

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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



FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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

175 Johnson Ave., Suite B
Fayetteville, GA 30214

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 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 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 Chairman Livsey, to accept the April 28, 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.

No Public Comments.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

B. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 31, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Vice-Chair Alexander, seconded by Chairman Livsey to accept both the February 24, 2026, and the March 31, 2026, Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2026 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR REVISION

Chairman Livsey explained that Friday, June 19th is the original date to certify the 2026 Primary Runoff Election, however since that day falls on the Juneteenth holiday, a change will need to be made to the calendar.

Director Garrett inquired whether the Board would prefer to certify the election at 5:00 PM on the Monday following Juneteenth, after the 5:00 PM deadline, or move the certification meeting to 1:00 PM on Tuesday.

Motion made by Vice-Chair Alexander, seconded by Chairman Livsey to reschedule the June 22, 2026, Board meeting at 1:00pm to June 23, 2026 at 1:00pm. Motion carried.

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 March 2026 Board meeting, 98 voters have been removed: 68 Deceased, 23 Cancelled, and 7 Felons.

8. DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Garrett reported that as of April 28th, 2026, there are 98,812 registered voters in Fayette County, with 91,812 of those voters being active.

Director Garrett reported that as of 4:30 PM on April 28, 2026, there had been 1,107 advance voters and the office had received 50 absentee ballots.

Director Garrett reported that the poll worker workshops are ongoing and that staff members have been assigned to host numerous sessions.

Director Garrett reported that Logic and Accuracy testing is ongoing.

Director Garrett stated that the building renovations have been completed and that the EMS was successfully relocated as approved by the State. However, the office has not completed the remainder of the move due to ongoing election activity.

Director Garrett reported that the Elections Supervisor position remains vacant, but that she spent the morning conducting interviews with candidates for the position.

Director Garrett announced that the Elections Office recently partnered with the Board of Education's REACH Program, an initiative designed to provide exceptional students (students with disabilities) with meaningful workplace experience and skill development opportunities. Through the partnership, students assist the office with low-profile administrative tasks, such as placing labels on envelopes and packaging absentee ballot packets, allowing them to gain hands-on work experience in a professional environment.

Vice-Chair Alexander inquired about receiving numerous reports of Poll Pads not syncing at advance voting locations.

Director Garrett clarified that although the Poll Pads were experiencing syncing issues at certain advance voting locations due to limited-service connectivity, the devices were still able to communicate voter check-ins through E-Pulse. Director Garrett further stated that Registrar Unvala had been doing an excellent job monitoring the system throughout the process.

Chairman Livsey complimented the office on its participation in the REACH Program. Chairman Livsey stated that his partner teaches exceptional students and expressed strong support for the program and its mission.

10. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

There was no attorney report.

11. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Alexander requested that Director Garrett provide her, Chairman Livsey, and a third Board member with potential dates to meet and develop a plan in preparation for the anticipated ballot QR code removal legislation scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2026.

Chairman Livsey stated that it would be beneficial for the Board to take the lead on planning efforts related to the legislation, noting that the Elections Office staff are consistently occupied with daily operations and election responsibilities. Chairman Livsey further expressed that it may be wise to rely on any documented processes or guidance developed by other counties, if available, as well as any forthcoming legislative guidance.

Vice-Chair Alexander stated that she wanted it reflected in the record that the Board took proactive steps to prepare for the pending legislation.

Chairman Livsey expressed that legislation had been introduced that would expand the Board of Elections by adding one additional Democrat and one additional Republican member, increasing the Board from three members to five members.

Chairman Livsey further noted that the absence of a third Board member may create challenges in planning for the ballot QR code legislation.

Vice-Chair Alexander stated that the legislation being discussed is anticipated to go into effect on February 1, 2027.

Director Garrett explained that she is open to the Board taking part in planning discussions, provided that consideration is given to how the Elections Office would realistically implement and comply with any resulting legal requirements or procedures, while also ensuring that unnecessary expenditures are avoided.

Chairman Livsey thanked Director Garrett and the Elections staff for providing numerous early voting opportunities to the citizens of Fayette County.

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 5:21 P.M.

Brieanna 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 22nd day of May 2026.