



APPROVED MINUTES

BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 22, 2019

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Friday, March 22, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 128 of the Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, SW, Suite 2186, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Presiding: Ms. Mary Carole Cooney, Chairperson

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Aaron Johnson, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. David Burge
Ms. Vernetta K. Nuriddin

Board Member(s) Absent: Mr. Mark Wingate

Staff Attending: Mr. Richard Barron, Director; Blake Evans, Elections Chief; Ms. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Elections Chief; Mr. Johnny Harris, Elections Officer; Ms. Pamela Coman, Registration Manager; Ms. Brenda McCloud, Administrative Manager; Ms. Breana Jenkins, Administrative Specialist; Mr. David Lowman, Staff Attorney; Ms. Cheryl Ringer, Senior Staff Attorney; Ms. April Majors, Public Affairs Manager

Guests Attending: Foris Webb, III (City of Atlanta), Greg Clay (COA-District 3 Candidate), Vanessa Waldon (City of Atlanta), Reginald McClendon (City of Atlanta), Antonio Brown (COA-District 3 Candidate), Patricia Crayton (People TV INC), Laurence Wilson

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nuriddin and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

Greg Clay, a candidate City of Atlanta, District 3, requested clarity on absentee ballots included and excluded.

#3- CERTIFICATION OF RESULTS: SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 19, 2019

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify the election results for City of Atlanta, Council District 3. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Burge.

Chairperson Cooney requested clarity on all provisional and absentee ballots

Mr. Barron stated there were 6 Provisional Ballots received on Election day; accepted 2 and rejected 4 (1- unregistered voter, 1- Out of county voter {Gwinnett resident} and 2- voters out of district). **Mr. Barron** stated that of the Absentee Ballots 3 were rejected due to lack of signatures

Chairperson Cooney inquired if all voters received notice of their voting status

Mr. Barron stated all letters were mailed to both absentee by mail and provisional voters

Mr. Burge inquired about how many Absentee Ballots were received

Mr. Jones indicated that the **DRE** received 46 for the City of Atlanta, City Council-District 3 and 2 for the City of Hapeville, Alderman At Large

Ms. Nuriddin inquired about statistics the **BRE** received on Election night

Mr. Jones informed the **BRE** of the previous report received which indicated when an application for an absentee ballot was received, processed, and rejected.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the **DRE** receiving any absentee ballots after the deadline

Mr. Jones stated yes, the **DRE** received an absentee ballot today in the mail

Chairperson Cooney asked **Mr. Barron** was it his certification and testimony that the election results presented an accurate count of all the votes cast in the Special Election held on March 19, 2019

- City of Atlanta, **City Council Member- District 3**

Mr. Barron answered yes

The motion carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Chairperson Cooney asked **Mr. Barron** was it his certification and testimony that the election results presented an accurate count of all the votes cast in the Special Election held on March 19, 2019

- City of Hapeville, **Alderman At Large**

Mr. Barron answered yes

Chairperson Cooney entertained a motion to certify election results for City of Hapeville, Alderman at Large. The motion was made by Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Johnson 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. The motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Nuriddin and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by,

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary