



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – May 14, 2026

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

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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. Janell Barganier, Financial Systems Manager; Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Elections Manager; Mrs. Jodi Brittian, Absentee Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO Manager; Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Alisha Davis, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Tameka Rhynes, Administrative Coordinator

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

Fulton County Police: Present

Legal: Mr. Chad Alexis, Supervising Counsel and 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
NVRA- National Voter Registration Act
ED- Election Day

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
ORR- Open Records Request
COC- Chain of Custody

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Allen entertained a motion to amend the agenda to add Emergency Polling Place Changes as item# 7. 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 amended. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#2– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

#3-COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

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OLD BUSINESS

#4- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Special Meeting- **April 1, 2026**
- Regular Meeting- **April 9, 2026**
- Special Meeting- **April 20, 2026**

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the minutes as listed. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#5-MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: **APRIL**

- Election Update on May 19th, General Primary, Nonpartisan and Special Election

Robust Discussion

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Director Williams greeted and provided the BRE a brief overview:

- DRE preparation for the 2026 Election Cycle
- Conducted Poll worker Training for Advance Voting (AV) and Election Day (ED)
- Equipment Allocations
- Confirmed Polling Place locations
- Processed Voter Registration applications prior to the deadline (April 20, 2026)

Madam Director informed the BRE that they may ask questions regarding the monthly ops report.

Chair Allen requested **Chief Glenn** report on the Voter Registration operations for the month of April.

Chief Glenn greeted the BRE and Fulton County citizens. She reported the activities for

the Division's operation in April:

- VR staff focused on processing applications
- Performed all list maintenance and review
- Researched and updated records on the Records to Review tile
- As of April 27th- Supported Advance Voting Team

REGISTRATION STATISTICS:		
April 1, 2026		April 30, 2026
VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		23,724
ACTIVE VOTERS		741,979
INACTIVE VOTERS		107,647
TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS		849,626
APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED		6,548 as of April 20 th
NEW REGISTRATIONS TO FULTON COUNTY		4,039
REMOVALS FROM FULTON COUNTY		1,367
PENDING		3,004
RECORDS TO REVIEW		3,320
		as of May 4 th total: 0
List Maintenance Update 150- Felon Challenge Letters mailed / 567 - Deceased / 60- VCR Portal Cancellation requests 255/ - MOS / 58 - NGE / 260 – Duplicates / 14 – Errors / 2- Not Verified / 1-Jury Affidavit		

Chair Allen asked have the DRE challenge any voters that were registered at business addresses.

Chief Glenn answered yes, the Division mailed notices to approximately 8,000 notices to Challenge voters.

Chair Allen asked did the notice provide a date and time to appear for the hearing.

Chief Glenn answered the hearing notice dated May 19th at 3pm.

Ms. Adams inquired about the drop bags and the statistics being posted on the website.

Director Williams explained that there is no requirement to post on the website; however, the total number of ballots has been 46 total.

Ms. Adams suggested the data be posted in an effort for the DRE to be transparent. She said the pilot program data should be posted.

Mrs. Crawford responded that the data should not be posted for the pilot program.

Chair Allen explained that voters having the ability to hand in their Absentee ballot is

complying with the code and confirmed that they can discuss it further at the June meeting.

Ms. Adams suggested that the board discussed it today, prior to the June Runoff start date for AV. She wanted to discuss if the program will continue and add the data to website daily.

Chair Allen asked **Director Williams** if she was prepared to discuss.

Director Williams agreed and updated the BRE regarding the Absentee Ballot drop off at 22-AV locations:

- COC intact
- Secured election material
- Daily pick-ups are going well
- Extremely low turnout- **46** ballots

Chair Allen inquired of cost for equipment and staffing

Director Williams explained the convenience of the process to the voters but due to unfortunate controversy she recommended discontinuing the program.

Mrs. Crawford agreed.

Mr. Selby asked are their other jurisdictions that utilize a similar program.

Dr. Williams responded yes, she's not sure how many but yes there are a few.

Mr. Selby asked of those other jurisdictions, have they discussed their participation

Director Williams said yes, it's low.

Ms. Adams shared the Chair in Gwinnett County said the turnout in their county is low.

Chair Allen agreed that she was told the same by that Chairman.

Attorney Pachuta informed the BRE and DRE that if they discontinued the pilot program the election code would still allow the DRE to accept hand delivered ballots in their offices up until Election Day.

Ms. Adams asked about will hand delivery occur during normal business hours.

Director Williams explained that the hours will match the AV hours for voters to hand deliver their ballot.

Ms. Adams asked will the offices be open this weekend.

Director Williams responded that AV ends Friday; therefore, the offices will not be open

this weekend for this election. She explained that during larger elections the DRE will propose extended office hours to the BRE.

Chair Allen asked if members were ready to vote on the recommendation by the Madam Director on the pilot program.

Mr. Selby responded that controversy is not a reason to change a policy that provides flexibility to the voters. He outlined the positive impact:

- Other counties utilizing this method
- Limited instances when used its convenient

Mr. Selby explained that if this program was costly, he would understand evaluating the policy based on that metric.

Director Williams clarified the controversy she was referring to was safety of the staff:

- Staff being followed
- Recording Couriers
- People standing behind vehicles

Mrs. Crawford shared that the program was convenient for voters but the low turnout and the controversy we have in this county, I would vote to discontinue the program.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to discontinue the pilot program for Absentee Ballot drop off at AV locations (May 15, 2026). The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mr. Selby commented that was sad, this was the second meeting where efforts to intimidate was being used, today against staff and previously against a religious institution for being a polling location which was adding convenience to voters.

Mr. Selby inquired about the Absentee ballots' statistics of rejected request at about 6% of the total requested.

Mrs. Brittan explained the reason for the rejects.

- The voter requested too early
- Or the voter requested too late- deadline to request an absentee ballot for the May 19th election was May 8th.

Mr. Selby commended the VEO Team on the work that they are doing in the communities throughout Fulton.

VOTER EDUCATION ACTIVITIES		
Activity	Total for the Month	Year Total
Deputy Registrar Training	211	Total active = 908
Voter Registration	443	1032
Poll Worker Recruitment	5	100
Elections Academy	4	35
Voter Identification Cards	3	14
Outreach Events	162	312
Absentee Application	362	550
Deputy Registrar Events	19	34
Connections for VEO.	150	500
Event Interactions	11891	26,157
Media Inquiries	5	10

Mr. Selby clarified the statistic of Event Interactions in the **Ms. Little's** report. He asked are your referring to people (11,891).

Ms. Little answered yes and explained that VEO attempts to track every person that visits their table during an event.

Ms. Adams shared that the staff was never in danger regarding the religious center secured as a polling location.

Director Williams explained that the DRE did not get the opportunity to use the facility, but she was able to see the ugly comments and harassing behavior on social media regarding this facility. The facility declined based on safety.

Ms. Adams explained that there's a lot of scrutiny in Fulton with the FBI, the DOJ, drop bags/ boxes and picking up ballots from early voting every day. She said I'm not surprised that people were trying to watch the process.

Director Williams explained that the intimidation behavior was happening long before FBI/DOJ took place. This same behavior occurred in 2020, and we are now in 2026.

Mrs. Crawford suggested that people understand that the last few days of early voting will be busy and some voters may experience lines. She said please be patience and respectful to the poll workers. She commended **Ms. Little** and her VEO team on the valuable work they do.

Ms. Adams requested an update on the upcoming special session from Ms. Little.

Ms. Little outlined Governor Kemp's Proclamation calling for a Special Session :

- To resolve how to comply with SB189- prohibiting the use of the QR code to tabulate
- Supreme Court Case- Redistricting Efforts
- June 17, 2026 @2pm

#6- UPDATE ON TEXT/ EMAIL COMMUNICATION TOOL



Director William provided an update to the new tool:

- Chief Glenn and Emergency Management Services have been working diligently on this project
- 2 Messages sent out this week
 - Emergency polling location change voters (SSO1 & SSO1A)
 - Informing voters that AV ends on Friday
- We will pull the data and share it with the board
- Website
 - Update their information (mobile number and/ or email) on MVP to update their information: [GA My Voter Page](https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov)

Ms. Crawford asked did the DRE sent an email or text.

Director Williams explained the DRE sent both.

Mr. Selby explained that he has not received any text/ email from the DRE.

Director Williams responded that the DRE would check the system to confirm their information.

