



UNAPPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2019

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia.

Presiding: Ms. Mary Carole Cooney, Chairperson

Other Board Members Present:

Mr. Aaron Johnson
Ms. Vernetta Keith Nuriddin

Board Member(s) Absent:

Mr. Mark Wingate, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Kathleen Ruth

Staff Attending: Mr. Richard Barron, Director; Mr. Ralph Jones, Registration Chief; Mr. Blake Evans, Elections Chief; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Ms. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Elections Chief; Mrs. Pamela Coman, Registration Manager; Ms. Breauana Jenkins, Administrative Coordinator I; Mr. David Lowman, County Attorney; Ms. Felicia Church, Public Affairs Manager

Guests Attending: Christian Crittenden (Georgia State University Student), Alma Monegro (City of Atlanta), Milia Akkouris

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Cooney proposed the agenda by staff be altered to strike item #3, Discussion of cost for polling locations. Replaced item #3 will be, Discussion of Additional EV Location Requested in Johns Creek.

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was made by Ms. Nuriddin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

#3- DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL EV LOCATION REQUEST IN JOHNS CREEK

Mr. Barron informed the Board of the request that came from the Mayor's office to add an early voting location in Johns Creek for the General Municipal and Special Runoff Election of December 3rd.

Mr. Barron informed Mayor's staff, that the **BRE** would be informed of the request to discuss at a meeting to open an additional location in Johns Creek at the Johns Creek City Hall

Mr. Barron referenced several concerns:

- Compensation is a barrier, due to the August 2019 Resolution passed by **BOC**, that permitted a flat rate fee to all Municipalities limiting funds available
- Mayor's Staff requested funds from one of the other cities to cover their request
- Best practice is not to alter the locations unless it is absolutely necessary, from an Election to the Runoff Election in the same cycle,
- The request is untimely

Ms. Nuriddin requested a recommendation from **Director Barron** with regards to considering adding an additional EV location for the December General Municipal and Special Runoff Election in Johns Creek

Mr. Barron informed the **BRE** that Johns Creek currently has an EV location, there are funding limitation, and the proposed location has never been used since his tenure with the department. Johns Creek City Hall would require additional efforts to become an EV location. **Mr. Barron** recommended not using Johns Creek City Hall at this time. However, **DRE** will complete an assessment for future elections in 2020

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to accept the recommendation of Director Barron, to not add an additional EV Location in Johns Creek. The motion was made by Ms. Nuriddin seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#4- REVIEW OF THE SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

- Fulton County Board of Commissioners (BOC), **District 6**
- Atlanta Board of Education (ABOE), **District 2**

Mr. Barron recapped the Special Runoff Election cycle for the listed elections:

- **2.9%** Voter Turnout on Election Day
- **Mr. Joe Carn** won **BOC, D6**
- **Ms. Andrea Baldon** won **ABOE, D2**

#5- CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS: SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION ON OCTOBER 15, 2019

Chairperson Cooney advised **Mr. Barron** to review the summary of results. **Chairperson Cooney** asked **Mr. Barron** is the election summary a true and correct count of all votes cast for the Special Runoff Election held on October 15, 2019 and does this constitute all votes cast for the qualified candidates for the **BOC**, District 6 election.

- Fulton County Board of Commissioners, **District 6**

Mr. Barron answered yes.

Ms. Nuriddin questioned the totals of Absentee By Mail (**ABM**) results

Mr. Barron read the results to include 56 absentee ballots cast for **BOC, D6** and 22 absentee ballots cast for **ABOE, D2**

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nuriddin and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0

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- Atlanta Board of Education, District 2

Mr. Barron answered yes.

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Ms. Nuriddin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items requiring the Board's action, **Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nuriddin seconded the motion.** Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 1:11 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary