

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SCHEDULED MEETING

October 9, 2025

4:30 PM

Memorial Drive Auditorium

DCTV's UStream channel: https://video.ibm.com/channel/xUJgKs6n2VW

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. September 10, 2025 Scheduled Meeting (p. 2)
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 - A. Director's Report (p. 5)
 - B. Pre-Certification Meeting | | Municipal General/Special Election
- 6. ITEMS FOR DECISION
 - A. Approval of Poll Managers
- 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- 8. BOARD COMMENTS
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2025 Start Time: 4:41 p.m. End Time: 7:03 p.m.

Board Attendees: Karli Swift, Chair

Vasu Abhiraman, Vice-Chair

Travis Bowden Gail Lee

Dele Lowman

Other Attendees: Keisha Smith, Executive Director

Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney

Michael Petty, Senior Assistant County Attorney Clark Candler, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Tristen Waite, Assistant County Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called the Board of Registration and Elections meeting to order at 4:41 p.m.

Ms. Austin conducted the roll, confirming the presence of each board member by name. A quorum was established.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice-Chair Abhiraman and seconded by Mr. Bowden. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th meeting was made by Ms. Lowman and seconded by Vice-Chair Abhiraman. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Austin read the rules for public comment:

Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email of one printed page or less at a minimum font of 12 to electionspubliccmnt@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 35 and 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting. The body of your email must include your first and last name. By submitting an email for public comment, you agree to have your name and the email broadcast on the UStream and entered into the record and minutes. The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections reserves the right, at the DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections' sole discretion, to (1) add your email to the record/minutes without reading any of it into the broadcast or (2) read all or a portion of your email into the record/minutes. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes. Abusive, profane, or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be

permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position. The following citizens provided public comment:

- Cheryl Dudley
- Michael Beach
- Fave Coffield
- Geraldine Champion
- Donna Priest-Brown
- Konrad Hayashi
- Janet Grant
- Cheryl Moore-Mathis
- Marla Tepper
- Bill Henderson
- Angela Harrison
- Bethann Frillman
- Dave Marcus

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Director's Report

Director Smith provided an update on a voter registration stating that registered active voters dropped below 500,000 and thus in accordance with Georgia law, a drop box was removed. She went on to report the applications in process, return mailings, and State List Maintenance. She reminded the public that inactive does not mean ineligible to vote. She shared the list of qualified candidates for the upcoming November 4th election. She then shared details regarding the poll worker training underway for the upcoming election cycle.

Ms. Lee asked about the figure on page 7 of the manual: voter 1412 last month compared to only 859 this month. Since this number is cumulative, she wanted clarification. Director Smith explained that the correct year-to-date total is 1,988, noting that the discrepancy was a typo. The updated total as of today is 1,988. Ms. Lee thanked Director Smith for providing the detailed breakdown of the List Maintenance from the SOS and commented that it is encouraging.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A) Drop Box Removal

A motion to authorize the department to remove a single absentee voting box in accordance with state law and allow the department to restore that absentee voting box to the Memorial Drive location should our active voter registration count rise above 500,000 was made by Ms. Lowman. Seconded by Mr. Abhiraman. The motion passed unanimously.

B) City of Lithonia

A motion to authorize Director Smith to sign the agreement for the Special Election in the City of Lithonia was made by Ms. Lee. Seconded by Ms. Lowman. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Challenge to the Registration of Jason Lary submitted by David Marcus

A motion to remove Jason Lary from voter rolls in accordance with Code of Georgia § 21-2-216 was made by Ms. Lowman. Seconded by Ms. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to strike the name of Jason Lary from the ballot as a candidate for the November 4th, 2025 Stonecrest City Council District 5 election was made by Mr. Abhiraman. Seconded by Ms. Lowman. The motion passed unanimously.

