



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, August 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Board Members Present Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Heekin
Mr. Douglass Selby
Ms. Julie Adams

Virtual Board Members Mrs. Teresa Crawford

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mr. John Ross, Information Systems Manager; Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Advance Voting Manager; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Chief; Mr. Jermaine Blackburn, Registration Manager; Mr. Thomas Johnson, Registration Supervisor; Mrs. Shoshauna Jewell, Absentee Supervisor; Mrs. Janell Barganier, Financial Systems Manager; Ms. Janice Dickenson, Administrative Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO 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 requested the BRE alter the sequence of agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Approval of the Minutes:
 - Special Meeting- July 15, 2025
 - Regular Meeting- July 17, 2025
 - Special Meeting- July 18, 2025
 - Special Meeting- July 21, 2025
4. Monthly Operations Report: July/August
5. Review of the Proposed Canvassing Policy

Chair Allen entertained a motion to amend the agenda to alter the sequence of the item numbers, moving Item # 5 to #3. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

As Amended

OLD BUSINESS

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 - Special Meeting- July 15, 2025
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5. Monthly Operations Report: July/August

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: 16:00-17:34

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvP_PD57gPg

There was 1 public comment recorded.

OLD BUSINESS

#3- REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED CANVASSING POLICY

Mr. Heekin thanked all members that worked on the policy in a bi-partisan manner. **Mr. Heekin** suggested that the BRE and DRE consider adding the EAC (Election Assistance Commission) ballot canvassing summary report to the policy and posted online.

Director Williams explained that everything that's listed in the policy recommendation from the EAC the DRE already does per the election code.

Mrs. Crawford commended the members on this policy and explained the final version of policy was streamlined by Director Williams and legal and it's more concise.

Ms. Adams asked would the BRE still receive a document by precinct by vote method. She stated she wanted the Statements of Votes Cast (SOVC)

Director Williams explained that the BRE receives the SOVC and the Numbered list of voters.

Ms. Adams expressed concerns about the process that the election material provided to the BRE (electronic format).

Ms. Adams stated for the record, it's absolutely ridiculous to do this on a laptop.

Mr. Heekin requested the spreadsheet be provided sorted without blank rows.

Ms. Adams requested to bring in an assistant to complete her canvassing of the election.

Mrs. Crawford referenced a previous meeting when the BRE voted on how members would receive documents. She did not agree with bringing in a non-member.

Ms. Adams provided her interpretation of the election code for canvassing.

Chair Allen explained that she was not in favor of non-members assisting while the board was canvassing. **Madam Chair** suggested to **Ms. Adams** that she receive that assistance from the DRE, not outside entities.

Mr. Selby suggested that the request would be inappropriate for non-members to assist a board member.

Director Williams explained the process and that each member will receive a laptop with all the documents from the amended canvassing policy. **Madam Director** added an additional item to the BRE Canvassing Policy.

Mr. Heekin reiterated his suggestion to have the ballot canvassing summary report added to the policy and posted on the website after every election.

Director Williams agreed to provide the ballot canvassing summary report to the BRE, and she will ask the SOS for permission to place this item on the website.

Chair Allen commended all the members and the DRE that work on the canvassing policy.

Canvassing Policy with listed documents agreed on for Certification by all members:

The Board establishes that the following documents shall be presented to the Board at the certification meeting, scheduled for the Monday after an election:

1. Election Night Summary Report (official and complete)
2. Numbered List of Voters/Voter Participation Report - Numbered List of Voters for Absentee, Advance in Person, and Election Day on a laptop in Excel format, sortable by voter registration number, method of voting and precinct.
3. Statement of Votes Cast by Precinct (official and complete)
4. Scanner Results Tapes – Advance Voting and Election Day
5. GARVIS / EPulse Voter Check-Ins Report – Advance Voting and Election Day
6. Ballot Canvass Summary

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

-Mrs. Crawford left the meeting following this item.

#4-APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Special Meeting- **July 15, 2025**
- Regular Meeting- **July 17, 2025**
- Special Meeting- **July 18, 2025**
- Special Meeting- **July 21, 2025**

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

#5-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: JULY/AUGUST

Chair Allen requested a broad overview.

Director Williams provided a broad overview of the monthly operation reports.

Link: <https://www.fultoncountygga.gov/-/media/Departments/Registration-and-Elections/2025/BRE-Monthly-Ops-725.pdf>

Administration
Advance Voting
Election Day
Election Division

Finance Division
Information Systems
Supplies and Logistics
VEO

Chief Glenn greeted the BRE and the public. She provided an overview Voter Registration Division and Absentee Division:

- Scanning into GARViS paper Voter Registration Application (VR apps)
- 40K processing VR Apps for the deadline of July 28th for Senate D21
- NGE purges 72K by the SOS

REGISTRATION STATISTICS:			
July 1, 2025		July 31, 2025	
VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		13,938	
ACTIVE VOTERS		756,177	
INACTIVE VOTERS		162,652	
TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS		918,829	
APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED		39,068	
NEW REGISTRATIONS TO FULTON COUNTY		4,873	
TRANSFERS TO FULTON COUNTY		6,059	
TRANSFERS FROM FULTON COUNTY		1,929	
REMOVALS FROM FULTON COUNTY		1,447	

List Maintenance Update
365- Felon Challenge Letters mailed / 486 - Deceased / VCR Portal- 89 / Cancellation requests MOS – 280 / 5- NGE / 1 - ERIC Cross State / 1 – Reject / 219 – Duplicates 2 – Jury Affidavit

ABSENTEE BY MAIL STATISTICS:	
August 26 th State Senate District 21 election	
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED	59
APPLICATIONS REJECTED	38
BALLOTS ACCEPTED	0
BALLOTS REJECTED	0

Chair Allen asked **Director Williams** to explain the correspondences sent to Senior Centers, High Schools, and Colleges/ Universities countywide.

Director Williams explained that the DRE was receiving complaints from Stakeholders and potential voters regarding 3rd Party groups conducting Voter Registration Drives but not submitting their applications.

Ms. Adams asked **Director Williams** did she send notices to NGOs (non-governmental organizations).

Director Williams explained that the DRE does not know the 3rd party groups.

Mr. Selby inquired about the DRE adjusting the budget for the Special Election.

Director Williams explained that Senate District 21 Special Election was not on the 2025 calendar schedule for elections. Therefore, the DRE will exceed their spending Authority before the end of the election cycle. She explained the DRE will request for Approval of Spending Authority from the BOC not additional funds. Also, the DRE is attempting to cut their budget per the County Manager's request for 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

#6- GAVREO CONFERENCE UPDATE:

- August 10-14th, 2025- Savannah, GA
- March 22-25th, 2026- Athens, GA

Director Williams commended the GAVREO Conference regarding the presentation and how the conference was structured. The DRE enjoyed the conference and the vendors.

Chair Allen said she attended the virtual session, and she commended the training provided. She outlined presenters that attended the conference, and she encouraged the members to attend the next conference in March 2026.



#7- ELECTION PREPARATION UPDATE:

- Special Runoff Election on September 23, 2025

For State Senate District 21 (To Fill the Unexpired Term of Brandon Beach, Resigned) (Vote for One)	
Jason T. Dickerson Republican	<input type="radio"/>
Debra Shigley Democrat	<input type="radio"/>

Director Williams provided an update:

- Impacted Voters- 58K
- Runoff preparation is ongoing
- Approval of AV locations, Dates, and Times
- Operational hours will match Cherokee County

➤ PSC/ General Municipal and Special Election on November 4, 2025

Director Williams provided an update:

- Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) for all Municipalities upcoming
- Qualifying was completed by each Municipalities (August 18-22)
- Approval of AV locations upcoming
- AV and Election Day training will begin next month

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 **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Ms. Adams** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

After the executive session, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to reconvene from the executive session. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#8-REVIEW OF ELECTION MATERIALS

Canvassing Policy with listed documents agreed on for Pre-Certification by all members:

The Board establishes that Staff will provide the following documents to the Board at the pre-certification meeting, scheduled for the Friday after election date, per Ga. Comp. R. & Regs.183-1-12-.12(f)(1)-(4):

1. Election Night Summary Report (unofficial and incomplete)
2. Numbered List of Voters/Voter Participation Report - Numbered List of Voters for Absentee, Advance in Person, and Election Day on a laptop in Excel format, sortable by voter registration number, method of voting and precinct.
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The Board collectively agreed to review the unofficial and incomplete election material.

The Board collectively agreed to begin the Certification process meeting Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 3pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Heekin** moved to adjourn the meeting, **Ms. Adams** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

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