

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2025
5:00 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 Vice-Chair Alexander, seconded by Board Member Kelly, to accept the November 7, 2025 Agenda for the Regular 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.

My name is Amelia Cutting, I reside off of Highway 54 West. I wrote this email and sent it to Brianna Garrett, Margaret Johnson, and Beverly Daniels and I would like to read it.

Dear Ms. Garrett, I'm writing this email to let you know about my experience voting on November 4th.

That day I researched the candidates and circled who I planned to vote for on a sample ballot that I picked up at the Fayette County Library. Then I went to the precinct at the old Fayette County High School. When I went to the voting machine, I pulled the sample ballot out of my pocket. One poll worker named Fran immediately said, "Can she have that piece of paper?" to the poll manager named Jackie who started walking towards me and said "No she can't."

I walked up to her and I wanted to know if I was allowed to have any piece of paper with the names of the candidates I wanted to vote for. She said "No," and asked me to show her the paper that I had in my pocket since I had put it back in my pocket when I walked away from the machine. I asked her if I was allowed to have a sample ballot and she said "If it was printed by Fayette County."

I said, "Ok so, just to be clear, I can't have any kind of paper unless it's a sample ballot- " but she cut me off and said, "Why don't you just show me what you have?"

I said, "I can show it to you when we're finished talking," because I really wanted to understand what the rules were since I was already wondering whether I was allowed to write names down. I attempted to clarify several

times, but she kept talking over me and demanding that I show her the paper in my pocket. There was no reason for her to antagonize me about showing her the paper because at that moment, I was not attempting to vote nor was I near the voting machine. I was not trying to break any rules, I was trying to learn about the rules.

She behaved in an extremely pushy and domineering manner about me showing her what I had when I was trying to gather information. She started talking to another lady who I later found out was the poll watcher. She said to the poll watcher, "She's refusing to show it to me." I turned to her and said, "No, I told her I will show her the paper when we finished talking." That's when Jackie started pushing me back by my shoulders and saying "You can't talk to her." I found out later that you can't talk to poll watchers, but I didn't know who she was at the time.

After that, I showed the sample ballot that I had to Jackie and she said, "This is not a sample ballot, this says 'Official Absentee Provisional Emergency Ballot,'" while she pointed to the top. I said, "Okay, but it does say 'SAMPLE' all across it." She said that she had to call somebody to ask if it was okay for me to use it to vote. She called another person and I could hear her telling the other person on the phone that, "Somebody wrote on it." I was the one who wrote on it.

When she got off the phone, she never actually said to me that I was allowed to use it, but rather she told me that "They're just going to let you use it because they don't want anymore arguing." She also repeated to me that "This is not a sample ballot, and you can see what a sample ballot looks like on a display board when you leave. That is what a sample ballot looks like, you can see that when you leave that this is not a sample ballot." I said I would look at that when I leave.

After I voted, I walked out and as I was walking out, I saw that the poll manager named Jackie had already walked out in front of me and was looking at the display board that she told me to look at. I started walking up to the board and she walked back towards the voting area. I tried to look to see what she was referring to and it looked exactly the same as the one I had. She told me that mine was different because I had written on it.

I think that if she has that type of demeanor where she is unable to explain the rules and acts begrudgingly, I don't think that she should be working with the public in that capacity.

Lastly, I wanted to say that I had been accompanying my parents to vote in Fayette County since the 1980's and I have been voting in Fayette County since I was 18 years old and I had never had a bad experience until now. Thank you for your time.

Chairman Livsey acknowledged the Board's familiarity with the matter and thanked Ms. Cutting for contacting the Elections Office and Director Garrett to share her experience. He stated that the Board takes the matter seriously and is working to address the issue to ensure a positive voting experience for all voters.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business.

6. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to approve the October 28, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Certification of The November 4, 2025 Municipal General & Special PSC Election

Director Garrett reported that Fayette County's overall voter turnout for the Municipal General and Special PSC Election was 32.85%. Municipal turnout rates were reported as follows: Brooks (47.68%), Fayetteville (30.37%), Peachtree City (40.21%), Tyrone (30.80%), and Woolsey (35.8%).

Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to accept and certify the November 4, 2025 Municipal General and Public Service Commission Special Election Summary Report results as presented by the Director. Motion carried.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Public Hearing to Remove Registered Fayette County Voters from the Electors List (AS NEEDED)

Director Garrett reported that 59 voters were removed from the voter rolls since the last Board meeting. Of those, 33 removals were due to deceased voters, and 26 removals occurred for other qualifying cancellation reasons.

9. DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Garrett reported that the Elections Office is currently completing post-election duties.

She advised that the Risk-Limiting Audit for the November election is scheduled to begin on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., to be conducted at the Fayette County Library.

Director Garrett announced that a public hearing will be held to consider the permanent relocation of Precinct #8 (Morning Creek) for an upcoming election.

Director Garrett expressed appreciation to all Poll Officials, Advance Voting staff, and Elections Office personnel for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to conducting a smooth and secure election.

She extended special thanks to Sheriff Babb, Major Benslay, and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office for overseeing election security, noting their strong communication and regular precinct check-ins, which contributed to a secure Election Day. She also thanked Marshals and municipal law enforcement agencies for their readiness, support, and willingness to assist when needed, emphasizing the importance of election officials feeling protected while performing their duties.

Director Garrett apologized for the voting experience reported by Ms. Cutting, acknowledging that it was permissible for the voter to bring a sample ballot into the polling place. She explained that the sample ballot in question originated from My Voter Page (MVP) and noted potential confusion among poll workers regarding the difference between county-issued composite sample ballots and those generated by MVP. Director Garrett stated that municipality-specific sample ballots were distributed directly to each municipality and were not posted on the Elections website to avoid confusion. She noted that sample ballot guidance will be revisited during Poll Worker Training.

Director Garrett expressed heartfelt gratitude to Registrar Beverly Daniel, whose final day with the office will be next week, thanking her for her years of service, institutional knowledge, and steady contributions to the department and the electoral process.

Regarding the building expansion project, Director Garrett reported that there has been no substantive progress since the last Board meeting, aside from the removal of a wall, and that an official start date has not yet been determined.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no attorney report.

11. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Board Member Kelly shared positive observations from his visits to polling locations, noting the welcoming attitude of poll workers and expressing interest in visiting additional locations in future elections. He stated that the professionalism and friendliness of poll workers reflected the County's commitment to voter service and credited effective Poll Worker Training for their preparedness.

Vice-Chair Alexander remarked that voter turnout exceeded expectations and noted a rare incident in which emergency services were contacted for a voter, emphasizing that such situations highlight the critical role poll workers play on the front lines and the importance of recognizing their efforts.

Chairman Livsey commented that while minor issues are inevitable in elections, this election demonstrated strong collaboration between office staff and poll workers to resolve issues efficiently and ensure voters were able to cast their ballots with integrity and convenience. He further noted the ongoing need to continually improve and evolve Poll Worker Training to provide the best possible voting experience. Chairman Livsey also acknowledged law enforcement partners for their professional presence at polling locations, reinforcing public safety without creating voter intimidation, and commended Registrar Beverly Daniel for her dedication, work ethic, and service to the community.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Board Member Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 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 November 2026.