

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2025

Start Time: 10:04 a.m.

End Time: 10:12 a.m.

Board Attendees: Karli Swift, Chair
Nancy Jester
Anthony Lewis
Susan Motter

Other Attendees: Keisha Smith, Executive Director
Michael Petty, Assistant County Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called the Board of Registration and Elections meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Ms. Austin read the roll by calling each board member by name. A quorum was met.

Motion by Ms. Jester, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Pre-Certification Report

Chair Swift began by providing background for the public stating that the pre-certification meeting was a legally required meeting prior to certification.

Director Smith stated that in accordance with SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 the department was required to present the pre-certification report and compare ballots cast to total number of unique voter IDs. She went on to present the pre-certification report.

Ms. Jester asked why write-ins were not available on the ballot. Director Smith replied that write-ins are not an option during primary elections.

Mr. Lewis commented that voter turnout on Election Day was higher than during the early voting period, constituting 4% of the total 6% turnout. Director Smith added that DeKalb's turnout was higher than the state average for both early voting and Election Day.

Ms. Motter noted that most of the discrepancies in the pre-certification report were from Election Day and was curious if that was a trend and could be addressed. Director Smith stated that during early voting there is time to do hourly checks for any discrepancies, but Election Day discrepancies are reconciled during the canvassing process which occurs between Election Day and certification.

Chair Swift reiterated that the pre-certification meeting was legally required and stated that the fully audited final data would be presented at the certification meeting.

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BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift stated that she would not be present at the certification meeting. She thanked the public who attended the meeting and the transitioning Board members for their years of service.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Jester, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.