

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Zach Livsey, Chairperson  
Sharlene Alexander, Vice Chairperson  
Vacant, Member



## FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Brianna Garrett, Director  
Malcolm Unvala, Registrar  
Vacant, Elections Supervisor

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Fayetteville, GA 30214

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

March 31, 2026  
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 Vice-Chair Alexander, seconded by Chairman Livsey, to accept the March 31, 2026, 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.

*I'm Paula Barnes, and I live in the Trilith Community. I know that we are missing a member and I wondered what the process was for adding a new member. That's all. Thank you.*

### 5. OLD BUSINESS:

*No Old Business.*

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

*No New Business.*

Chairman Livsey stated that the Board will be approving the meeting minutes from the February 24th, 2026, meeting during the scheduled Board meeting in April.

### 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Public Hearing of staff's challenges to remove Fayette County voters from the Electors List who are registered in the State of Georgia's Secretary of State Voter Registration System as Deceased, Mentally Incompetent, Cancelled or Felon as well as precinct and/or polling location changes. (As Needed)**

Director Garrett announced that since the February Board of Elections meeting, 96 voters have been removed: 80 Deceased, 11 Cancelled, 3 Felons, and 2 Mentally Incompetent.

## **8. DIRECTOR REPORT**

Director Garrett announced that as of March 31st, 2026, there are 98,677 registered voters in Fayette County.

Director Garrett stated that the office accepted 150 absentee ballot applications and 18 UOCAVA applications since they began accepting them on March 2nd.

Director Garrett said that Logic and Accuracy Testing will begin on Wednesday, April 8th at 9:00 AM.

Director Garrett reported that the Elections Office is still in search of an Elections Supervisor.

Director Garrett shared her satisfaction with the county's five new election technicians, who have been testing and charging batteries while taking inventory of voting equipment to ensure that voting machinery is upkept.

Director Garrett announced that renovations are completed and that the State Elections Director approved the move of the Election Management System (EMS) to the other side of the building, scheduled for Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, to ensure that Election Night operations are not in the way of each other.

Director Garrett explained that the relocation process will be carried out gradually due to the current operational demands of the Elections Office.

Director Garrett clarified that the reason there are no polling location moves on the agenda is because the deadline to formally move polling locations has passed.

Director Garrett stated that Precinct #8 (Morning Creek), which was previously located at New Hope Baptist Church, was approved to be co-located with Precinct #28 (Oak Ridge) at Fayette Friendship Community Church until it closed, making both precincts in need of a relocation.

Director Garrett announced that Morning Creek will be co-located with Precinct #1 (Blackrock) at Fayetteville Christian Church while Oak Ridge will be co-located with Precinct #23 (Kenwood) at True Light Baptist Church.

Director Garrett stated that Morning Creek and Blackrock each had less than 25% turnout in the 2024 Primary Election, so the co-location is not expected to exceed voter capacity.

Director Garrett asserted that the co-location of Oak Ridge and Kenwood will not be problematic either since each precinct had less than 25% turnout in the 2024 Primary Election and Kenwood only has 925 registered voters.

Director Garrett announced that the Elections Coordinator is currently trying to contact One Church in the Starr's Mill precinct to ensure that they can service the office for the May election.

Director Garrett declared that the backup plan, in the unlikely event that Starr's Mill cannot service the office in May, will be to co-locate the precinct with the Harp's Crossing precinct, which is 5.8 miles away.

Director Garrett stated that precinct cards and notifications have not been sent out yet by Registrar Unvala to prevent any confusion since not all the changes are set in stone; however, when the changes are made, voters will be sent notification letters on bright colored paper.

Vice Chair Alexander questioned Fayetteville Christian Church's ability to accommodate voters in the May Primary Election due to the small size of its voting room.

Director Garrett asserted that voters would check in for the election in the lobby at Fayetteville Christian Church, and that based on historical trends, most people vote during Advance Voting, resulting in lower turnout on Election Day.

Director Garrett expressed, again, that the inconsistency in precinct locations and taxpayer funds used to send out notifications are reasons for why revisiting precinct locations in 2027 is imperative.

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

There was no attorney report.

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

Chairman Livsey and Vice Chair Alexander shared their appreciation for the hard work that the Fayette County Elections Office employees are doing.

Chairman Livsey announced Fayette County Election's new email distribution list for Fayette County constituents who want to stay in the loop on everything that is happening in the Elections Office, which is part of the Fayette County Elections Intern's work in increasing community engagement.

Chairman Livsey asserted that the vacancy on the Board of Elections is handled by the County Commission.

Director Garrett confirmed that the application for Board of Elections Board Member was reopened and extended for 30 days, so it will close during early April.

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

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion made by Vice Chair Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.*

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Brianna 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 April 2026.