



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SCHEDULED MEETING

October 8, 2026

4:30 PM

Memorial Drive Auditorium

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

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. September 10, 2026 Scheduled Meeting (p. 2)
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
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DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections Regular Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2026

Start Time: 4:43 PM || End Time: 6:20 PM

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

Other Attendees: Keisha L. Smith, Executive Director
 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 made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowman and passed unanimously.

Chair Swift moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on August 3, 2026, and special called meetings held on August 28, 2026 and August 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Abhiraman and approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Dudley
Liz Throop
William Freeman
Kendra M. Foltz Biegalski
Ngozi Orabueze
Andrea Smith
Earl Ferguson
Jan Appling

ADJORNMENT

Ms. Lowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Abhiraman.

MOTION TO RECONVENE

Chair Swift called for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Abhiraman.

PUBLIC COMMENT continued....



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Janet Grant
Debbie Fisher
Jim Duffie
Bill Henderson
John Arnold
Nancy Arnold
Rey Martinez
Katherine Gauntt
Bethann Frillman

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Director's Report

Director Smith reported on the successful coordination and facilitation of three elections and three subsequent runoffs in 2026. She stated that the work required significant planning, collaboration, and operational support. Director Smith further reported that the department has transitioned to preparing for the November election while continuing to manage the day-to-day priorities of the office.

Director Smith provided an update on total number of registered voters, voting methods, and unique voter statistics as of September 3, 2026. She also shared the results of a successful Risk Limiting Audit from the August Runoff election where thirty-seven ballots were selected for review, and no differences were identified between the audited ballots and the tabulated counts.

Director Smith discussed preparations for the upcoming pre-election and post-election activities for the November 3rd, General/Special Election. She confirmed that ballot proofing has begun, absentee ballot applications are being received, UOCAVA ballots will be emailed on September 19th, supplies and material are being prepared, and staff are training warehouse technicians for Logic and Accuracy testing that will begin on September 21st.

In addition, Director Smith announced that Living Grace and Wade Walker are being added to the complement of early voting locations to the last week of early voting. She also announced that an upcoming community event "Registered & Ready Block Party" being held outside at the VRE Headquarters on September 26, 2026. She explained the purpose is to register new voters and to increase awareness about how, when, and where to vote.

Director Smith provided an overview of the budget report for the period of January through August 2026. She stated that the budget continues to be closely monitored with a focus on maintaining appropriate expense controls and ensuring resources are aligned with the department's priorities. Ms. Smith stated that the budget will continue to be monitored ensuring resources are aligned with the department's priorities. She provided the actual expenditure and a sum of what's currently available.



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Ms. Lee raised concerns regarding the proximity of three advance voting locations, which were located within approximately 2.5 miles of one another. She also referenced Bessie Branham as an area of concern.

Ms. Lee asked about the rental equipment line item, which was approximately \$26,000. The Director explained that the expense related to a Quadient mail machine leased in 2020. The lease is expected to end in December 2026.

Vice-Chair Abhiraman commended the Department for adding the two additional early voting locations. He asked about the number of voter registration applications remaining to be processed and the Department's plan for addressing the backlog before the start of early voting.

Director Smith explained that the Department was working to process the remaining applications and had extended registration team hours to address the backlog. She reported that approximately 6,000 applications were expected to be processed by the end of the following week. Vice Chair Abhiraman agreed that processing voter registration applications should remain a priority. He thanked the department for their hard work and invited the community to the upcoming registration block party and to attend Logic and Accuracy Testing.

Mr. Bowden stated that he had no questions and thanked Director Smith and the Department's staff for their work and for transparency when responding to Board inquiries.

Ms. Lowman stated that she's glad to see the continual work being done to adding more early voting sites.

Chair Swift thanked the office for adding additional early voting locations. She flagged a comment that was made that referenced multiple early voting locations in one area. She discussed geographic and population differences with different levels of density. She stated that she continues to support providing as many early voting locations as reasonably possible within the Department's budget.

Chair Swift asked Director Smith to clarify what DDS applications means. Director Smith explained that anytime you go to Driver Services to apply for a driver's license, change information, address, name, what have you on your driver's license, if you don't opt out, the department receives an application that the registration team then pulls from the site and processes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Lee provided comments.



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Ms. Lowman provided comments.
Mr. Bowden provided comments.
Vice Chair Abhiraman provided comments.
Chair Swift provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Swift moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bowden and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Here is a ready-to-print version:

 Edit

James Edward Edmondson
4592 Mercer Road
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083-5575

August 31, 2026

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

RE: Request for Investigation of Unauthorized Voter Registration at My Residence

Dear Members of the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections:

I am writing to formally report a voter-registration matter involving my residence at 4592 Mercer Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083-5575.

I recently received a notice by mail informing me that an individual had apparently registered to vote using my home address. The notice contained the individual's full name; however, unfortunately, I have misplaced the notice and therefore do not presently recall the individual's name.

I want to make it clear that I do not know this individual, I have never given this person permission to reside at my address, and I have not authorized this person to use my residence as a voting-registration address.

I have owned and resided at this property since 1971, when I purchased the home. To the best of my knowledge, the individual identified in the notice has never resided at this address.

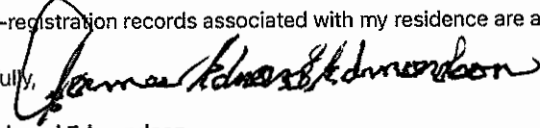
I respectfully request that the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections investigate this matter and determine whether an individual is currently registered to vote using my residential address without authorization. If such a registration exists and the individual does not reside at this address, I respectfully request that the registration record be corrected or removed in accordance with applicable Georgia election laws and procedures.

