



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

March 1, 2023

1:00 PM

Tobie Grant Rec Center

DCTV's UStream channel: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/xUJgKs6n2VW>

Comment in person or to electionspubliccmnt@dekalbcountyga.gov between 1:00 and 1:30 PM on the day of the meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 - A. 2022 Election Cycle Debrief
4. BOARD COMMENTS
5. ADJOURNMENT



DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections


Debrief
2022 Election Cycle
March 1, 2023

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Key Priorities



Our key priorities center on enhancing the voter experience for all eligible voters in DeKalb County. We will work to ensure the integrity of our elections, improve operational efficiencies, enhance staff training for full-time and seasonal employees and integrate technology and innovation to better our processes and upgrade our voter experience.



Voter Experience

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Elections Integrity

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Technology & Innovation

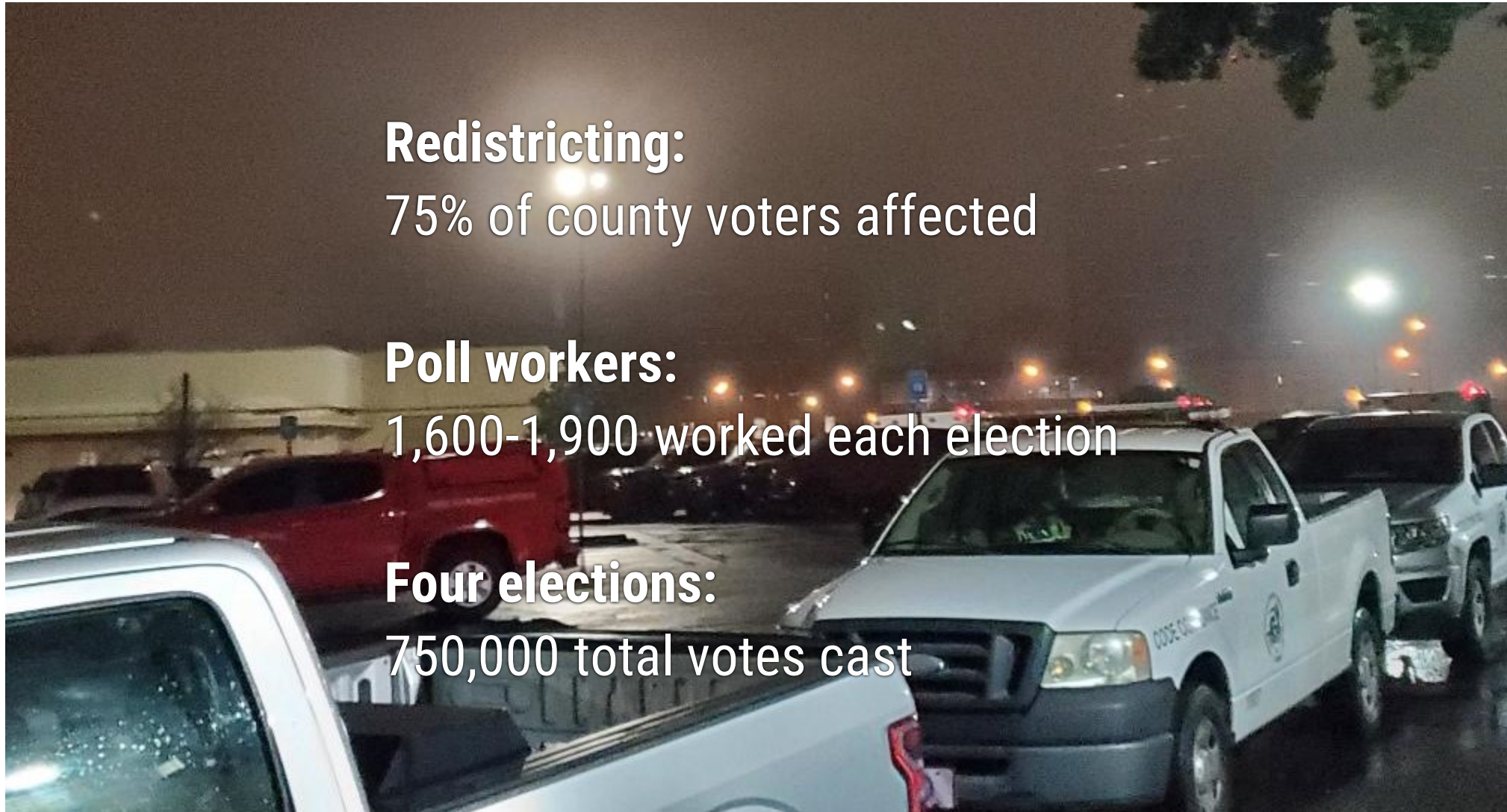
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Staff Training

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Operational Efficiency

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Redistricting:

75% of county voters affected

Poll workers:

1,600-1,900 worked each election

Four elections:

750,000 total votes cast



Risk-Limiting Audits:
Statewide RLA in November, two voluntary RLAs in June and December. In each case, no errors were found.

Internal Feedback

Training:

Increase training for both poll workers and staff

Outreach:

Tutorial videos, educational materials, expanded translations

Logic and Accuracy Testing:

Created department-wide spreadsheets to coordinate verification

Train poll workers, more regular staff for L&A testing

Frequent Polling Place Changes:

Securing multi-year agreement

Poll Watchers:

Ensure poll watchers have received accurate instructions

Staffing:

More staff and a mixture of staff: recruit students, organizations

Reconfigure shifts to reduce overtime

Internal Audits:

Canvassing indicated that poll workers would benefit from additional training on out-of-precinct voting procedures.

Poll Worker Feedback

Satellite Sites

In November 2022, we allowed managers to drop off at satellite sites after the election to speed up the process.

Feedback

Managers reported that they wanted to drop off in half an hour or less.

Improvements

In December, two thirds of managers reported dropping off in less than half an hour and 84% were satisfied with the process.

Future Direction

More staff to speed up bottleneck stations, continue training.

Other Feedback

External Survey

We received two responses to a survey of external stakeholders.

What Went Well?

“More voter turnout”

What Didn't Go Well?

“Still too many drop boxes and too many absentee ballots” “Staff didn't seem to be able to handle large crowds”

What Could We Have Done Differently?

“Stop sending out absentee ballots” “Fewer days to vote”

Visioning 2023-2024

DeKalb County Elections

