

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

Start Time: 4:36 p.m.

End Time: 5:18 p.m.

Board Attendees: Chair Karli Swift
Vice-Chair Vasu Abhiraman
Anthony Lewis
Susan Motter

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Ms. Austin read the roll by calling each board member by name. All members were in attendance except Ms. Jester.

Motion by Ms. Motter, seconded by Vice-Chair Abhiraman, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Motter, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve the minutes of the July 20 scheduled meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

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. Abusive, profane, or derogatory language will not be permitted. 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.

The following citizens provided public comment:

- Marci McCarthy
- Gail Lee
- Bill Henderson

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Director's Report

Director Smith reported on registration, list maintenance, GARViS development, warehouse space, the Excellence in Elections training series, the Poll Worker appreciation event, outreach events, polling place ADA compliance surveys, the Adopt-a-Precinct proposal, the budget, personnel changes, and a Homeland Security visit. She also congratulated former Registration Manager Twyla Hart on her recent retirement after twenty years of service to DeKalb County in various roles.

Ms. Motter made a request to indicate what the fiscal year is on the spreadsheet.

Ms. Motter asked what the deadline is to let VRE know of additions to the ballot. Director Smith responded September 8th.

Ms. Motter requested for the Board to be kept informed of future community events.

Mr. Lewis requested to have voter registration numbers and upcoming community events listed on the website.

Vice-Chair Abhiraman requested clarification on the deadline on the NGE and No contact notices. Attorney Phillips informed him that the law department will give an opinion on the timeframe.

The Vice-Chair asked if the postal service budget item had paid for the No Contact mailings. The Director responded that the \$50,000 item would pay for mailings throughout the year.

BOARD COMMENTS

All board members that were in attendance expressed their appreciation to the public, Law Department, Director Smith and VRE staff for their continued hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Motter, seconded by Chair Swift, to adjourn. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.