



# BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 16, 2026

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

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FGTV YouTube Channel**

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**Board Members Present** Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson  
Mrs. Teresa Crawford  
Mr. Douglass Selby  
Ms. Julie Adams

**Staff Attending:** Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mr. John Ross, Information Systems Manager; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Chief; Mrs. Marcia Ridley, Election Chief; Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Elections Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO Manager Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Alisha Davis, Administrative Coordinator, Mrs. Yetunda Sims-Willis; Administrative Officer

**External Affairs (EA) and Fulton Government TV (FGTV):** Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mrs. Jessica Corbitt (EA), Mr. James Reese (FGTV), Mr. Tyree Spencer (FGTV), Mrs. Nerieda Andrews (FGTV), Mr. Kendrick Kirkpatrick (FGTV)

**Fulton County Police:** Present

**Legal:** Ms. Karen Pachuta, Special Counsel

### 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 entertained** a motion to amend the agenda to add the Pledge of Allegiance as item # 2 and the discussion of Commission D4 seat vacancy as item #5. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Chair Allen entertained** a motion to approve the agenda as listed. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams** and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

## #2- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board, the Department, and members of the public recited.

## OLD BUSINESS

## #3-DISCUSSION OF ABSENTEE DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Robust Discussion

Timestamp: 5:45-38:30

Link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNaziPMfM\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNaziPMfM_0)

**Attorney Pachuta** provided a brief overview.

**Ms. Adams** requested the SEB Rule that the attorney cited.

**Attorney Pachuta** cited SEB Rule 183-1-14-.08

**Ms. Adams** outlined her understanding of the SEB Rule.

**Chair Allen** asked does it prohibit the use of Advance Voting Locations that's not a government building.

**Attorney Pachuta** provided her interpretation based on Chair Allen inquiry.

**Director Williams** explained the process, if the BRE approves this plan of deputizing Managers at AV locations. She said all the facilities listed are a government facility except for Flipper Temple Church (Election Day facility).

**Mr. Selby** asked, does Fulton County have any experience with this process.

**Chair Allen** informed the Bre that **Director Williams** will provide an overview of her findings after speaking to another county on the process, but she initially wanted legal to provide guidance.

**Ms. Adams** suggested the SEB Rule applied to Advance voting and if it did the rule would say that instead of Election Day. She said she didn't see the correlation and suggested the SEB Rule needed to be fixed.

**Director Williams** explained the process, if the BRE approves this plan:  
AV Managers and Assistant Manages would be deputized as Deputy Registrars

**Purpose:**

To provide voters with convenient and multiple alternative means to return their absentee ballots in lieu of reliance on the United States Postal Service, which has reported delays in processing.

**Advance Voting Locations:**

To avoid voter confusion, the 22 Advance Voting locations that do not currently have an absentee ballot drop box or registrar’s office on site will be included in the pilot program. As a result, all 32 Advance Voting locations will have the capability to receive absentee ballots—either through an absentee ballot drop box, a registrar’s office located at the same facility, or through receipt by Advance Voting Poll Management Staff at the site.

**Estimated Cost:**

Purchase of absentee ballot bags with ballot slot drop and sealing capability.

Estimate of 4 bags per location to rotate pickup and delivery of bags.

\$90 per bag; 4 bags for each of the 22 locations = 88 bags total.

\$90 × 88 bags

Estimated Cost: \$7,920.00 (one-time purchase)

No additional costs are anticipated.

**May 19, 2026 General Primary / Nonpartisan Election**

Advance Voting Locations with Absentee Ballot Drop Box	Advance Voting Locations with Registrar Office	PILOT LOCATIONS All remaining locations	
Alpharetta Library	South Annex	Adams Park Library	Mechanicsville Library
Buckhead Library	North Annex	Etris- Darnell Community Rec Center	Metropolitan Library
CT Martin Rec Center	Election Hub	Evelyn G. Lowery Library at Cascade	Milton Library
East Point Library		Fairburn Annex	Northeast Spruill Oaks Library
East Roswell Library		Flipper Temple AME Church	Northside Library
Sandy Springs Library		Fulton Co Health & Human Services North	Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing
Wolf Creek Library		Gladys. Dennard Library at South Fulton	Palmetto Library
		Grant Park Rec Center	Robert F. Fulton Ocee Library
		Hugh C. Conley Rec Center	Roswell Library
		Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon	Southwest Arts Center
		Johns Creek Environmental Campus	Welcome All Rec Center

**Chair Allen** inquired about the additional changes being implemented that Madam Director mentioned.

**Director Williams** explained additional security measures that the DRE will enhance.

**Mr. Selby** asked how many Pilot Locations are being used.

**Director Williams** explained that all 22 locations will be included into the Pilot program, to eliminate voter confusion. She explained that all 32 locations will have some form of Absentee drop-off method for voters.

**Ms. Adams** asked what other election material the DRE will retrieve daily.

**Director Williams** outlined the election material for daily retrieval:

- BMD Ballots
- Absentee Ballots
- Provisional Ballots
- Poll Pad Receipts

**Ms. Adams** asked for the Election code that authorized that process.

**Director Williams** responded that she does not have the code available. She explained that if a location meets the threshold of 1500 scanned ballots, they must be removed per SOS policy.

**Chair Allen** spoke on her communication with the Chair of Gwinnett County. She explained that the other chair said that they don't receive many Absentee ballots through this process.

**Chair Allen** recommended that Flipper Temple Church be removed because it's not a Government facility.

**Mr. Ross** suggested moving one of the drop boxes to not restrict any AV location.

**Director Williams** suggested that legal counsels research the full scope of this process.

**Mr. Selby** inquired further to gain clarity on the complete process regarding the pilot locations. He inferred that due to the size it's no longer a pilot and asked are there any concerns.

**Ms. Adams** recommended the BRE wait on legal to provide her findings. She implied she don't believe it's legal to remove ballots and provisional.

**Chair Allen** asked **Director Williams** about her communication with Gwinnett County Department.

**Director Williams** responded yes, we meet as a Region and discuss best practices on a bi-weekly basis and there were no concerns mentioned with this process.

**Ms. Crawford** reminded the DRE ensure their SOPs are updated as this Pilot program is underway.

**Ms. Adams** reiterated her concerns of picking of ballots daily and the BRE need to wait to get legal advice.

**Chair Allen entertained** a motion to approve the Absentee Drop-Off Proposal with Flipper Temple Church pending legal research. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Selby** and carried by a unanimous vote of 3-1, Nay Adams.

## NEW BUSINESS

Robust Discussion

Timestamp: 38:40- 49:50

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### #4- REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE TIMELINE TO CALL THE ELECTION:

- Fulton County Commission District 4 Vacancy

**Attorney Pachuta** outlined the measures for the listed vacancy:

*May Election versus November Election*

- Special Primary or a Special Election
- Governor can appoint if there are less than 6 months in the term: N/A
- Too late to add to the May Ballot without cost
- Delaying the seat being filled
- UOCAVA delays

**Director Williams** explained to the BRE from a procedural point of view.

*May Election versus November Election*

- Missed deadline for approval of Qualifying fees
- Additional strict deadlines to comply with election code
- Logistical concerns for conducting 2 separate elections
  - Voters will check-in twice to vote in the General and Commission D4

**Director Williams** recommended the BRE Call the Election to be placed on the November 2026 ballot.

**Chair Allen** acknowledged that conducting this election in May or November does not impact the budget except in May there will be some cost to conduct 2 separate elections. She expressed concerns for UOCAVA voters being disenfranchised if the DRE attempted to conduct this election in May.

**Chair Allen entertained** a motion to approve the Call for the Election for the Fulton County Commission District 4 for a Special Election, November 3, 2026, in conjunction with the General Special Election. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**Mr. Selby** asked about party affiliation if the election is conducted in November.

**Attorney Pachuta** explained no party affiliation would determine the type of ballot you receive in November.

- Party affiliation by their names on the ballot are optional for candidates
- No legal requirement for party designation in a General Election.
- Party affiliation requirements apply during Primary Elections, not General Elections.

**Tentative Schedule:** Revisions completed post-meeting.



**Commission District 4  
 Special Election  
 Timelines for Review**

	<b>May 19                      Special Primary Election</b> Although held on the same date as the May 19 Election, a separate ballot project will be created to produce a separate ballot, utilizing separate voting equipment	<b>November 3                      Special Election</b> Contested added to ballot project. Same ballot and voting equipment to be utilized
Election Called by BRE O.C.G.A 21-2-540	March 16	March 16
Call for Election Published O.C.G.A 21-2-540	March 25	March 25
Qualifying Fee Approved by BOC O.C.G.A 21-2-131	March 18 <i>if permitted to be placed on the BOC Agenda, since the submission deadline has passed; if no, the next meeting BOC meeting is April 1</i>	April 1
Qualifying Fee Notice Published O.C.G.A 21-2-131	March 25	April 8
Candidate Qualifying Period O.C.G.A 21-2-131	April 1 to April 3	April 6 to April 8
UOCAVA Ballot Mailout For Temporary Overseas Voters Only OCGA 21-2-384	By April 10 As soon as practical after Ballot Proofing	September 15
Advance Voting Begins O.C.G.A 21-2-385	April 27 to May 15	Oct 13 to Oct30
Election Day O.C.G.A 21-2-150; 21-2-138	May 19	November 3
Runoff Election O.C.G.A 21-2-501	June 16	December 1

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not convene into executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Adams** moved to adjourn the meeting; **Mr. Selby** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

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**Mariska Bodison**, Board Secretary