



## APPROVED MINUTES

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

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., in the The Government Center, Assembly Hall, 141 Pryor Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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

**Other Board Members Present:**

Mr. Mark Wingate, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Aaron V. Johnson

Ms. Vernetta Keith Nuriddin

**Absent Board Member:**

Dr. Kathleen Ruth

**ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE BUILDING:  
MASK MUST BE WORN AND TEMPERATURES WILL BE TAKEN. SOCIAL DISTANCING  
WILL BE ENFORCED AND SEATING LIMITATIONS EXIST.**

**Staff Attending:** Mr. Richard Barron, Director; Mr. Ralph Jones, Mr. Blake Evans, Elections Chief; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Mr. David Lowman, County Attorney; Mr. James Reese, Production Manager; Ms. Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs & PIO; Darryl Carver, Division Manager

**Commissioners:** Chairman Robb L. Pitts, D7, At- Large; Ms. Harriet Thomas, Chief of Staff

**Guests Attending:** Garland Favorito, Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (Commissioner-Elect), Maleka Rahman (Women of the West)

#### **#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 4-0.**

#### **#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE**

**Garland Favorito** expressed concerns about the mail in ballot process and the accuracy and the adjudication process on Dominion voting equipment. (**Handout provided**)

**Ms. Nuriddin** requested the Board to allow another public comment.

**Chairperson Cooney** communicated the Public comments rules.

**A motion to waive the rules on public comment, was made Ms. Nuriddin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.**

**Khadijah Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Elect, District 6**, communicated understanding the undertaking of this election and the Global Pandemic. Ms. Abdur-Rahman expressed reviewing all scenarios to devise a plan to ensure a better outcome for the August 11<sup>th</sup> Runoff Election.

## NEW BUSINESS

### #3- OVERVIEW OF THE JUNE 9, 2020, GENERAL PRIMARY & SPECIAL ELECTION

**Mr. Barron** expressed the frustration of the department, you are unhappy, and we are unsatisfied with how the election went. We are working hard to make sure what happened in the Primary has no repeat performance. **Mr. Barron** explained that most of the decisions the **DRE** made were at the height of the Global Pandemic.

**Mr. Barron** recapped the Election Day, **June 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**

- 10 Polling locations opened late
- Absentee By Mail Process, via email submission
- Polling Precinct Changes
  - Notice of Polling Place Changes
- Equipment Malfunctions- BMDs powering down, shimmering, scanner jams and Poll pad issues
- 90 Technician in the field and roving
- Federal candidates: all provisional ballots will be counted on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Absentee By Mail (ABM) and total votes cast

**Corrective Measures:**

- EV Locations normal allotment would be at least 20 locations
- IT to create an effective mechanism for completing Absentee Ballot requests and the DRE requested that the SOS create an online portal
- Implored Tech savvy poll voters to apply and become poll workers

**June 9, 2020:**

<input type="checkbox"/> ABM	<b>92,975</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional	<b>10,054</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EV	<b>30,334</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Election Day	<b>95,952</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>June 2020 Total</b>	<b>233,409</b> votes cast
<input type="checkbox"/> ABM Application Processed:	<b>140,799</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> As of May 29, 2020 mailed by <b>DRE</b>	<b>13,846</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancelled ABM In-Person	<b>5,459</b>

**Mr. Johnson** requested the certification reports.

**Secretary Bodison** informed the Board that copies were being printed for dissemination

**A motion to table item #4, Certification of Election Results, was made by Ms. Nuriddin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to close the regular session and convene into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was made by Ms. Nuriddin, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

After executive session, Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to resume into regular session. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nuriddin and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

### #4- CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS: JUNE 9, 2020, PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AND GENERAL PRIMARY, NONPARTISAN AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Mr. Wingate inquired of the election reporting and the final results of various reports.

Mr. Barron and Mr. Evans explained the reporting to provide clarity to all inquiries from the Board.

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 Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election held on March 24, 2020.

- **Republican Presidential Preference Primary, March 24, 2020**

Mr. Barron answered yes

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Chairperson Cooney and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.

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 Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election held on March 24, 2020.

- **Democratic Presidential Preference Primary, March 24, 2020**

Mr. Barron answered yes

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.

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 City of Atlanta MOST Referendum held on March 24, 2020.

- **City of Atlanta: MOST, March 24, 2020**

Mr. Barron answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

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 City of Atlanta MOST Referendum held on June 9, 2020.

- **City of Atlanta: MOST, June 9, 2020**

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 unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

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 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary held on June 9, 2020.

- **Democratic Presidential Preference Primary, June 9, 2020**

Mr. Barron answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

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 Republican Presidential Preference Primary held on June 9, 2020.

- **Republican Presidential Preference Primary, June 9, 2020**

Mr. Barron answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

**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 Presidential Preference Primary and General Primary, Nonpartisan and Special Election held on June 9, 2020.

- **Nonpartisan Presidential Preference Primary & General Primary, June 9, 2020**

**Mr. Barron** answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Chairperson Cooney and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

**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 Democratic General Primary, and Special Election held on June 9, 2020.

- **Democratic General Primary, June 9, 2020**

**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 unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

**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 General Primary, and Special Election held on June 9, 2020.

- **Republican General Primary, June 9, 2020**

**Mr. Barron** answered yes

**Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0-1, Ms. Nuriddin abstained.**

## **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 5:52 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary