



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – May 21, 2024

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**The meeting was recorded and is available for your review on
FGTV YouTube Channel**

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

Board Members Present Ms. Cathy Woolard, Chairperson
Mr. William Michael Heekin, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Aaron Johnson
Mrs. Teresa Crawford

Absent Board Member:
Ms. Julie Adams

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mr. Patrick Eskridge, Deputy Director; Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. James Reese, FGTV Production Manager; Mr. Tyree Spencer, Mr. James Artis

Legal: Mr. Chad Alexis, Senior Assistant County Counsel

Commissioners: Chairman Pitts and Commissioner Thorne

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Woolard entertained a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#2– RECAP OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY, NONPARTISAN, AND SPECIAL ELECTION

Director Williams greeted the BRE and reported on the activities during this election cycle. **Madam Director** stated the election was ran smoothly and it was safe and secure environment. Highlighted activities:

- 177 Election Day polling locations opened on-time
- 22,000+ electors voted on Election Day

- **36** AV locations open 19 days
- **53,000+** electors voted during Advance Voting
- Advance voting results was posted before 8pm due to early tabulation
- All election results can be found on the County's website

Chair Woolard asked **Director Williams** to go over the documents in their packets

Directors Williams outlined the documents all are required to be posted daily by law:

- Advance Voting (AV) Unofficial Daily Results by each AV locations for 3 weeks
- Absentee Daily Statistics
- Absentee Drop box Unofficial Daily Count- 7 Drop boxes during Advance Voting
- A list of Polling locations

Mr. Johnson mentioned reading an article that GARViS (Voter Registration Database) went down.

Director Williams responded that the impact was minimum for the DRE, and we had workarounds in place to assist poll managers, if needed.

Ms. Adams asked if any non-governmental entities were helping in the Elections Department.

Director Williams responded no, other than the temporary staffing agencies and the support from other County Departments.

Ms. Adams asked if the Department plans to use any non-governmental entities in November.

Director Williams responded no, other than the monitors being assigned by the SEB; there is no plan to use any other organization.

Ms. Adams asked about Pitney Bowes printers or OKIs and the ability to print in-house.

Director Williams answered she will need to research about the Pitney Bowes/ OKIs inquiry. **Madam Director** continued that we have the ability to print in-house but we outsource to a vendor.

Ms. Adams asked for the numbered list of voters at the close of the polls.

Director Williams responded that list is not produced in-house, the DRE must request from the vendor.

Mr. Heekin asked **Director Williams** to clarify the Absentee Data.

Mrs. Crawford explained the data was not updated

Director Williams explained the Absentee Division is still accepting ballots until 7pm tonight.

Chair Woolard expressed appreciation for adding the Grant Park location due to the growth in that area. **Madam Chair** thanked the DRE for all the advancements/improvements made since she last chaired.

#3– CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION DATE AND TIME

Chair Woolard recapped the previous meeting discussion on the date and time.

- Date: May 28th
- Time: 8am review and certification 3pm
- Location: Elections Hub (BRE Suite)

Chair Woolard entertained a motion to scheduled review requested documents at 8am and certify at 3pm. The motion was made by **Mr. Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a vote of 3-0; 2 Abstention Adams and Heekin.

Mr. Heekin asked what if additional time is needed?

Chair Woolard responded that it can be discussed if additional time is needed.

Ms. Adams asked if **Vice Chair Heekin** got a response on the documents he requested.

Director Williams recommended documents that would cover the request, but she deferred to the Chair on the request.

Mr. Johnson mentioned that the list of documents requested was agreed on at the last meeting.

Chair Woolard asked **Vice Chair Heekin** what additional information was he seeking?

Director Williams provided a list requested. (list attached to the minutes)

Director Williams explained original copies will be provided and personnel will rotate to assist with the BRE inquiries.

Chair Woolard mentioned that before getting started she directed Director Williams to give an overview for the reviewing public.

Ms. Adams inquired about why this facility does not have the US and Georgia flag.

Director Williams responded that she would reach out to D.R.E.A.M to inquire.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Woolard** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Johnson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mrs. Crawford** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

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