

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

July 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:

Chairman Livsey welcomed Board Member Rose and expressed how excited he is to work with him and accomplish things for the Fayette County voters.

Motion made by Board Member Daniel, seconded by Board Member Rose, to accept the July 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.

I'm Elaine Kilgore, and I wanted to thank everybody who had anything to do with a five-person election board. I've been campaigning for it for a long time, so welcome, and we're just glad to have you all serve the public and our elections. It's so nice that you can meet too without having a quorum instead. So, I'm really happy for all of you, and everybody give them a clap. Good job guys.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Daniel, seconded by Vice Chair Alexander to accept the June 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 22, 2026, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Board Member Daniel, seconded by Board Member Rose to accept the June 22, 2026, Special Called Board Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

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 reported that since the June Board of Elections meeting, 126 voters have been removed: 76 Deceased, 2 Felons, 0 Mentally Incompetent, and 48 Cancelled.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Garrett reported that as of July 28th, 2026, there are 99,656 registered voters in Fayette County.

Director Garrett outlined several ongoing projects within the office, including poll worker operations and a voter registration audit review to ensure that voters are properly assigned.

Director Garrett announced that two of the interns were working on polling place reviews for a 2027 project to prevent the frequent discussions about polling location facilities being unavailable or precincts needing to merge, stating that this will culminate in a presentation that is expected to occur in the September Board Meeting in order to introduce the planned precinct changes.

Director Garrett explained that polling location changes are not allowed less than 90 days before an election unless there is an emergency.

Director Garrett stated that since moving Precinct #8 Morning Creek into its own location will be unable to happen before November, an increased number of machines will be brought into the facility co-locating Morning Creek and Precinct #1 Blackrock.

Director Garrett announced that the Elections Office is preparing to begin a Deputy Registrar Program that allows trained members to go out into the community and provide voter education, recruit poll workers, and participate in voter registration drives in which the members must take three classes and an oath to officially serve under the office.

Director Garrett reported that the program is expected to launch in September, and that she is hopeful that there is enough staff to ensure upkeep of the program.

Director Garrett highlighted an intern who is working on poll worker recruitment, with some of her responsibilities being contacting inactive poll workers and assisting them with onboarding and reaching out and creating partnerships with at least 25 organizations to promote elections.

Director Garrett announced that the first day for the county to receive an absentee ballot application is August 17th and that the county is prepared to receive an influx of applications.

Vice Chair Alexander mentioned that when the elections office began using a different database to keep track of poll workers, many of them were not placed into the new system and didn't receive any emails.

Director Garrett explained that there may be physical records of poll workers from before a year ago since before her tenure, the office didn't use EasyVote for poll worker material and instead had a binder of names and contact information.

Director Garrett declared that payroll can be used to figure out who was working as a poll worker previously, but that the information may be outdated.

Vice Chair Alexander mentioned that poll worker training was occurring when Director Garrett started her tenure, and that this must mean that there must be a relatively recent mailing list of poll workers.

Director Garrett asserted that Human Resources does not list poll workers as a job listing but that she will investigate the possibility of it happening.

Director Garrett specified that there are currently 1600 poll workers in the database already and that she is looking for consistency, commitment, and people who follow the laws.

Director Garrett explained that there is a concern with the possibility of long-term commitment of certain polling locations and that this will be a major discussion once the November Election is over and proper hearings can be held.

Chairman Livsey expressed how much of a challenge it has been to keep polling locations consistent, especially with church closures, precincts that need to be co-located and merged, and the need to balance lower polling place changes with ensuring that facilities continue to meet the need of Fayette County voters.

Vice Chair Alexander reported on comments that stated that True Light Baptist church was too small for co-locations.

Board Member Rose explained that when he worked as a poll worker at True Light Baptist Church in the May 2026 Primary Election, it was difficult to make sure that the voters were voting at the right precinct and that the facility and number of staff may not have been feasible.

9. ATTORNEY'S REPORTS:

Attorney Stough reported that there were three local acts passed by the General Assembly that require referenda on the ballot in November, with one being for Fayette County, one being for the school board, and one being for the city of Fayetteville.

Attorney Stough explained that the Homestead Acts require voters to answer "Yes" or "No" on November's ballot.

10. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS:

Board Member Rose expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to participate on the Board with his fellow Board members and assist in making elections run smoothly while meeting the compliancy that the state sets forth for the county.

Board Member Daniel welcomed Board Member Rose to the Board and highlighted Director Garrett and her staff for the work they do in the office and on social media.

Vice Chair Alexander announced that the Georgia State Election Board, which makes election rules, will meet in the Fayette County Public Meeting Room on August 19th at 9:00 A.M. due to renovations occurring in their usual meeting area.

Director Garrett stated that she would upload the precinct specific version of the Statement of Votes Cast on the Fayette County website.

Chairman Livsey explained that even though it is the summer, staff is hard at work preparing for the November General Election.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Board Member Rose to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 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 24th day of August 2026.