



DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Regular Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026

Start Time: 12:10 PM || End Time: 12:51 PM

Board Attendees: Vasu Abhiraman (Virtual)
Travis Bowden
Gail Lee
Dele Lowman
Karli Swift

Other Attendees: Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
Michael Petty, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Tristen N. Waite, Assistant County Attorney

ROLL CALL

Ms. Austin conducted the roll call and confirmed the presence of the Board members by name. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Bowden moved to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Ms. Lee moved to approve the July 9, 2026 Scheduled Meeting Minutes and July 30, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Certification of the July 28 Special Election

Director Smith provided an overview of the election results and operational performance summary.

Chair Swift called for a motion to certify the election. Mr. Bowden moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Swift called for a motion to recess to execute the certification documents. Mr. Bowden moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board Recessed at 12:18 p.m.



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Chair Swift called for a motion to resume the meeting. Ms. Lee moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board Resumed at 12:21 p.m.

B. Polling Place Changes

Director Smith provided context for the proposed permanent and temporary polling place changes, the publication schedule, and communications plan to voters.

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve. Mr. Bowden moved to approve; Chair Swift called for a vote; the motion had no second. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Special Elections

Director Smith presented Exhibit A documents from the City of Brookhaven and City of Doraville to call a special municipal election to the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot and requested authorization to execute any agreements to conduct the special elections.

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve. Mr. Bowden moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Ms. Lee. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Director's Report

Executive Director Smith presented the Board with a comprehensive General Operations Update, including voter registration totals and processing status, an overview of the operating budget, and updates on stakeholder engagement and public affairs initiatives.

A) Legislative Update

Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty provided an update on the Special Legislative Session and Senate Bill 189 (SB 189). He reported that the General Assembly passed legislation delaying implementation of the QR code requirement until January 1, 2028.

Vice Chair Abhiraman requested that the Board schedule the July 28, 2026 Special Election Pre-Certification Meeting for Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., with Friday, July 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. identified as an alternate date, subject to DCTV scheduling availability.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift offered no comments.

Mr. Bowden provided comments.

Ms. Lowman provided comments.



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Ms. Lee provided comments.

Vice Chair Abhiraman provided comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Assistant County Attorney Petty determined that an Executive Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Mr. Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.