

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

September 23, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 September 23, 2025, Agenda for the Regular Board meeting. Motion carried.*

**3. 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. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 26, 2025 REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES:**

*Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to approve the August 26, 2025, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS:****A. Advance Voting- November 4, 2025, Special & Municipal Election**

Director Garrett reported voter turnout statistics, noting that the November 2023 municipal elections had an 18.95% turnout compared to 25.45% in November 2021. She added that the June PSC Primary saw a 3.9% turnout and the July PSC Primary Runoff a 2.5% turnout.

Director Garrett did not recommend Sunday voting for the upcoming election, citing that during the November 2024 election, only 1.47% of voters participated on Sunday out of 91,463 registered voters. She recommended Advance Voting be held Tuesday, October 14 through Friday, October 31, including two mandatory Saturdays (October 18 and October 25), from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at all Advance Voting locations: the Elections Office, Tyrone City Hall, Fayetteville Library, and Peachtree City Library.

Vice-Chair Alexander inquired whether all four Advance Voting locations were required to be open for the entire period. Attorney Stough clarified that only the Elections Office must remain open for all three weeks.

Chairman Livsey noted that maintaining multiple Advance Voting sites supports consistency and countywide voter access. He emphasized the importance of encouraging turnout in the November 2025 Special and Municipal Election and supported the proposed Advance Voting schedule, stating Sunday voting is typically necessary for midterm or presidential elections.

***Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to approve the Advance Voting for November 4, 2025, Special & Municipal Election. Motion carried.***

## **9. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

Chairman Livsey reiterated that voter removals are handled automatically by the Secretary of State's system under state and federal law; the Board has no authority to intervene, take action, or approve cancellations.

Director Garrett confirmed no action was needed from the Board however, she reported 879 voter cancellations: 89 deceased and 790 other removals (including duplicates, voters who moved out of state, and voters with no activity).

Vice-Chair Alexander appreciated the breakdown, noting it demonstrates the state's efforts to address duplicate registrations.

In response to Board Member Kelly's question, Director Garrett explained that the state conducts the cancellations and sends the list to County Registrar Daniel for audit and verification; once confirmed, the county authorizes the state to finalize and print the cancelled list.

## **10. DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Garrett reported that as of September 23, 2025, Fayette County has 98,513 registered voters. Logic and Accuracy Testing is scheduled to begin on September 29, 2025, contingent upon receipt of ballots; if ballots are delayed, a public notice will be issued to postpone testing. The Elections Office held a Provisional Workshop at the Fayetteville Library on September 22, 2025 to review provisional ballot procedures. Director Garrett noted the workshop was productive and well-received by poll workers.

Director Garrett announced that the Georgia Public Defender's Office has officially vacated the adjoining space, with renovations tentatively set to begin at the end of October.

In response to Vice-Chair Alexander's inquiry, Director Garrett clarified that Logic and Accuracy Testing begins in the EMS Server Room at the Elections Office and is primarily conducted at the warehouse. She explained that

printers are not part of the testing process, but technicians verify that ballot selections match printed results, and malfunctioning printers are replaced. Vice-Chair Alexander noted that legislation requires printer testing.

Director Garrett also reported that the county website is being renovated, with Election Clerk Weber collaborating closely with the Communications Coordinator on updates. The new website will be brighter, ADA-compliant, easier to navigate, and allow the Elections Office to post its own updates without relying on a third party.

#### **11. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:**

There was no attorney report.

#### **12. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:**

Vice-Chair Alexander expressed appreciation for the Provisional Workshop held for poll workers. Director Garrett explained that provisional procedures are already included in standard poll worker training but that the workshop was designed to reduce confusion and anxiety around handling provisional ballots. She plans to continue hosting Provisional Workshops, particularly in the spring when primaries occur.

Vice-Chair Alexander noted that on Election Night, poll managers often crowd near the entrance while returning materials, causing delays due to confusion about where items should be dropped off. She and Board Member Kelly discussed potential solutions, with Kelly suggesting a larger space to improve the flow of returns.

Chairman Livsey acknowledged that Election Night logistics are an ongoing area for improvement and expressed confidence that Director Garrett is working toward greater efficiency. He also noted that the expanded space presents an opportunity to improve both Election Night operations and the voter experience overall.

Chairman Livsey welcomed Director Garrett back from Election Center Training in Texas and thanked Election Clerk Weber for his work on the county website project, emphasizing the Board's commitment to ensuring that the site remains accessible and informative for the public. Chairman Livsey also recognized the observance of the Jewish New Year.

#### **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (as necessary for litigation & personnel)**

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT:**

***Motion made by Board Member Kelly to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.***

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Brieanna Garrett, Director

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.