



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SCHEDULED MEETING

September 10, 2026

4:30 PM

Memorial Drive Auditorium

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

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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 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman and 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 the July 30, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Certification of the July 28, 2026 Special Election

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

Chair Swift called for a motion to certify the July 28, 2026 Special Election. Mr. Bowden moved to approve the certification. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman and passed unanimously.

Chair Swift called for a motion to recess for the execution of the election certification documents. Mr. Bowden moved to recess. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.



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The Board recessed at 12:18 p.m.

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

The Board reconvened at 12:21 p.m.

B. Polling Place Changes

Executive Director Smith provided context regarding the proposed permanent and temporary polling place changes, including the publication schedule and communications plan for notifying affected voters.

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve the proposed polling place changes. Mr. Bowden moved to approve the changes. The motion received no second. Chair Swift called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Special Elections

Executive Director Smith presented Exhibit A documents from the City of Brookhaven and City of Doraville calling for special municipal elections to be conducted in conjunction with the November 3, 2026 General Election. Executive Director Smith also requested authorization to execute any necessary agreements to conduct the special elections.

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve. Mr. Bowden moved to approve the special elections and associated authorization. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Director's Report

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

B. Legislative Update

Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty reported that there was no Special Legislative Session and, therefore, no legislative update to provide.

Vice Chair Abhiraman requested that information regarding the Joint Election Equipment Specifications & Standards Committee be made available to the public.



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Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty provided the list of members appointed to the committee.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift provided comments.

Mr. Bowden provided comments.

Ms. Lowman provided comments.

Ms. Lee provided comments.

Vice Chair Abhiraman provided comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty advised that an Executive Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.



DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Special Called Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2026

Start Time: 10:03 AM || End Time: 10:06 AM

Board Attendees: Travis Bowden
 Gail Lee
 Karli Swift

Other Attendees: Dr. Jesse Harris, Deputy Director
 Julietta Henry, Deputy Director
 Michael Petty, Senior Assistant County Attorney

ROLL CALL

Dr. Harris conducted the roll call and confirmed the presence of 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. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Pre-certification of the August 25, 2026 Special Election Runoff

Deputy Henry presented the pre-certification tabulation report, which included the unofficial and incomplete results of ballots cast and voter credit. She reported that there were no discrepancies between the totals.

Ms. Lee asked whether any issues or problems occurred during voting. Deputy Henry reported that there were no issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Senior Assistant County Attorney Petty advised that an Executive Session was not necessary.

BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Swift provided no comments.

Mr. Bowden provided comments.

Ms. Lee provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Bowden moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.



DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Special Called Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2026

Start Time: 12:12 PM || End Time: 12:31 PM

Board Attendees: Vasu Abhiraman
 Gail Lee
 Dele Lowman
 Karli Swift

Other Attendees: Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
 Clark E. Candler II, Assistant County Attorney
 Tristen N. Waite, Assistant County Attorney

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Lee made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kendra Biegalski
Nancy Arnold (e-comment)
Liz Troop

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Certification of the August 25, 2026 Special Election Runoff

Director Smith presented the Post Election Report.

Chair Swift called for a motion to certification the election results.

Ms. Lowman made a motion to certify the election. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lee and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Assistant County Attorney Waite advised that an Executive Session was not necessary.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Lee provided comments.
Ms. Lowman provided comments.
Vice Chair Abhiraman provided comments.
Chair Swift provided comments.



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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Abhiraman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Director's Report

September 10, 2026

Keisha L. Smith, MPA

Executive Director

Voter Registration and Elections (VRE)

Topic 1: General Operations Updates

- ❖ Registration Updates
 - Total number of Registered Voters as of Sep 3: **576,004**
 - Total number of Active Registered Voters: 505,700
 - Total number of Inactive Registered Voters: 70,304
 - Total applications left to be processed as of Sep 3: **8,081**
 - DDS: 6,913
 - OLVR: 14
 - MVP: 15
 - Handwritten: 1,139
 - Manual Voter Registration Cancellations for 2026: **4,942**
 - ❖ Election Activities
- Notes:

Topic 2: Administrative/Finance Updates

- ❖ Personnel
 - ❖ Budget Activities
- Notes:

Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement Updates

- ❖ Key Stakeholder Meetings
 - ❖ General Communications
- Notes:

LOCATIONS

Berean Christian Church*

2201 Young Rd
Stone Mountain, GA

Bessie Branham Recreation Center

2051 Delano Dr NE
Atlanta, GA

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church*

2340 Clifton Springs Rd
Decatur, GA

Briarwood Recreation Center

2235 Briarwood Way NE
Atlanta, GA

Clarkston Library

951 N Indian Creek Dr
Clarkston, GA

County Line-Ellenwood Library

4331 River Rd
Ellenwood, GA

**DeKalb Voter Registration
& Elections Office***

4380 Memorial Dr, Suite 500
Decatur, GA

Dunwoody Library*

5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd
Dunwoody, GA

Emory University

1599 Clifton Rd NE
Atlanta, GA

Greater Piney Grove Church

1879 Glenwood Ave SE
Atlanta, GA

Hairston Crossing Library

4911 Redan Rd
Stone Mountain, GA

Living Grace Lutheran Church

1812 Cooledge Rd
Tucker, GA

Oct 26 - 30 (Mon - Fri Only)

Neighborhood Church

1561 McLendon Ave NE
Atlanta, GA

New Bethel A.M.E. Church

8350 Rockbridge Rd
Lithonia, GA

North DeKalb Senior Center

3393 Malone Dr
Chamblee, GA

Redan-Trotti Library

1569 Wellborn Rd
Lithonia, GA

Salem-Panola Library*

5137 Salem Rd
Lithonia, GA

South DeKalb Senior Center

1931 Candler Rd
Decatur, GA

Stonecrest Library

3123 Klondike Rd
Stonecrest, GA

Tucker Library*

5234 Lavista Rd
Tucker, GA

Wesley Chapel Library

2861 Wesley Chapel Rd
Decatur, GA

Wade Walker Park Family YMCA

5605 Rockbridge Rd
Stone Mountain, GA

Oct 26 - 30 (Mon - Fri Only)

NOVEMBER GENERAL EARLY VOTING

DATES AND TIMES

MON - FRI

**OCT 13
to
OCT 30**

**7 a.m.
to
7 p.m.**

SAT

**OCT 17
and
OCT 24**

**9 a.m.
to
6 p.m.**

SUN

**OCT 18
and
OCT 25**

**12 p.m.
to
6 p.m.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

AUG 17

**First Day to
Request an
Absentee
Ballot**

OCT 23

**Last Day to
Request an
Absentee
Ballot**

NOV 3

by 7 p.m.

**Last Day to
Return Completed
Absentee Ballot:**
(must be received,
not postmarked)

Absentee ballots can be hand-delivered to the Voter Registration and Elections Office during operating hours or to any Early Voting location. Request an Absentee by Mail ballot August 17 through October 23, visit **dekalbvotes.com** or call **404-298-4020**.

LOCATIONS

Election Day is November 3, 2026



Check
Wait
Times

OBJECT CODE	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	REQUISITIONS	PURCHASE ORDERS	ACTUALS	AVAILABLE SUM
511101	SALARIES	\$2,353,069.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,411,408.36	\$941,660.64
511102	SALARIES - PART TIME	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00
511200	SALARIES - TEMPORARY	\$4,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,258,750.58	\$1,741,249.42
511300	SALARIES - OVERTIME	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$121,634.83	\$78,365.17
512100	COUNTY MATCH - GROUP INSURANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209,847.15	-\$209,847.15
512101	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - REVERSAL	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$181,265.23	\$181,265.23
512102	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - ALLOCATED	\$504,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$294,000.00	\$210,000.00
512200	COUNTY MATCH - FICA	\$185,493.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,492.96	-\$39,999.96
512400	COUNTY MATCH - PENSION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,776.43	-\$39,776.43
512402	401(a) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	\$68,291.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,964.68	\$28,326.32
512700	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$51,871.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,259.00	\$21,612.00
512904	ALLOWANCE - AUTOMOBILE	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
521101	BOARD MEMBER SERVICES	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
521104	TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$2,786,272.66	\$0.00	\$115,933.24	\$494,036.42	\$2,176,303.00
521105	SECURITY SERVICES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
521209	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$954,512.26	\$0.00	\$386,891.04	\$434,370.36	\$133,250.86
522201	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,597.15	\$16,616.62	\$140,786.23
522311	RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
522321	RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,516.22	-\$4,516.22
522322	LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	\$37,910.79	\$0.00	\$469.58	\$20,759.30	\$16,681.91
522329	OTHER RENTALS	\$147,800.94	\$0.00	\$16,432.02	\$5,425.59	\$125,943.33
523201	POSTAGE	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,324.00	\$243,676.00
523202	POSTAGE - CENTRAL SERVICES	\$27,552.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,552.00
523204	TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANCE	\$1,101.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$132.84	\$968.79
523206	INTERNET SERVICES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
523207	TELEPHONE - WIRELESS	\$194,998.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88,040.73	\$106,957.64
523301	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$182,875.03	\$201,637.19	\$715,487.78
523401	PRINTING SERVICES	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,965.93	\$179,034.07
523501	MILEAGE - PERSONAL VEHICLE	\$17,296.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,561.45	\$11,735.52
523504	TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATIONS / HOTEL	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,610.67	\$17,389.33
523505	TRAVEL - PER DIEM	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$341.25	\$2,446.33	\$9,212.42
523601	DUES	\$5,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,400.00
523701	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - EXTERNAL	\$18,788.00	\$0.00	\$1,999.00	\$6,789.00	\$10,000.00
523702	TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - INTERNAL	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,372.58	\$1,627.42
523906	ELECTION EXPENSES	\$945,000.00	\$15,200.00	\$123,123.49	\$341,653.00	\$465,023.51
531101	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$683,309.94	\$15,544.41	\$93,579.70	\$204,504.23	\$369,681.60
531199	FREIGHT	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.03	\$4,984.97
542201	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$43,381.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,805.67	\$36,575.43
542202	COMPUTER SOFTWARE and TECHNOLOGY	\$63,727.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,394.01	\$19,333.33
542309	OTHER EQUIPMENT > \$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$772.23	\$4,227.77
551104	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
551105	VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
551107	VEHICLE INSURANCE CHARGE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
551116	SANITATION SERVICE CHARGE	\$3,660.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,660.00
551141	VEHICLE MAINT - FUEL	\$3,534.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,512.13	\$21.87
551142	VEHICLE MAINT - PREV MAINT	\$66.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.64	-\$254.64
551143	VEHICLE MAINT - REPAIRS	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,983.60	-\$3,933.60
551144	VEHICLE MAINT - OVERHEAD	\$9,957.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,809.00	\$4,148.00
707009	COUNTY PENSION ALLOCATION	\$401,083.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$233,966.00	\$167,117.00
Grand Total		\$15,732,926.00	\$30,744.41	\$939,241.50	\$6,649,009.53	\$8,113,930.56