

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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APPROVED MINUTES

November 8, 2024

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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to accept the November 8, 2024, 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.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Certification of Election – November 5, 2024, General Presidential Election

Chairman Rower opened the floor for discussion regarding the certification of the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Director Garrett reported that for the General Election, a total of 75,495 ballots were cast, with an additional 14 Absentee UOCAVA Ballots received. A total of 51 provisional ballots were processed, of which 12 were approved and counted.

Provisional ballots that could not be counted included cases involving unregistered voters, cross-state cancellations, and pending citizenship issues.

Director Garrett recommended that the Board certify the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Vice-Chair Livsey requested clarification on the process. Director Garrett explained that the county uses a system called **ERIC** (Electronic Registration Information Center), which cancels voter registration when proper documentation is provided.

Board Member Alexander inquired whether the ERIC system allows the Election Office to remove voter information and report it to the Secretary of State. Director Garrett confirmed this and elaborated that the Election Office scans the necessary documentation into the Garvis System and updates the voter profile to reflect a "Canceled" status.

Chairman Rower asked for an estimate of how many of the 12 approved provisional ballots were partial or full credit.

Director Garrett reported that 11 received partial credit and 1 received full credit.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to accept the Provisionals. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to Certified the November 5, 2024, General Presidential Election. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Voter Challenge Policy Review

Chairman Rower noted that the Board is awaiting guidance from the State Election Board regarding the Voter Challenge Policy Review.

Attorney Stough recommended that the Board table the Voter Challenge Policy Review until the January 2025 meeting.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to table the Voter Challenge Policy Review until January 2025 Board meeting. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2024, MEETING MINUTES:

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander to approve the October 22, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Deceased. **(Deceased List)**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander, to remove the listed electors who are deceased. Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Felons. **(Felons List)**

No Felons.

- C. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Mentally Incompetent. **(Mentally Incompetent)**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander, to remove the listed electors who are deceased. Motion carried.

- D. Public Hearing of staff's recommendation to remove registered Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Cancelled. **(Cancelled)**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander, to remove the listed electors who are cancelled. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director Garrett reported that as of November 7, 2024, Fayette County has 102,600 registered voters, of which 91,463 are active voters. The November 2024 election saw an impressive 82.5% voter turnout in the county.

The Election Office trained approximately 345 poll workers, with 288 serving on Election Day. All precincts were fully staffed, and a standby list was utilized to replace workers who were unable to serve at the last minute.

Director Garrett expressed gratitude to the Poll Workers, In-House Staff, Board Members, Attorney Stough, and the various Fayette County departments that supported the election, particularly Law Enforcement for their valuable assistance.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

No Report.

10. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS:

Board Member Alexander expressed her appreciation to everyone involved for their efforts in making the election a smooth and successful process. However, she also raised a concern about individuals loitering outside precinct polling locations. She suggested that the Election Office send a letter to all parties, clarifying permissible and prohibited activities near polling locations.

Vice-Chair Livsey commented that the election process went smoothly, attributing its success to Fayette County's dedicated and committed Staff. He thanked the team for their hard work and noted the strong public response to extended early voting hours, as demonstrated by the high turnout. He also praised the positive collaboration and presence of Law Enforcement at the precincts.

Chairman Rower extended heartfelt thanks to the Poll Workers and Staff for going above and beyond to ensure the election's success. He also expressed gratitude to the Sheriff and his team, along with other county departments, for their exceptional support, which contributed to making the election as seamless as possible.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (as necessary for litigation and personnel)

No Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Vice-Chair Livsey, seconded by Board Member Alexander, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

Brianna Garrett, Director

Gary Rower, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County Georgia, held on the 28th day of January 2025.

Referenced attachments are available upon request in the Board of Elections' Office.