Director Williams explained all voters received precinct cards from the earlier polling place changes. The only specific polling place change they were able to test was the recent emergency change from Dunwoody Community Church to Johns Creek Environmental Campus.

#7- EMERGENCY POLLING PLACE CHANGE

➤ SSO1 & SSO1A

Dunwoody Community Church to Johns Creek Environmental Campus.

Director Williams explained there was miscommunication with the Church and voters are being reassigned to Johns Creek Environmental Campus. All impacted voters were sent precinct cards, text/email, Municipal Clerk, 4x4 signs posted.

Chair Allen spoke to the church and outlined their willingness to help with posting signage and being a polling location later.

Mrs. Crawford commended the Northpoint AV locations. She said it was a nice facility.

Chair Allen encouraged BRE members to visit polling locations during AV and on ED.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to change the emergency polling place change SSO1 & SSO1A. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Selby**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#8-REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Robust Discussion

Link: 1:05:00- 1:34:30

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Chair Allen requested legal provide an overview of the Public Comment Policy.

Attorney Pachuta provided the BRE with a broad overview.

- Must consider the 1st Amendment when crafting policies
- Time limitations are permissible
- Due process considerations
- County vs non-county comments
- Limit public comments to purview of elections
- Cannot discriminate on viewpoints
- The board is not required to accept public comments

Mr. Selby asked about the ability for citizens to be able to make public comments without attending the meeting.

Attorney Pachuta responded that method is permissible and she will follow up with BOC policy

Ms. Adams affirmed that the BOC accepted public comments via Zoom.

Ms. Adams expressed her concerns on the overall policy:

- The phrase deems disruptive

- Freedom of expression
- Returning your speakers card 15 minutes prior to the meeting

Ms. Adams expressed concerns that the 15 minutes prior to the meeting was unreasonable.

Chair Allen added that she supports the sign-up timeframe.

Mrs. Crawford suggested 10 minutes before the meeting commenced.

Chair Allen added that she could support 10 minutes.

Mr. Selby agreed with **Ms. Adams** on her suggestion to give commenters until 10:55am to complete speaker cards.

Attorney Pachuta informed the BRE that she can make the verbiage in the policy clearer.

Mr. Selby informed the public that most governing bodies have a Public Comment policy.

Mr. Selby stated it's my sense that the vast majority of public authorities or agencies of large entities in the state of Georgia have some sort of public comment policy. It may be a written policy. It may be in the bylaws, but most have that policy. This board had a policy before this written policy was prepared. Every version of the policy has been true to the first amendment and that it invited and ensured that there would be content neutral it would be content neutral as to the policy. This is really designed to give the chair's guidance and discretion to ensure that the goals of the board are met and that there's order that it's efficient and that there is viewpoint neutrality.

Ms. Adams objected to the Chair having the ability to kick out the public.

Mrs. Crawford highlighted that public commenters have changed drastically in the last 10 years. She agreed with the BRE having a policy for decorum.

Attorney Pachuta informed the BRE that this document can be edited and voted on at any point. She explained the BRE can adopt it as is or with listed edits. She outlined the changes the board discussed.

Ms. Adams asked if we are posting the policy online for 30 days.

Chair Allen clarified **Ms. Adams** inquiry and asked legal to provide a response.

Attorney Pachuta explained that the policy pertains specifically to Board of Registration and Elections (BRE) meetings and does not constitute a rule or regulation subject to the 30-day public comment period requirement.

Secretary Bodison informed the BRE that the Proposed policy was on the webpage

posted under the agenda.

Director Williams confirmed that the proposed policy was posted.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to adopt the policy with the change to 15 minutes to 10 minutes. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Selby**, and carried by a vote of 3-1; Nay Adams.

#9-REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF 2026 BRE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Allen outlined the revision for the 2026 Meeting schedule:

- requested a quorum for a Challenge Hearing at 3pm on May 19th
- June 19th removes the meeting due to Federal/ State Holiday
- June 22nd no later than Monday at 11am
- June 23rd Tuesday at 3pm
- July 9th removes the meeting due to conflict (lack of quorum)
- July 16th Regular meeting at 11am

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the edits to the BRE meeting schedule as listed. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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. Selby** 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 **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Mrs. Crawford** moved to adjourn the meeting; **Mr. Selby** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

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