



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – May 26, 2026

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.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
Mrs. Teresa Crawford
Mr. Douglass Selby
Ms. Julie Adams

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Chief; Mrs. Marcia Ridley, Election Chief; Mr. John Ross, Information Systems Manager

External Affairs (EA) and Fulton Government TV (FGTV): Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. James Reese (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
NVRA- National Voter Registration Act
ED- Election Day **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 add an item #4 to Review Provisional Ballots to the agenda. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mr. Selby** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#2– PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NEW BUSINESS

Robust Discussion

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#3– BRIEDF REVIEW OF ADVANCE VOTING (AV) LOCATIONS

FULTON VOTES 2026 Integrity security efficiency

Advance Voting Hours and Locations
General Primary Runoff Election
Saturday, June 6 to Friday, June 12
Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 7, from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m.
Monday – Friday, June 8 to 12, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Election Day: Tuesday JUNE 16

Adams Park Library* 2231 Campbellton Road SW Atlanta, GA 30311	Alpharetta Library* 10 Park Plaza Alpharetta, GA 30009	Buckhead Library* 269 Buckhead Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30305
College Park Library 3647 Main Street College Park, GA 30337	C.T. Martin Recreation Center* 3201 M.L.K. Jr. Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30311	East Roswell Library* 2301 Holcomb Bridge Road Roswell, GA 30076
Elections Hub and Operations Center 5600 Campbellton Fairburn Rd Union City, GA 30213	Evelyn G. Lowery Library at Cascade 3665 Cascade Road SW South Fulton, GA 30331	Gladys S. Denny Library at South Fulton 4055 Flat Shoals Road South Fulton, GA 30291
Jean P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon 980 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30306	Metropolitan Library 1332 Metropolitan Parkway SW Atlanta, GA 30310	Milton Library 855 Mayfield Road Milton, GA 30009
North Fulton Service Center 7741 Roswell Road Sandy Springs, GA 30350	Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing 2489 Perry Boulevard NW Atlanta, GA 30318	Palmetto Library 9111 Cascade Palmetto Hwy Palmetto, GA 30268
Robert F. Fulton Ocee Library 5090 Abbotts Bridge Road Johns Creek, GA 30005	Roswell Library 115 Norcross Street Roswell, GA 30075	Sandy Springs Library* 395 Mount Vernon Highway Sandy Springs, GA 30328
South Fulton Service Center 5600 Stonewall Tell Road South Fulton, GA 30349	Wolf Creek Library* 3100 Enon Road South Fulton, GA 30331	ASTERISK* INDICATES ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION

Director Williams informed the BRE:

- College Park Library available
- Removed-Southwest Arts Center due to summer camp activities
- Evelyn Lowery Library added due to proximity

Mr. Selby inquired about any changes on Election Day polling locations between now through November.

Director Williams asked Mr. Selby to clarify his request.

Director Williams responded yes, there are 17 polling locations housed in schools to relocate and North Fulton Training Center (Sandy Springs)

Mr. Selby requested a strong justification from moving voters within the same voting year.

Director Williams explained that the North Fulton Training Center is being sold.

Chair Allen outlined reasons that the polling place changes occurred:

- 17 schools were already pending since the beginning of the year
- Buildings being sold
- Denial of usage (High Museum)

Director Williams explained that she can provide a list in advance. She informed the BRE that it's 20 locations.

Ms. Adams asked will there be any polling locations for Election Day.

Director Williams answered no, the DRE make every effort to not change location for Runoff Elections.

Ms. Adams asked about Ison Springs School and limitation with voter privacy.

Director Williams answered that the school referenced was on the list to change, pending the DRE can find the location.

Mr. Selby discussed with the board that polling place changes and how the DRE reserves these locations.

Director Williams explained that the DRE process for reserving Polling locations:

- Reservations are completed via reservation form or online
- Reservations are completed for every election listed on SOS Calendar

Madam Director explained the challenge was with schools and their renovation schedule.

Ms. Adams commented that in 2020 Rick Barron added 90 precincts.

Director Williams refuted Ms. Adams' comment. The DRE has always had a large number of polling locations.

Madam Director responded that in 2020 there was a Pandemic and the DRE experienced many emergency moves due to COVID. She explained that the DRE had many reliable locations prior to COVID. Also, voting patterns started to change during the Pandemic.

Chair Allen recognized the lack of ballot secrecy at some of the locations she visited.

Mr. Selby asked did the DRE have a written agreements with the polling places.

Director Williams responded yes, but legal continues to amend the document.

Mr. Selby requested to view the document.

Director Williams agreed.

Chair Allen suggested that we can continue the discussion during the Regular Meeting in June.

#4– REVIEW OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST

Robust Discussion

Timestamp: 25:00-38:00

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq_G1ewmwM8

Attorney Pachuta explained the list maintenance within 90-Day of Federal Election SOS provided guidance on how these Challenged voters should be resolved.

- Residency Affirmation
- Correct
- Change their address

23 voters cast Provisional Ballots using the same current information in the system due to being registered at a PO BOX instead of a residential address.

Mrs. Crawford suggested that provisional ballots not be counted.

Mr. Selby inquired about the federal law prohibiting systematic list maintenance.

Attorney Pachuta explained the law prohibits removal of a voter.

Chair Allen explained that the next opportunity to Challenge a voter will be at the July 16th meeting.

Ms. Adams repeated her concerns regarding notices to homeless voters.

Attorney Pachuta explained the guidance SOS provided regarding .

Chair Allen asked about the efforts by the DRE.

Director Williams outlined the DRE efforts:

- VEO Team events
- Memos forwarded to Homeless Shelter and Religious Facilities servicing the homeless

Chair Allen entertained a motion to deny the 23 provisional ballots cast during the May 19th election. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#5– REVIEW OF OFFICIAL AND COMPLETE ELECTION MATERIALS

Robust Discussion

Timestamp: 38.35-1:05:07

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq_G1ewmwM8

Chair Allen announced that the BRE will review official and complete election materials.

Ms. Adams announced a Point of Privileged:

Julie Adams Statement at the Fulton BRE Meeting May 26, 2026

I am making this statement today because the actions taken by this board have prevented me from performing the duties that Georgia law assigns directly to me. These are not policy disagreements — they are violations of state law, and because this election includes a U.S. Senate race, they may also implicate federal law.

First, Georgia law is explicit. Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493 and GA R&R 183-1-12-.12., each board member is individually responsible for **receiving, inspecting, and reviewing all election returns**. That duty cannot be restricted by internal policy, by a board vote, or by a majority decision.

Yet this board adopted a canvassing policy that:

- Prohibits documents from being electronically sent.
- Prohibits board members from receiving copies of documents.
- Prohibits the use of cell phones to take pictures of any documents.
- To do any meaningful precinct comparison means having to hand write and hand tabulate.
- Requires a **board vote** before a member may see **any document not listed in the policy**.

These restrictions directly violate **Georgia law**, including O.C.G.A. § 21-2-70, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-72, and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493 and GA R&R 183-1-12-.12. The documents in these laws are available to the public electronically, but not to the board members before certification.

Second, several months ago I asked for a legal opinion on whether the board has the authority to impose these restrictions. The board attorney provided an **oral answer in Executive Session**, with **no citations** and no legal basis. When I later requested a **written legal opinion**, the board voted on whether I was even allowed to request one — and then voted **no**.

Denying a board member's access to legal counsel prevents that member from performing mandatory statutory duties.

Third, at our pre-certification meeting last Friday, I made a motion to receive the **Ballot Recap Sheets** — one of the most basic and essential canvassing documents required under **several Georgia laws**. My motion failed for lack of a second.

This means the board refused to provide the required documents during canvassing of an election that includes **county, state, and federal elections**.

Fourth, Georgia law makes it a crime to interfere with an election official performing their duties. Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-597, it is a **misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature** to "hinder or interfere with" an election official in the lawful discharge of their duties.

The penalty includes:

- Up to **12 months in jail**
- Up to **\$5,000 in fines**

When a board member is being denied access to required canvassing documents, that is interference.

Fifth, Georgia law also makes it a crime under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-599 for any election official to willfully fail to perform a required duty, and under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-574 to conceal or withhold election documents.

Sixth, I requested a legal opinion more than once in open meetings, it should have been provided in open session, not executive session. Because this was not a litigation matter, handling it in executive session may have violated the Open Meetings Act.

Finally, because this election includes federal races, these actions may also implicate federal statutes, including 18 U.S.C. § 241, 18 U.S.C. § 242, 52 U.S.C. § 20511, and 52 U.S.C. § 20701.

I reserve all rights under Georgia and federal law to seek review or remedy from the **State Election Board**, the **Georgia Attorney General**, the **U.S. Department of Justice**, or any other appropriate authority.

*Julie Adams' statement will be attached to these minutes.

Ms. Adams finished her statement and requested Madam Chair provide a response.

Chair Allen responded that some of the concerns **Ms. Adams** mentioned were litigated by the higher court and the canvassing policy was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Crawford suggested that if any other board member wants to make statement and receive a response, it should be provided to the board at least a week in advance.

Mr. Selby provided a response to the statement **Ms. Adams** read.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to provide the board members that want to provide statements and responses that need to be disseminated a week prior. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, no second. The motion failed.

Ms. Adams asked if it was legal to restrict board members from getting a written opinion:

Attorney Pachuta referenced the BRE Bylaws regarding certain requests made by BRE members.

Chair Allen explained she understood Ms. Adams' Point of Privilege and her belaboring

the point on expressing the same issues every Certification Day.

#6–CERTIFY ELECTION RESULTS-FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL:

- **GENERAL PRIMARY, NONPARTISAN, AND SPECIAL ELECTION- MAY 19, 2026**

NO AUDIO

Timestamp: 1:05:18-1:48:10

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq_G1ewmwM8

The Board reviewed unofficial and incomplete election materials.

AUDIO

Timestamp: 1:48:10- 1:56:37

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq_G1ewmwM8

Madam Chair asked Madam Director are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast in Fulton County for the candidates in the **General Primary for the Republican Party**.

Madam Director responded yes.

Madam Chair asked Madam Director are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast in Fulton County for the candidates in the **General Primary for the Democratic Party**.

Madam Director responded yes.

Madam Chair asked Madam Director are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast in Fulton County for the candidates in the **Nonpartisan Election**.

Madam Director responded yes.

Madam Chair asked Madam Director are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast in Fulton County for the candidates in the **Special Election for the City of Fairburn**.

Madam Director responded yes.

Madam Chair asked Madam Director are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast in Fulton County for the candidates in the **Special Election for the City of South Fulton**.

Madam Director responded yes.

Ms. Adams inquired about the DRE rescanning ballots.

Director Williams stated that, in the event there are any discrepancies, the DRE will initiate the recanvassing procedure to ensure accuracy and resolution of the discrepancy.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to Certify the election results for the General Primary, Nonpartisan, and Special Election of May 19, 2026. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Ms. Adams** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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 4:51 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary

