



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – April 10, 2025

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 10, 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>

Board Members Present Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson
Mr. Aaron V. Johnson, Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael Heekin
Mrs. Teresa Crawford

Absent Member:
Ms. Julie Adams

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. Jodi Brittian, Absentee Manager; Mrs. Shoshauna Goins, Absentee Supervisor; Mrs. Janell Barganier, 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. David Lowman and 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

The meeting volume was extremely low.

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended, to remove item **#9** Challenge Hearing and add this item to the May 8, 2025, BRE Meeting. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#2– COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkifSBGjRyQ>

There were 2 public comments recorded.

#3- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes from March 13th. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#4- MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: MARCH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkifSBGjRyQ>

Director Williams greeted and asked the BRE if they have questions regarding the Monthly report submitted by the Leadership team, those inquiries can be answered at this time.

Mr. Heekin recalled a BRE member inquiring about a report of threats made against poll workers.

Director Williams mentioned there were no reports to be provided.

Mr. Heekin clarified that his inquiry was of any threat to the Department during the 2024 General Election.

Director Williams responded that those cases remain under investigation, but we can compile that information.

Chair Allen suggested **Director Williams** confer with Chief Yates regarding any threats that may still be under investigation.

Mrs. Crawford commended the DRE on the precinct changes but expressed concerns regarding Alpharetta Library versus Maxwell Rd location as the AV location. She suggested the DRE consider moving to the location with better parking (Maxwell Rd).

Director Williams explained that the DRE was told the Alpharetta Library was the preferred location, but the DRE can communicate with the city to review. The Madam Director mentioned the communication on preference would be in reference to the November Municipal Election.

Legislative Updates:

Presented by Ms. Little (VEO Manager/ Legislative Liaison):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkjfSBGjRyQ>

Week Twelve: The Georgia General Assembly adjourned Sine Die on Friday, April 4, ending the 2025 Legislative Session. Governor Brian P. Kemp has already signed several bills and has 40 days to review the remaining bills and resolutions. The Governor may choose to sign, veto, or take no action, in which case the bills will automatically become law.

SB 0199 | State Ethics Commission; shall not accept or reject complaints made against candidates 60 days prior to an election

GAVREO lobbyist initiative

HB 426 - Non-Partisan election for Chief Magistrate

HB 296— Electronic driver's license, this bill contains a provision requiring a physical driver's license to vote in person.

HR 0885 | House Study Committee on Election Procedures

SB 0214 | Elections and Primaries; electors to cast physical absentee on-request ballots as an alternative to using other authorized means of casting in-person votes *Did Not Pass*

HB 0397 | Elections; allow municipalities to opt in to providing advance voting on Saturdays for municipal election *Did Not Pass*

SB 175 I Removes Rank Choice Voting

GAVREO legislative initiative to hire lobbyists to assist with some of these bills was successful this session.

Mrs. Crawford referenced SB 0214 asked about the discussions on changing voting equipment for all 159 counties.

Ms. Little mentioned during the hearing there were several discussions on how to remove the current equipment as a buy-out option and other alternatives. She mentioned that this change would still impact Fulton financially.

Mrs. Crawford agreed and highlighted that was why I asked because this would have a huge financial impact on the County and the election budget.

Vice Chair Johnson commended GAVREO on hiring the lobbyist group to advocate on behalf of all the Georgia Election Officials that conduct this work daily. He said it was great to see the lobbyist in the room explain to these legislators how ineffective and poorly drafted some of the laws they are attempting to pass.

#5- DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CANVASSING POLICY OF ELECTION RESULTS

Chair Allen explained the proposed policy information as a previous discussion and further discussion will occur in May.

Mr. Heekin outlined the background is the DRE under Director Williams leadership is making very good progress on identifying, gathering, and evaluating the election data; to allow the BRE to inform our constituents of Fulton County's quality of elections, which are very good by the way. **Mr. Heekin** said the next step will be to implement a procedure to canvass the election.

Mrs. Crawford discussed her meeting with Mr. Heekin on reporting and certifying constraints. The plan is to utilize EAC (US Election Assistance Commission's guidelines on Certifying the vote. **Mrs. Crawford** outlined after reviewing the checklists and compiling what the department will provide a summary of reports to be posted on the website. She commended the DRE for all their hard work on every election.

Chair Allen stated the goal as a Board member is to create some consistency, so after an election is conducted it's not a lot of debate and discussion on what the DRE needs to provide. Also, the goal is for the board to fulfill their duties under 21-2-493.

Mrs. Crawford stated she would like **Director Williams** to be in the discussion of the policy.

NEW BUSINESS

#6-APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA)

- Union City

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ADVANCING VOTING LOCATION:

- Etris-Darnell Center

Director Williams provided the BRE with a brief overview of the Intergovernmental Agreement being the standard agreement with all Fulton County Municipalities. Also, the City of Union City requested an additional AV location, at the cost to each municipality provided.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the City of Union City. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ADVANCING VOTING LOCATION:

- Etris-Darnell Center

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the Advance Voting location Etris-Darnell Center in Union City. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#7- APPROVAL OF POLLING PLACE CHANGES: [68](#)

- **City of:** Alpharetta, Atlanta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Johns Creek, Milton, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton, Union City

Director Williams explained that these Election Day changes were due to renovations, locations with date conflicts in the summer, and some boundary changes.

- All these changes will be in effect for the June/ July Election
- All changes were disseminated to the Municipalities, the BRE and the BOC for feedback
- All changes have been posted in the legal organ for 2 consecutive weeks per election code

Chair Allen asked **Director Williams** did she received any feedback.

Director Williams answered yes, City of Roswell and Sandy Springs expressed concerns. Those concerns were addressed, and their changes are due to renovations of schools, those schools should be available during the General Municipal Election in November.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the Election Day Polling Place Changes as listed. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#8-ELECTION PREPARATION UPDATE:

- Public Service Commission (PSC) and City of Palmetto

Director Williams updated the BRE and the public:

- Diligently preparing for the special Primary (PSC) election
- Ballot Building has commenced
- Qualifying Candidates ended on April 3, 2025
- BOC approval for temporary staff was finalized
 - Onboarding of supplemental and time-limited staff is ongoing
- L&A Testing commence May12, 2025

Director Williams stated the DRE is well prepared for the upcoming statewide election.

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 **Vice Chair Johnson** 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 **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Vice Chair Johnson announced that today will be his last meeting as the Democratic party member of the Board. The Vice Chair mentioned being on the board since 2017 and some of the challenges from working on this board were 2020 elections, hostile takeovers and more. He commended **Director Nadine Williams** on her leadership and acknowledging her as the Best Election Director in the State of Georgia. He encourages the board to maintain their independence and quiet the noise from all sides. Vice Chair thanked the staff for all their great work and ensures the DRE he will still call them for assistance in the future.

Chair Allen shared that the BRE will miss his well-reasoned, common sense board member with great demeanor.

Mrs. Crawford echoed Chair Allen but added how he provided sound advice and insight into being a member on this board her first term.

Director Williams acknowledged and presented Mr. Aaron V. Johnson with a gift on behalf of the Fulton County Department of Registration and Elections.

Director Williams shared:

On behalf of the department, we want to thank you for your years of dedicated service and community engagement. Your pragmatic approach to the elections process and your contributions have been invaluable to us over the years. You've always worked with the department not against it with a genuine desire to make improvements and enhancements for all the voters in Fulton County. Thank you for your proactive approach in identifying potential issues and we thank you for your steadfast approach and always defending our department when needed. Your contributions, your humor, and your sincerity has been invaluable to us all these years and **THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

Aaron V. Johnson's years of service: [March 2017-April 30, 2025](#)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Vice Chair Johnson**, moved to adjourn the meeting **Mrs. Crawford** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

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