

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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**FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

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APPROVED SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2026

3:00 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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Alexander, seconded by Chairman Livsey, to approve the agenda for the May 22, 2026 Special Called 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.

Hi, my name is Jam(i)e Harmon, and I am a resident of Fayette County. The reason why I'm here today is because I have been certified to run elections in two states: Mississippi and Georgia. On Tuesday, we had a number of errors that we need to look into. There were not enough BMDs at the highest traffic polling locations and that should have been known ahead of time. Generally, we should take into account how many people have voted historically, but we need to have enough supplies on hand to support the number of eligible voters in a precinct and that did not happen. It was just very horrible. Fayette County of all of the 159 counties in Georgia should never have 2 hour wait times. That was embarrassing, it hurt, and as a former poll manager I was strictly appalled and I wanted to jump in and help but I could not because I was not sworn in. We must not ever repeat this in Fayette County. We are too good to do such things. Thank you.

4. NEW BUSINESS:**A. Review of Precinct Returns**

Director Garrett reported that for the May 19, 2026 General Primary Election, the county had a turnout of 37.89%.

Director Garrett apologized for the lack of Ballot Marking Devices(BMD) at certain polling locations and promised to make proper adjustments in the coming elections, stating that due to Advance Voting turnout data, the office sent out extra equipment to the precincts of Brooks, Starr's Mill, Whitewater, Woolsey, Kedron, and Rising Star on the day before the election.

Director Garrett acknowledged that Precinct #10 Sandy Creek was overlooked. Although additional equipment was sent to the precinct earlier on Election Day, staff capacity was limited later in the evening due to Election Night preparations, preventing the deployment of additional equipment as needs increased.

Director Garrett reported that precinct #3 Europe was given four additional BMDs on the morning of Election Day and that things calmed down in that precinct by the afternoon.

Director Garrett commented that the precincts named Dogwood, Sandy Creek, Oak Ridge, Spring Hill, and Woolsey received two additional BMDs on Election Day.

Director Garrett reported that there was a total of 26 provisionals with 5 of them being rejected, 20 being accepted, and 1 still pending, with most of them being caused by voters being out of precinct.

Vice-Chair Alexander confirmed that the count for registered voters on the Election Summary Report is the number of active voters in the county.

Vice-Chair Alexander pointed out that statewide reports for counties are missing data on vote method by precinct, even though this information can be found locally on each county's Statement of Votes Cast.

Registrar Unvala explained that the omitted groups of information were associated with provisional voters and absentee by mail voters and that this occurs to maintain voter secrecy since it prevents people from tracing who voted provisionally or absentee by mail.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Vice Chair Alexander to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:16 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 23rd day of June 2026.