

# **DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections**

## **Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2025

Start Time: 12:04 p.m.

End Time: 12:39 p.m.

Board Attendees: Karli Swift, Chair (virtual)  
Vasu Abhiraman, Vice-Chair  
Travis Bowden  
Gail Lee  
Dele Lowman

Other Attendees: Keisha Smith, Executive Director  
Michael Petty, Supervising County Attorney  
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney  
Tristen Waite, Assistant County Attorney

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice-Chair Abhiraman called the Board of Registration and Elections meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Ms. Austin read the roll by calling each board member by name. A quorum was met.

Motion by Mr. Bowden, seconded by Ms. Lowman, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Lee, seconded by Mr. Bowden, to approve the minutes of the June 23 scheduled meeting and July 17 special called. It was stated by legal counsel that as an administrative convenience the three (3) new Board members who were not in attendance for the June meeting may vote on the motion. 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](mailto: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
- Janet Grant

### **ITEMS FOR DECISION**

#### A) Certification of the Special Primary Public Service Commissioner Election Runoff

Director Smith presented the election summary report along with the post-election report for the Board's review and consideration detailing election statistics including voter turnout for Election Day, early voting, absentee, and provisional voting.

Motion by Ms. Lee, seconded by Chair Swift to certify the July 15, 2025 special primary runoff and recess to sign returns. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Lowman, seconded by Mr. Bowden to enter regular order and exit recess. The motion passed unanimously.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Members were recognized and provided comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Bowden, seconded by Ms. Lowman, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.