I would also appreciate written confirmation that my complaint has been received and information regarding any additional documentation or action you require from me to assist with your investigation.

I am willing to provide reasonable documentation establishing my residence and ownership of the property if necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your assistance in ensuring that the voter-registration records associated with my residence are accurate.

Respectfully,


James Edward Edmondson

4592 Mercer Road
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083-5575

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DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
2026 SEP 10 AM 10:05

RECEIVED
DEKALB COUNTY
BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS
2026 SEP 11 PM 12:27



DEK. VOTER REG OFFICE
404.298.4070
GEORGIA SECRETARY OF STATE 470.240.5060
PO BOX 105325
ATLANTA GA 30348-9562
I CALLED IN JULY 2026
RE: MS. TONJA

NONPROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
MODERN LITHO PRINT

Voting Districts

County: DEKALB
US Congress: 004
State Senate: 041
State House: 086
Judicial: STMT
County Commission: 5
School Board District: 7
Other Districts, if any: Super
Commissioner - 7

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



16817200

*****AUTO**SCH 5-DIGIT 30087
JEREMIAH D'ANGELO BELL
4592 MERCER RD
STONE MOUNTAIN GA 30083-5575

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If you move in the future...

Update online

If you have a valid GA driver's license or ID card, you can update your name or address at mvp.sos.ga.gov.



OR

Update by mail

In the future, **if you move** within your county, you may write your new address below and sign.

Your new address

Sign below

Date below

X

To update your address by mail, return this postcard in an envelope to your county's voter registration office.

Questions?

Learn more at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Precinct card

Voter name and address

JEREMIAH D'ANGELO BELL
4592 MERCER RD
STONE MOUNTAIN GA 30083

County precinct name

WG - WOODRIDGE ELEM

County polling place

WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4120 CEDAR RIDGE TRAIL
STONE MOUNTAIN GA 30083

Registration number

16817200

Registration date

2024-10-26

Batch Date: 2026_07_06 DPC (12983)

Director's Report

October 8, 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 Oct 2: **576,883**
 - Total number of Active Registered Voters: 508,191
 - Total number of Inactive Registered Voters: 69,692
 - Total applications left to be processed as of Oct 2: **1,066**
 - DDS: 474
 - OLVR: 93
 - MVP: 56
 - Handwritten: 443
 - Manual Voter Registration Cancellations for 2026: **5,799**
 - ❖ Election Activities
- Notes:

Topic 2: Administrative/Finance Updates

- ❖ Personnel
 - ❖ Budget Activities
- Notes:

Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement Updates

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

VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS OPERATING BUDGET REPORT: JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

OBJECT CODE		OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	REQUISITIONS	PURCHASE ORDERS	ACTUALS	AVAILABLE SUM
511101	SALARIES		\$2,353,069.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,593,100.59	\$759,968.41
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	\$2,275,774.73	\$1,724,225.27
511300	SALARIES - OVERTIME		\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128,309.04	\$71,690.96
512100	COUNTY MATCH - GROUP INSURANCE		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$238,429.28	-\$238,429.28
512101	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - REVERSAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$209,847.23	\$209,847.23
512102	COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - ALLOCATED		\$504,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336,000.00	\$168,000.00
512200	COUNTY MATCH - FICA		\$185,493.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240,496.77	-\$55,003.77
512400	COUNTY MATCH - PENSION		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,325.49	-\$39,325.49
512402	401(a) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION		\$68,291.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,973.55	\$23,317.45
512700	WORKERS COMPENSATION		\$51,871.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34,582.00	\$17,289.00
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	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
521104	TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES		\$2,786,272.66	\$0.00	\$86,467.48	\$601,607.50	\$2,098,197.68
521105	SECURITY SERVICES		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
521209	OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$954,512.26	\$15,724.50	\$357,867.66	\$514,595.95	\$66,324.15
522201	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES		\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$16,601.15	\$20,259.12	\$138,139.73
522311	RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
522321	RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT		\$76,886.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,516.22	\$47,370.44
522322	LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT		\$37,910.79	\$0.00	\$469.58	\$20,759.30	\$16,681.91
522329	OTHER RENTALS		\$95,914.28	\$0.00	\$18,832.02	\$11,784.96	\$65,297.30
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	\$139.51	\$962.12
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	\$101,308.64	\$93,689.73
523301	ADVERTISING SERVICES		\$1,100,000.00	\$0.00	\$108,090.03	\$304,791.19	\$687,118.78
523401	PRINTING SERVICES		\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,386.00	\$20,965.93	\$171,648.07
523501	MILEAGE - PERSONAL VEHICLE		\$17,296.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,077.53	\$11,219.44
523504	TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATIONS / HOTEL		\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,368.44	\$15,631.56
523505	TRAVEL - PER DIEM		\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$341.25	\$2,698.83	\$8,959.92
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	\$3,402.58	\$1,597.42
523906	ELECTION EXPENSES		\$945,000.00	\$15,200.00	\$142,899.01	\$444,167.07	\$342,733.92
531101	OPERATING SUPPLIES		\$683,309.94	\$0.00	\$103,851.75	\$233,323.59	\$346,134.60
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	\$6,639.00	\$3,318.00
552501	WORKERS COMPENSATION - MEDICAL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,263.03	-\$13,263.03
Grand Total			\$15,732,926.00	\$30,924.50	\$844,804.93	\$7,417,918.92	\$7,439,277.65