



APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2020

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 6:30pm.

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; Mr. Dwight Brower, Interim Elections Chief; Ms. Nadine Williams, Elections Chief; Ms. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Elections Chief; Mrs. Pamela Coman, Registration Manager; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; 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

Guests Attending: Gowri Ramachandrin, Brianna Jones

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 most recently on November 30, 2020, 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 as amended. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Dr. Ruth and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. *

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

*Chairperson Cooney announced Vice Chair Nuriddin joined the meeting.

No public comment, names were called but technical issues by the commenter.

NEW BUSINESS

#3 – DISCUSSION OF DECEMBER 1, 2020, GENERAL/SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

- US House, District 5
- State Senate, District 39

Mr. Barron updated the BRE:

- 10,000+ Ballots cast
- 146 Absentee By Mail
- Challenging Election due to two check-ins within a polling location
- Between the two races 44 precincts were overlapping
- Overlapping during Early Voting
 - The 3 day week of Thanksgiving
 - two check-ins were required by law, separate databases

#4- CONFIRMATION OF THE CERTIFICATION DATE

Mr. Barron mentioned no concerns regarding certifying the December 1st Election during the regular **BRE** Meeting on December 11th.

Chairperson Cooney discussed the end of year processes for review the listed items and any others can be reviewed

- Bylaws
- Annual Evaluation following the January 5th Election
- Lessons Learned

Vice Chair Nuriddin inquired about Absentee by Mail Rollover list for the January 5th Election

Mr. Barron informed the **BRE** that ballots were supposed to be mailed out by **Secretary Of State's office** on November 23rd and ballots were not mailed until today. The **DRE** planned to have Runbeck mail their ballots until December 14th and the **DRE** will begin thereafter.

Dr. Ruth asked about a pending press conference later in the week and the information that **Mr. Barron** will provide

Mr. Barron mentioned not knowing the full scope for the Media meeting other than to discuss Early Voting locations at State Farm Arena and Mercedes Benz but it depends on the questions by the media.

Chairperson Cooney called on Jessica Corbitt or Regina Waller, no response was provided.

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. Wingate moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Nuriddin seconded the motion.** Collectively, the Board agreed to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary