



APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 4, 2020 9:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Presiding: Ms. Mary Carole Cooney, Chairperson

Other Board Members Present:

Ms. Vernetta Keith Nuriddin, Vice Chairperson

Mr. Mark Wingate

Mr. Aaron V. Johnson

Absent Board Members:

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; Ms. Breauna Jenkins, Administrative Coordinator; Mrs. Cheryl Ringer, 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: Foris Webb, III (City of Atlanta), Briana Jones, Tracy Adkison, David Ross (Democratic Party of Georgia), Venita Epps, Lori Shellenberger, Annie Grayer, Gowri Ramachandran (Brennan Law)

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 through September 10, 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. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wingate and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

No communications from the public.

NEW BUSINESS

#3- APPROVAL OF POLLING PLACE CHANGES: 70/2020 THROUGH 117/2020

Ms. Williams explained the precinct proposals. All polling locations were surveyed for American with Disabilities Act (**ADA**) compliance and all impacted voters will be notified 30 days prior to the next scheduled election.

Precinct(s)	Proposal #	Facility Name	Reason	Proposed Change	# Voters Assigned to New Location	Mile(s) to New Location
05A1	70 / 20	Lang Carson Community Center 100 Flat Shoals Avenue SE	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Dad's Garage Theatre 569 Ezzard St SE	2599	1.0
03T	71 / 20	Central United Methodist Church 501 Mitchell Street	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Friendship Baptist Church 80 Walnut Street	1627	0.3
FA01A	72 / 20	First Baptist Church of Fairburn 23 Malone Street SE	COVID-19 displacement return	Open Word Christian Ministries 6230 Highway 92	3824	2.2
JC02	73 / 20	Northview High School 10625 Parsons Road	COVID-19 displacement return	Johns Creek United Methodist Church 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd	2700	1.3
JC08	74 / 20	Taylor Road Middle 5150 Taylor Road	COVID-19 displacement return	Clear Springs Baptist Church 11575 Jones Bridge Road	2804	1.8
SS04	75 / 20	Woodland Elementary 1130 Spalding Drive	COVID-19 displacement return	St. Jude Catholic Church 7171 Glenridge Drive NE	3440	1.5
RW03	76 / 20	Independence High School 791 Mimosa Blvd	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Vickery Mill Elementary 1201 Alpharetta Street	3858	1.4
03C	77 / 20	Atlanta Police Athletic League 120 Anderson Avenue	Logistical concerns	Radcliffe Presbyterian Church 286 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive	1742	1.8
04K	78 / 20	West Hunter Street Baptist Church 1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd	Decrease number of voters merged to precinct location due to COVID-19 displacement - Abernathy Towers	West End Library 525 Peoples Street	2539	0.2
03I	79 / 20	Antioch Baptist Church Family Center 540 Cameron M. Alexander Blvd	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Georgia Tech McCamish Pavilion 965 Fowler St	3388	2.8
02L2	80 / 20	Saint Luke's Episcopal Church 435 Peachtree Street	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Georgia Tech McCamish Pavilion 965 Fowler St	3388	1.5
02S 05K	81 / 20	Helene Mills Senior Center 515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave	Decrease number of voters merged to precinct location due to COVID-19 displacement - Wheat Street	David T. Howard Middle School 551 Wesley Dobbs Avenue	3596	0.1
06B & 06J	82 / 20	Inman Middle 774 Virginia Ave	name change	Morningside Elementary 774 Virginia Ave	n/a	n/a
08N 1/2	84 / 20	Morris Brandon Elementary 2741 Howell Mill Road	COVID-19 displacement return	Trinity Presbyterian Church 3003 Howell Mill Road	2322	0.8
11P	85 / 20	William Walker Recreation Center 2405 Fairburn Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Saint Mark AME Church 3605 Campbellton Road	2013	1.2
11 E 3	86 / 20	William Walker Recreation Center 2405 Fairburn Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Deerwood Elementary 3070 Fairburn Road	3408	1.8
AP021	87 / 20	Wills Park Recreation Center 11925 Wills Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	American Legion Alpharetta 201 Wills Rd	3218	0.5
AP05	88 / 20	Windward Fire Station 2070 Market Place	voting area not temperature controlled	Creekview Elementary 3995 Webb Bridge Road	4520	2.6
AP01B	89 / 20	New Prospect Elementary 3055 Kimball Bridge Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Saint James United Methodist 3000 Webb Ridge Road	1102	2.7
AP07B	90 / 20	Manning Oaks Elementary 405 Cumming Street	COVID-19 displacement return	Saint James United Methodist 3000 Webb Ridge Road	1766	1.3
AP07A	91 / 20	Manning Oaks Elementary 405 Cumming Street	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Alpharetta Elementary 192 Mayfield Road	3670	1.8
AP14	92 / 20	Messiah Lutheran Church 4765 Kimball Bridge Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Ocee Elementary 4375 Kimball Bridge Road	3936	1.1
JC15	93 / 20	Messiah Lutheran Church 4765 Kimball Bridge Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Dolvin Elementary 10495 Jones Bridge Road	3375	2.7
CP011	94 / 20	College Park Auditorium	Decrease number of voters	College Park Library	1273	0.1

