

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

APPROVED SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2025
3:00 P.M.

Welcome to the meeting of your Fayette County Board of Elections. Your participation is appreciated. All regularly scheduled Board meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to accept the November 7th, 2025 Agenda for the Special called Board meeting. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Speakers will be given a five (5) minute maximum time limit to speak before the Board of Elections about various topics, issues, and concerns. Speakers must direct comments to the Board. Responses are reserved at the direction of the Board.

No Public Comments.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

6. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Review of Precinct Returns**

Vice-Chair Alexander announces that the Board will be in recess until Chairman Livsey arrives at the Board Meeting.

Chairman Livsey noted that Fayette County surpassed 30% overall voter turnout, ranking among the top three counties statewide for voter participation.

Director Garrett reported that a total of 23 provisional ballots were submitted to the office for the November 2025 election. Of those, 19 provisional ballots are currently eligible to be scanned.

Director Garrett further reported that the office is awaiting the processing of one outstanding provisional ballot, pending either the 5:00 p.m. statutory deadline or receipt of the required identification, at which time any additional results will be reported.

Director Garrett reported that a total of 29,975 ballots were cast countywide and the overall voter turnout was 32.85%.

Director Garrett explained that a partial ballot occurs when a voter casts a ballot outside of their assigned precinct. In such cases, only votes for applicable statewide contests are counted, while local contests for the incorrect jurisdiction are not included.

The Board discussed ballot terminology and reporting practices. It was clarified that a spoiled ballot occurs when a voter prints a ballot and chooses to re-vote, while a cancelled ballot occurs when a voter's check-in is voided before a ballot is printed, most commonly during primary elections.

Director Garrett clarified that provisional ballots are not processed through Poll Pads and therefore do not appear on the Election Day Reconciliation Report.

The Board reviewed discrepancies between "Times Cast" and "Votes" totals, noting these differences are the result of undervoting, which occurs when voters decline to make a selection in one or more contests.

It was noted that Ballot Marking Devices prevent overvoting; however, overvoting may occur on mail-in ballots, which require review by a Vote Review Panel.

Director Garrett confirmed that registered voters in the election reports refer to active voters only. Vice-Chair Alexander expressed that inactive voters should be included in turnout calculations. Chair Livsey noted that voters are designated inactive after missing two consecutive federal general elections or four years of inactivity and may return to active status by voting.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (as necessary for litigation & personnel)

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Board Member Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

Brianna Garrett, Director

Zachary Livsey, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County Georgia, held on the 27th day of January 2026.