D) City of Doraville Candidate Challenge submitted by Warren Simmons

A motion to strike the name of SM Abu Zahed from the ballot as a candidate for the November 4th, 2025 City of Doraville City Council District 1 Post 3 election in accordance with Code of Georgia § 45-2-1 was made by Mr. Abhiraman. Seconded by Ms. Lowman. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Lowman, seconded by Vice-Chair Abhiraman to recess for executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The Board entered executive session at 6:26 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

Motion by Vice-Chair Abhiraman, seconded by Mr. Bowden to exit recess for the purpose executive session and resume regular order. The motion carried unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 6:53 p.m. and resumed the regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bowden, seconded by Ms. Lowman to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

DeKalb County

Director's Report

October 9, 2025 Keisha L. Smith, MPA Executive Director Voter Registration and Elections (VRE)

Topic 1: General Operations Updates

- * Registration Updates
 - Total number of Registered Voters as of October 7th: **565,142**
 - Total number of Active Registered Voters: 498,274
 - Total number of Inactive Registered Voters: 66,868
 - Total applications left to be processed as of October 7th: 1,125
 - DDS: 985OLVR: 0MVP: 0
 - Handwritten: 240
 - Manual Voter Registration Cancellations for 2025: 2,227
- Election Activities Notes:

Topic 2: Administrative/Finance Updates

- Personnel
- Budget Activities Notes:

Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement Updates

- **❖** Key Stakeholder Meetings
- General Communications Notes:

SAMPLE BALLOT DEKALB COUNTY

SAMPLE ABSENTEE/PROVISIONAL/EMERGENCY BALLOT

STATEWIDE SPECIAL AND MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT NOVEMBER 4, 2025

This composite sample ballot contains all contests for the election in DeKalb County, including some contests that you may not be eligible to vote on. Please check online for your personal sample ballot at http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Statewide Special Election	General Election City of Atlanta	For City Council Member Post 2, At Large (Vote for One)			
For Public Service Commission - District 2 For Term Ending December 31, 2030 (Vote for One)	For Mayor (Vote for One) Andre Dickens (Incumbent)	Matt Westmoreland (Incumbent) Write-in			
Tim Echols (Incumbent) RepublicanAlicia M. Johnson	○ Helmut "Love" Domagalski○ Kalema Jackson	For City Council Member Post 3, At Large			
Democrat Write-in	○ Eddie Meredith	(Vote for One) Eshé Collins (Incumbent)			
For Public Service Commission - District 3 For Term Ending December 31, 2026	Write-in	Write-in			
(Vote for One) Fitz Johnson	For City Council President (Vote for One)	For City Council Member District 1 (Vote for One)			
(Incumbent) Republican Peter Hubbard Democrat	Rohit MalhotraMarci Collier Overstreet	Jason H. Winston (Incumbent)			
Write-in	Write-in	Write-in For City Council Member			
	For City Council Member Post 1, At Large (Vote for One)	District 5 (Vote for One) Liliana Bakhtiari (Incumbent)			
	Michael Julian Bond (Incumbent)	Write-in			
	◯ Juan Mendoza◯ Matt Rinker				

Write-in

For City Council Member District 6 (Vote for One) Alex Wan (Incumbent) Write-in	For Board of Education Member District 4 (Vote for One) Jennifer McDonald (Incumbent) Sanjay Mendonca Write-in	For City of Atlanta Municipal Court Judge (Gaines) (Vote for One) Shall Judge CRYSTAL A. GAINES of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in office? YES, to retain. NO, against retention. Yes
For City Council Member District 7 (Vote for One)	For City of Atlanta Municipal Court Judge (Baker) (Vote for One)	○ No For City of Atlanta
○ Jamie A. Christy	Shall Judge JADAWNYA C. BAKER of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained	Municipal Court Judge (Gundy) (Vote for One)
○ Allen Daly	in office? YES, to retain. NO, against retention.	Shall Judge TERRINEE L. GUNDY of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained
○ Thad Flowers	○ Yes	in office? YES, to retain. NO, against retention.
○ Rebecca King	○ No	○ Yes
○ Thomas Worthy	For City of Atlanta Municipal Court Judge (Bey)	○ No
Write-in	(Vote for One) Shall Judge ARDRA L. BEY of the	For City of Atlanta Municipal Court Judge (Hand Seitz)
For Board of Education Member District 8, At Large (Vote for One)	Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in office? YES, to retain.	(Vote for One) Shall Judge PIERCE HAND SEITZ of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in
○ Kaycee Brock	NO, against retention. Yes	office? YES, to retain. NO, against retention.
Royce Mann	○ No	○ Yes
○ Aisha Stith		○ No

For City of Atlanta For City of Atlanta **For City Council Municipal Court Judge Municipal Court Judge District 4** (Vote for One) (Jackson) (Ward) (Vote for One) (Vote for One) O John J. Funny Shall Judge CHRISTOPHER E. WARD Shall Judge GARY E. JACKSON of the (Incumbent) Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in office? office? Write-in YES, to retain. YES, to retain. NO, against retention. NO, against retention. **General Election** ○ Yes ○ Yes City of Chamblee \bigcirc No \bigcirc No For Mayor (Vote for One) For City of Atlanta **General Election** ○ Brian K. Mock **Municipal Court Judge** City of Avondale Estates (Incumbent) (Mann) (Vote for One) For City Commissioner Write-in (Vote for Two) Shall Judge TERESA A. MANN of the Atlanta Municipal Court be retained in Lionel Francois Laratte **For City Council** office? (Incumbent) At Large YES, to retain. O Dan Marcec (Vote for One) NO, against retention. Jimmy Furst ○ Yes Lyda R. Steadman (Incumbent) \bigcirc No ○ Will Thomason ○ Luis Suazo For City of Atlanta **Municipal Court Judge** Write-in (Portis) Write-in (Vote for One) **For City Council** Shall Judge CHRISTOPHER T. PORTIS District 1 Write-in of the Atlanta Municipal Court be (Vote for One) retained in office? **General Election** YES, to retain. O John A. Mesa City of Brookhaven (Incumbent) NO, against retention. ○ Yes **For City Council** Write-in District 2 \bigcirc No (Vote for One) O Jen Owens (Incumbent) Write-in

General Election City of Clarkston	For City Commissioner District 2, Post A (Vote for One)	For City Council District 2, Post 1 At Large (Vote for One)				
For Mayor (Vote for One)	O Deanna F. "Sutandi" Jue	○ MD Naser				
○ Sean Alexander-Brite	○ Cheryl Kortemeier	○ Yvette Pinnell-Prussing				
Beverly H. Burks (Incumbent)	Write-in	Write-in				
Write-in	For City Board of Education At Large	For City Council District 1, Post 3				
For City Council (Vote for Three)	(Vote for One) Corraine Irier	(Vote for One) Warren Simmons				
○ Lynn Bayonne		(Incumbent)				
○ Yterenickia "YT" Bell (Incumbent)	Write-in	Write-in				
O Nick Crawford	For City Board of Education District 1, Post A (Vote for One)	For City Council District 2, Post 3 (Vote for One)				
O Dean Sumner Moore	Hans Utz (Incumbent)	○ Tom Hart				
Write-in	Write-in	Christopher Henshaw (Incumbent)				
Write-in	For City Board of Education District 2, Post A	Write-in				
Write-in	(Vote for One) Carmen D. Sulton	General Election City of Dunwoody				
General Election City of Decatur	(Incumbent) Write-in	For City Council District 1, Post 1				
For City Commissioner District 1, Post A (Vote for One)	General Election	(Vote for One) Catherine Lautenbacher				
○ Mark Arnold	City of Doraville	(Incumbent)				
○ Katie Bell	For City Council District 1, Post 1 At Large (Vote for One)	Write-in				
Write-in	Gerald Evans (Incumbent)					
	Write in					

For City Council District 2, Post 2 (Vote for One)	General Election City of Pine Lake	For City Council Member Post 5 (Vote for One)
Rob Price (Incumbent)	For City Council (Vote for Three)	Shawnette Bryant (Incumbent)
O David "DZ" Ziskind	O Deborah Hull	O Hubert "Hub" Jordan
Write-in	○ Stephanie Kohler	O Vanessa "Vannie" Walls
For City Council	○ Jane Lowers	Write-in
District 3, Post 3 (Vote for One)	Write-in	For City Council Member
○ Tom Lambert	Will(e-III	Post 6
(Incumbent) Wendi Taylor	Write-in	(Vote for One) Clint Monroe
Vendi rayioi	Write-in	Cilit Monroe
Write-in		○ Elaine Vaughn
vviite-iii	General Election	
General Election	City of Stone Mountain	○ Cordero Vigil
City of Lithonia	For Mayor (Vote for One)	O
For City Council		Write-in
(Vote for Three)	Beverly Jones (Incumbent)	General Election
Oiane Howard (Incumbent)	○ Jelani Linder	City of Stonecrest
Amelia Inman (Incumbent)	Write-in	For City Councilmember District Post 1 (Vote for One)
○ Yolanda Sheppard (Incumbent)	For City Council Member	(Vote for One) Tara S. Graves
O Douglas E. Thompkins, Jr.	For City Council Member Post 4	(Incumbent)
	(Vote for One)	O Mills in
Write-in	Gil Freeman (Incumbent)	Write-in
Write-in	○ Kay Nunez	

........................

Write-in

Write-in

For City Councilmember District Post 3 (Vote for One)	For City Council Member District 1, Post 1 (Vote for One)	Special Election City of Atlanta
○ Kevin T. Edwards	Roger W. Orlando (Incumbent)	Act 358, SB 330: Independent School District Ad Valorem for
Alecia Washington (Incumbent)	○ Karen Peters	Educational Purposes (Vote for One)
Herbert Woods	Write-in	"Shall the Act be approved which provides a homestead exemption from City of Atlanta independent school district ad
Write-in	For City Council Member District 2, Post 1	valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of \$50,000.00 of the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that school district who are 65 years of age or
For City Councilmember District Post 5 (Vote for One)	(Vote for One) O Patrice Cosby	older with an aggregate cap of \$487,804,878.00?"
O Diane Daniels Adoma	Cara Schroeder (Incumbent)	All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall
Cammy L. Grimes (Incumbent)	Write-in	vote "No." Yes
○ Karmesha Washington Smith	For City Council Member District 3, Post 1	○ No
Write-in	(Vote for One) Sam Ulrich	Special Election Lithonia Annexation
General Election City of Tucker	○ Alexis Weaver	Lithonia Annexation (Vote for One)
For Mayor	(Incumbent)	Resolution No. 2025-08-01
(Vote for One) Anne Lerner	Write-in	Shall Resolution No. 2025-08-01, which annexes certain land into the corporate limits of the City of Lithonia, be ratified?
Noelle Monferdini		○ Yes
Beverly E. Williams		○ No
Write-in		

VRE EXPENDITURE REPORT JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2025

