

**BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

Zach Livsey, Chairperson  
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Morris Kelly, Member

**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

Brieanna Garrett, Director  
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175 Johnson Ave., Suite B  
Fayetteville, GA 30214

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

August 26, 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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

*Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by vice-Chair Alexander to accept the August 26, 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 JULY 18, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES:**

*Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to accept the minutes from July 18, 2025 Special Called Meeting minutes. Motion Carried.*

**7. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 18, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**

*Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander to accept the July 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.*

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

*No New Business.*

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

Chairman Livsey explained that the State of Georgia conducts list maintenance, as required by law, which places voters who have not participated in the last two consecutive general elections on inactive status. These voters are then scheduled for cancellation, a process that took place this month and resulted in an increase in cancellations from the voter rolls.

Director Garrett informed the Board that no Board action is required for list maintenance, as stated in prior meetings. Voters are automatically maintained based on eligibility in accordance with the law, and any cases requiring Board action will be presented as needed. She further stated that she would like to continue providing reports during Board of Elections meetings so the public remains informed on voter roll activity and progress. She reported that of the voters cancelled this month, 87 were deceased, 13 were duplicates, 3 were felons, 3 were mentally incompetent, and 5,214 were classified as NGEs (voters who had not participated in two consecutive general elections and had received prior notice).

Vice-Chair Alexander inquired on the quantity of NGE mail notifications that were sent out for Fayette County. Director Garrett stated she would follow up with the Board providing that information.

Chairman Livsey inquired how many individual Fayette County voters had contacted the Elections Office to remain on the voter rolls. Director Garrett noted that many calls had been received, but she would obtain the exact number while also confirming that cancelled voters may still re-register.

## **B. Public Hearing - Proposed Polling Place Change #9 - Rareover**

Chairman Livsey reported that the Rareover Precinct's polling location, the Tyrone Recreation Center, was deemed unsafe for voters due to roof damage and a failed AC system.

Chairman Livsey states that the Board of Election's main concern is the safety of the voters, and that therefore, the Election Day polling location would be moved to the Tyrone Library after much planning with the City of Tyrone since it is geographically close to the former precinct.

Director Garrett announced that there are 3,158 registered voters at Precinct #9 and that the new proposed precinct is only 0.1 miles away from the old location.

Jamie Harmon, a Fayette County resident, thanked the Board and the staff for taking the safety of the voters into account.

***Motin made by Vice-Chair Alexander, second by Board Member Kelly to accept the polling place proposal. Motion Carried.***

## **9. DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Garrett reported that as of August 25, 2025, there are 98,401 registered voters in Fayette County, noting a drastic decrease due to the NGE cancellations.

Director Garrett reports that qualifying had been done the week before the meeting and went well and that the list of candidates were updated on the Fayette Election website.

Director Garrett reported that she and Supervisor Johnson conducted a second visit to the former Tyrone Museum and Town Hall building and expressed greater confidence in its potential to serve as a permanent voting location by the spring due to noticeable progress. She also expressed appreciation to the Town of Tyrone for accommodating the needs of the Elections Office and ensuring that voting remains in Tyrone.

Director Garrett reported that the County is hosting a Citizen's Academy, where departments present to Fayette County residents to increase awareness of county government operations. She noted that the Elections & Voter Registration session is scheduled for October 14.

Director Garrett reported that expansion of the Elections building will begin once the Public Defender's Office vacates its side of the building on August 27. Renovations on that portion of the building are expected to take approximately 30–45 days.

Director Garrett stated that because the office will be in "Election Mode," the transition to organizing the renovated side of the building will be gradual. She added that relocating the EMS system will require state involvement to ensure the new location meets security standards.

Director Garrett announced that Moussa, the Election Office's Technical Intern, is officially staying with Election Office as a seasonal worker to boost voter education in the community.

Vice Chair Alexander asked if the new building space could be used to rearrange poll manager stations on Election Night to improve the return process. Director Garrett responded that adjustments are made each election to ease Election Night operations but emphasized that accuracy cannot be sacrificed for efficiency. She noted that suggestions to prevent paperwork errors, which often cause delays, have been taken into consideration, and confirmed that the new space will help improve efficiency, though patience will still be required for future Election Nights.

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

Attorney Stough provided an update on a 2022 statewide lawsuit filed by Garland Favorito, who challenged the Republican Primary for Secretary of State election. He explained that the case was delayed after all circuit judges recused themselves, and it took time to appoint a judge. Once appointed, the judge issued an order last week dismissing the petition. Attorney Stough stated he would inform the Board if an appeal is filed.

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

Board Member Kelly thanked the county for the opportunity to go to the GAVREO Conference in Savannah, citing that it brought him a lot of knowledge on the election process.

Vice-Chair Alexander inquired on if there are any discussions related to how counties are preparing for the QR Code Law that comes into place on July 1, 2026.

Director Garrett believes that the county will be ready to hold elections since it is the state's responsibility to configure the machinery to take off the QR codes unless there is another component added to the law that requires the counties to take action.

Chairman Livsey clarified that the QR Code law has passed but the funding hasn't been appropriated yet.

Chairman Livsey recognizes the Election Office's Summer Intern for his fantastic efforts in promoting voter and civic education.

Chairman Livsey gave accolades to County Administrator Rapson for his flexibility and work with the Board of Elections to make sure they can do their jobs well.

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion made by Board Member Kelly, seconded by Vice-Chair Alexander, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.*

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Brieanna Garrett, Director

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The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Elections of Fayette County Georgia, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025.