith echoed the acknowledgement of their trusted and committed supporters in holding their meetings.

In response to an earlier comment, she announced that an explanation of the District 2 vote totals was being written that would be accessible to a lay audience. There were no extra votes found in the hand count.

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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair Jester and seconded by Ms. Motter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.