			TONT JANOART - SET TEMBER 2025	Data				
COST CENTER PARENT	OBJECT CLASS	OBJECT CODE	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	REQUISITIONS	PURCHASE ORDERS	EXPENDITURES	SUM OF AVAILABLE
02900	51	511101	SALARIES	2,426,152.00	-	-	1,340,817.62	1,085,334.38
		511102	SALARIES - PART TIME	200,000.00	-	-	-	200,000.00
		511199	SALARIES - ADJUSTMENTS	-	-	-	-	-
		511200	SALARIES - TEMPORARY	4,002,552.00	-	-	1,111,541.74	2,891,010.26
		511300	SALARIES - OVERTIME	200,000.00	-	-	49,947.44	150,052.56
		512100	COUNTY MATCH - GROUP INSURANCE	-	-	-	209,659.01	(209,659.01)
		512101	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - REVERSAL	-	-	-	(188,782.00)	188,782.00
		512102	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - ALLOCATED	468,000.00	-	-	312,000.00	156,000.00
		512200	COUNTY MATCH - FICA	181,217.00	-	-	145,687.14	35,529.86
		512400	COUNTY MATCH - PENSION	-	-	-	33,248.82	(33,248.82)
		512402	401(a) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	71,164.00	-	-	35,696.60	35,467.40
		512700	WORKERS COMPENSATION	51,871.00	-	-	34,584.00	17,287.00
		512904	ALLOWANCE - AUTOMOBILE	10,000.00	-	-	2,500.00	7,500.00
	51 Total			7,610,956.00	-		3,086,900.37	4,524,055.63
	52	521101	BOARD MEMBER SERVICES	12,000.00	-	-	9,000.00	3,000.00
		521104	TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,800,000.00	-	279,244.48	663,111.24	1,136,888.76
		521105	SECURITY SERVICES	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00
		521209	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,750,000.00	318,729.33	355,534.76	1,123,884.13	626,115.87
		522201	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES	125,000.00	24,344.97	43,585.42	78,110.99	46,889.01
		522311	RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE	370,000.00	-	-	-	370,000.00
		522321	RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	34,000.00	-	-	-	34,000.00
		522322	LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	26,000.00	-	-	3,704.63	22,295.37
		522329	OTHER RENTALS	16,950.00	-	14,168.02	63,805.40	(46,855.40)
		523001	OTHER SERVICES - NON PROFESSIONAL	-	-	-	-	-
		523201	POSTAGE	500,000.00	-	-	9,304.03	490,695.97
		523202	POSTAGE - CENTRAL SERVICES	27,552.00	-	-	-	27,552.00
		523203	TELEPHONE SERVICE	-	-	-	-	-
		523204	TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANCE	600.00	-	-	51.11	548.89
		523206	INTERNET SERVICES	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00
		523207	TELEPHONE - WIRELESS	195,000.00	-	-	128,130.74	66,869.26
		523301	ADVERTISING SERVICES	350,000.00	45.00	45.00	324.00	349,676.00
		523401	PRINTING SERVICES	25,000.00	-	-	8,490.00	16,510.00
		523501	MILEAGE - PERSONAL VEHICLE	2,000.00	-	-	1,773.14	226.86
		523504	TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATIONS / HOTEL	23,300.00	-	-	7,468.34	15,831.66
		523505	TRAVEL - PER DIEM	12,000.00	-	-	2,329.50	9,670.50
		523601	DUES	200.00	-	-	-	200.00
		523701	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - EXTERNAL	48,000.00	-	-	17,326.34	30,673.66
		523702	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - INTERNAL	3,552.00	-	-	1,035.00	2,517.00
			ELECTION EXPENSES	630,000.00	-	76,806.11	468,816.05	161,183.95
	52 Total			5,976,154.00	343,119.30	769,383.79	2,586,664.64	3,389,489.36
	53	531101	OPERATING SUPPLIES	615,000.00	10,647.56	78,786.38	434,086.17	180,913.83
		531199	FREIGHT	1,000.00	-	-	22.92	977.08
	53 Total			616,000.00	10,647.56	78,786.38	434,109.09	181,890.91
	54	542201	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	100,000.00	-	58.47	86,739.74	13,260.26
	34							
	34		COMPUTER SOFTWARE and TECHNOLOGY	-	-	-	6,500.00	(6,500.00)
	54	542202	COMPUTER SOFTWARE and TECHNOLOGY OTHER EQUIPMENT > \$5,000	-	-	-	6,500.00	(6,500.00)
	54 Total	542202			-			,
		542202 542309		-		-	-	-
	54 Total	542202 542309 551104	OTHER EQUIPMENT > \$5,000	100,000.00		- 58.47	-	6,760.26

02900	55	551141	VEHICLE MAINT - FUEL	-	-	-	3,000.53	(3,000.53)
		551142	VEHICLE MAINT - PREV MAINT	-	-	-	674.62	(674.62)
		551143	VEHICLE MAINT - REPAIRS	-	-	-	5,314.87	(5,314.87)
		551144	VEHICLE MAINT - OVERHEAD	2,095.00	-	-	1,400.00	695.00
	55 Total			9,776.00	-	-	12,758.02	(2,982.02)
	70	707009	COUNTY PENSION ALLOCATION	264,636.00	-	-	176,424.00	88,212.00
	70 Total			264,636.00	-	-	176,424.00	88,212.00
02900 Total				14,577,522.00	353,766.86	848,228.64	6,390,095.86	8,187,426.14
Grand Total				14,577,522.00	353,766.86	848,228.64	6,390,095.86	8,187,426.14