		3631 Main Street	assigned to facility	3647 Main Street		
EP02 B/D/E	95 / 20	Jefferson Park Recreation Center 1431 Norman Berry Drive	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Impact Church 2323 Sylvan Road	3439	1.5
EP04B	96 / 20	Brookview Elementary 3250 Hammarskjold Drive	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Camp Creek Middle 4345 Welcome All Terrace	2395	4.3
JC18	97 / 20	Hillside Elementary 9250 Scott Road	COVID-19 displacement return	Mount Pisgah United Methodist 2850 Old Alabama Road	2751	2.1
JC19	98 / 20	Johns Creek Environmental Campus 8100 Holcomb Bridge Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Barnwell Elementary 9425 Barnwell Road	3925	3.1
ML04	99 / 20	Cogburn Woods Elementary 13080 Cogburn Road	Renovations Completed	Hopewell Middle 13060 Cogburn Road	3156	0.8
RW01	100 / 20	Roswell Library 115 Norcross Street	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Crabapple Middle 10700 Crabapple Road	4773	1.4
RW10	101 / 20	Roswell Library 115 Norcross Street	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Roswell North Elementary 10525 Woodstock Road	3459	1.4
SC08 C/D/E/F/G/H	103 / 20	Banneker High School 6015 Feldwood Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Gladys Dennard Library 4055 Flat Shoals Road	2031	0.7
SC09C SC27	104 / 20	Burdett Park Gym 2945 Burdett Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	McNair Middle 2800 Burdett Road	3993	0.2
SS26	105 / 20	Woodland Elementary 1130 Spalding Drive	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	North Springs High School 7447 Roswell Road	3561	1.3
SS02 A/B	106 / 20	North Annex 7741 Roswell Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Spalding Drive Elementary 130 West Spalding Drive	2417	2.3
SS07 A/B/C	107 / 20	Hammond Park Gym 705 Hammond Drive	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Heritage Hall Sandy Springs 6110 Blue Stone Rd	2627	1.5
SS11 B/C/D	108 / 20	Church of The Redeemer 5185 Peachtree Dunwoody Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	High Point Elementary 520 Greenland Road	1979	2.4
01D 01E	109 / 20	Fan Plex 786 Hank Aaron Drive	Decrease number of voters merged to precinct location due to COVID-19 displacement - Georgia Hills	Grant Park Recreation Center 537 Park Ave	4038	1.7
07E 07N	110 / 20	Peachtree Hills Recreation Center 308 Peachtree Hills Ave	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Garden Hills Elementary 285 Sheridan Drive	4106	1.9
RW16	111 / 20	Lebanon Baptist Church 11250 Crabapple Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Hembree Springs Elementary 815 Hembree Road	1918	1.9
RW13	112 / 20	St. Mary's Orthodox Church of Atlanta 1950 Old Alabama Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Northwood Elementary 10200 Wooten Road	3608	0.4
SC23B/C	113 / 20	New Life Presbyterian Church 6600 Old National Highway	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Love T. Nolan Elementary 2725 Creel Road	2983	1
SS19A	114 / 20	North Annex 7741 Roswell Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Ison Springs Elementary 8261 Ison Road	3080	2.3
SS22	115 / 20	Sandy Springs Middle School 8750 Pride Place	Decrease number of voters merged to precinct location due to COVID-19 displacement - Hellenic Towers	Sherwood Events 8610 Roswell Road	2681	1.6
SC11A	117 / 20	Creel Park 2775 Creel Road	Decrease number of voters assigned to facility	Bethune Elementary 5925 Old Carriage Drive	1504	2.8

Ms. Nuriddin expressed with proposal **83/20** that would move voters from Therrell High School to Kimberly Elementary. The concern is accessibility to the polling location. **Ms. Nuriddin** suggested **Ms. Williams** consider voters using public transportation for future changes

Ms. Williams explained that public transportation to polls are not required but the **DRE** can definitely consider for future changes

Ms. Nuriddin expressed concerns for elderly **disabled** voters and the difficulty they may experience with limited sidewalks and distance from public transportation.

Ms. Williams suggested reviewing the location **Ms. Nuriddin** expressed concerns about. **Ms. Williams** suggested removing to find a better alternative before the next meeting.

Chairperson Cooney agreed

Mr. Wingate inquired about RW09, proposal 102/20, and the amount of registered voters assigned was over 6,000 voters

Ms. Williams explained the proposal 102/20 was an oversight, this proposal will be moved to the next **BRE** meeting for consideration.

Mr. Johnson requested clarity on how many **registered** voters are assigned to a polling location

Ms. Williams answered the **DRE** is attempting to reduce voters assigned to each polling location to under 5,000 voters. **Ms. Williams** confirmed removing proposal 83/20 and 102/20

Mr. Wingate suggested utilizing the Roswell Recreation Center as a proposed polling location

Ms. Williams explained previously utilizing the location but the locations had several conflicts prior to COVID-19/ Pandemic. **Ms. Williams** mentioned contacting the facility to inquire about availability

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to approve all polling place changes presented except 83/20 and 102/20. The motion was made by Mr. Wingate, seconded by Ms. Nuriddin and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary