



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – August 29, 2025

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Friday, July 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

**The meeting was recorded and is available for your review on
FGTV YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYH7E0jH6HxE-3KTRluH8SQ>

**Swearing- In of the Chairperson and Democratic Board Members
Term: July 1, 2025- June 30, 2027**

Conducted By: The Honorable Che' Alexander

Newly Appointed:
Douglass Selby, Democrat

Reappointed:
Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson
Mrs. Teresa Crawford, Democrat

Board Members Present:
Mr. Michael Heekin, Republican
Ms. Julie Adams, Republican

The Honorable Che' Alexander administered the Sworn Oaths:

- **The Official Oath of Member of County Board of Elections and Registration**
- **The Loyalty Oath**

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mr. John Ross, Election Chief; Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Election Chief; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Chief; Mr. Jermaine Blackburn, Registration Manager; Mr. Thomas Johnson, Registration Supervisor; Mrs. Shoshauna Jewell, Absentee Supervisor; Mrs. Janell Baganier, Financial Systems Manager; Ms. Janice Dickenson, Administrative Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO Manager; Mr. Corey Henson, Elections Equipment Manager; Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. James Reese, Mr. Tyree Spencer, Mr. James Artis

Legal: Mr. Chad Alexis

ACRONYMS:

BRE- Board of Registration and Elections
DRE- Department of Registration and Elections
EHOC- Elections Hub and Operations Center
BOC- Board of Commissioners
ABM- Absentee by Mail
L&A- Logic and Accuracy Testing
VEO- Voter Education and Outreach
REIF- Reporting Elections Systems Issue Form

BMDs- Ballot Marking Devices
SOS- Secretary of State's
SEB- State Election Board
DDS- Department of Driver Services
CERA- Certified Elections Registration Administrator
GARVIS- Georgia Registered Voter Information System
GAVREO- Georgia Voter Registration and Elected Officials
AV- Advance Voting

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Allen suggested the BRE alter the sequence of agenda items.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to amend the agenda to alter the sequence of the item numbers, move the last agenda item of old business to #6. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Selby**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Timestamp: 23:24-24:44
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJenNFa44OM>

There was 1 public comment recorded.

OLD BUSINESS

#3- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

➤ Regular Meeting- June 12, 2025

Mr. Heekin asked to amend the minutes on page #3 regarding SOPs to add the verbiage “an electronic file of”.

Ms. Adams requested more time to review the minutes and to receive them after each meeting.

Secretary Bodison responded that during the months of elections there will be multiple meeting minutes; however, it’s been the practice of this Board to approve during their regular meeting the following month.

Chair Allen requested **Attorney Alexis** opine.

Attorney Alexis reviewed the Open Meetings Act:

Approval of minutes should be, no later than immediately following the next regular meeting of the board.

- Regular Meeting- June 12, 2025

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the added verbiage to June 12th meeting minutes on page #3. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- Regular Meeting- June 12, 2025
- Special Meeting- June 17, 2025
- Special Meeting- June 20, 2025
- Special Meeting- June 23, 2025

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes as listed and amended. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#4- ELECTION PREPARATION UPDATE: Special Election on August 26, 2025

Director Williams greeted and provided a brief overview of election operations:

- Prepared for the July 15th Special Primary Runoff Election (PSC)
- Successful with minimum occurrence
- 4K+ voters cast ballots for AV
- 15K+ voters cast ballots for ED
- 100+ voters cast ballots for ABM
- 30+ voters cast ballots for provisional ballots
- Currently preparing for the August 26th Special Election for State Senate D21

#5- REVIEW OF APPROVED AV LOCATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION OF AUGUST 26TH

Senate Seat 21

- Alpharetta Library
- Milton Library

- Registered voters: 70K
- Impacted voters that reside in the Alpharetta, Roswell and Milton
- AV Dates and Hours:
 - August 4-16th Hours: 9-5pm
 - August 18-22nd Hours: 9-6pm
 - Saturday voting no Sundays
- Possible Runoff Election on September 23, 2025

Chair Allen discussed that the DRE was proposing changing the AV location from two to one for the upcoming Special Election, but the DRE has since rescinded that proposal.

Director Williams responded by saying after hearing from stakeholders and the county manager the DRE has decided to keep both locations for the upcoming election. This Election was not scheduled on the SOS election calendar for 2025; this is a special election called by the Governor that the DRE does not have funds allocated. **Madam Director** mentioned that the DRE is still reviewing their current budget to identify funds but, if necessary, the DRE will request additional funds from the Board of Commissioners (BOC).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Allen entertained a motion to close the regular session and convene into executive session to discuss litigation matters. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin** and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

After the executive session, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to reconvene from the executive session. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Selby** and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

#6- CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CANVASSING POLICY

- Bi-Partisan Canvassing Policy
- Board Member Heekin's Policy

Mrs. Crawford suggested that the BRE craft a new policy that aligns with recent rulings by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Heekin suggested that the BRE hears from **Attorney Alexis** on his recommendation regarding the policy presented for consideration.

Attorney Alexis recommended reworking the policy for conformity.

Ms. Adams made a motion to table the Canvassing Policy; however, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to reconsider the Canvassing Policy after counsel review. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Selby** moved to adjourn the meeting, **Mrs. Crawford** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary