



## APPROVED MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – JANUARY 19, 2020

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

## **VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

**FGTV YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYH7E0jH6HxE-3KTRluH8SQ>

**Presiding:** Ms. Mary Carole Cooney, Chairperson

**Other Board Members Present:**

Ms. Vernetta Keith Nuriddin, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Mark Wingate

Mr. Aaron V. Johnson

Dr. Kathleen Ruth

**Staff Attending:** Mr. Richard Barron, Director; Mr. Ralph Jones, Registration Chief; Ms. Nadine Williams, Elections Chief; Ms. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Elections Chief; Mrs. Pamela Coman, Registration Manager; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Ms. Breana Jenkins, Administrative Coordinator I; Mrs. Cheryl Ringer, County Attorney; Mr. David Lowman, County Attorney; Mr. James Reese, Production Manager; Mr. Rico Dollar, Senior Graphics Designer, Regina Waller, Senior Public Affairs Officer; Jessica Corbitt, PIO & Director of External Affairs

**Commissioner(s):** Commissioner Hausmann (D1)

#### **County Personnel**

**Guests Attending:** Kendra Mackey (CBS46), Michelle Sanders (Fox), Helen Butler, Steven Franklin, Ben Nadler (Associated Press), Kamal Khan, Aaron Reese, Poy Winichaku, LaShawn Hudson, Richard Heaslip, Quinn Scanlan, Rao Komar, Chistian Ayisi

**Chairperson Cooney announced that this teleconferenced meeting is authorized pursuant to §50-14-1(g) of the Official Code of Georgia because of the Public Health State of Emergency declared by Governor Kemp on March 14, 2020, and renewed through March 7, 2021, pursuant to which public meeting spaces in state and local Government have been closed due to COVID-19, and because means have been afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to this teleconference.**

#### **#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.**

## NEW BUSINESS

### #2- RE-CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS: STATE AND FEDERAL RUNOFF JANUARY 5, 2021

- US Senate (PERDUE)
- US Senate (LOEFFLER)
- Public Service Commission (PSC)

Registered Voters: 489,503 of 818,555 (59.80%)  
Ballots Cast: 489,503

**Chairperson Cooney** directed **Mr. Barron** to explained why this Body was called to recertify this Election

**Mr. Barron** explained that the Elections Management System (**EMS**) does not have a dashboard that indicates which memory cards have been uploaded; therefore the Election System Supervisor operates the system manually and create a spreadsheet to verify completion of every upload

**Vice Chair Nuriddin** asked **Mr. Barron** did he direct his staff to check all precincts to ensure this error did not occur in any other precinct. **Vice Chair** expressed concerns for a lack of processes

**Mr. Barron** stated yes

**Vice Chair Nuriddin** mentioned on January 8<sup>th</sup> the Election Night Reporting shows (0) zero for the precincts being discussed.

**Mr. Barron** echoed **Vice Chair Nuriddin** concern/ frustration. **Mr. Barron** confirmed additions to procedures and contacting the vendor to understand why this occurred

**Mr. Johnson** asked for clarity on the amount of votes in question being 660 votes.

**Mr. Barron** said yes

**Chairperson Cooney** asked **Mr. Barron** was it his certification and testimony that the election results presented are a true and accurate count of all the votes cast in the Runoff Election held on January 5, 2021.

**Mr. Barron** answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wingate and carried by a vote of 5-0.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not convene into executive session.

Before Adjourning, **Dr. Ruth** directed **Mr. Barron**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to adjourn.**  
**Mr. Wingate moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.** Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 9:28 a.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary