

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2025

Board Members in attendance: Myesha Good, Maurice Hurry, Kevin Evans and Bob Proctor

Staff in attendance: Milton Kidd, Tesha Green, Ann Bolen, Crystal Danley-Bridges, Cameron Fairley, Heather James, Philbert Smith and Malcolm Unvala

Legal counsel in attendance: L'erin Wiggins

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Hurry made the motion and Mr. Proctor seconded. The agenda was approved unopposed.

Approval of Minutes of the 21 August 2025 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Mrs. Good requested a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Mr. Evans made the motion and Mr. Proctor seconded. The minutes were approved unopposed.

Citizen Comment

There were no citizen comments.

Felon Hearings

There were no felon hearings.

Office Operations Report

Mrs. James announced that the office recently participated in a regional training workshop on September 4th in Fulton County. This workshop featured presentations from various metro counties regarding elections and registration practices. She noted that her presentation was focused on absentee by mail processes and Mr. Philbert Smith presented on equipment inventory maintenance and troubleshooting.

Mrs. Green announced the following training dates for the upcoming November election: Early Voting training will be held on October 2 with two classes from 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-5:00PM. Training for Election Day will be held on October 23 and October 24 with four classes from 8:00AM-12:00PM and 1:00PM-5:00PM.

Mrs. Green added that the Voter Outreach team has several events planned for the month of September including the Lithia Springs Library, Alexander High School, Lithia Springs Senior Center, and New Manchester High School. Staff will be onsite to collect any voter registrations and answer any questions from voters.

Mrs. Danley-Bridges informed the Board that the office has received an invoice from the Douglas County Sheriff's department for hours worked during board meetings. She noted that the office has begun discussions with County Administration regarding these costs, particularly for upcoming large elections as security arrangements are required during the election period.

Mr. Kidd announced that on Monday, September 15 the City of Douglasville will have a hearing to resolve a candidate qualification matter. Once this matter is resolved, the office will begin to disseminate sample ballots and proceed with the ballot building process.

Mr. Unvala announced that office staff will be present at the Douglas County Courthouse on September 27 for September Saturdays.

Mrs. Green informed the Board that a National Change of Address (NCOA) is scheduled for this week including 1,510 In-County NCOAs, 1,579 Out-of-County NCOAs, and 860 Out-of-State NCOAs.

Mrs. Danley-Bridges announced that the Douglas County Board of Elections will be hosting a deputy registrar training on Monday, September 22 at 11:00AM and anyone interested may contact the office for further information.

Mrs. Good asked Mr. Kidd whether the office had any plans for National Voter Registration Day on September 16th.

Mr. Kidd informed the Board that staff would be present outside of the courthouse to accept registrations and answer any questions.

Old Business

Mr. Unvala informed the Board that the office of the Board of Elections received communication from the Secretary of State's office regarding the effect a statewide election would have on regularly scheduled elections. He noted that a very small population of around 75 Douglas County voters live within the limits of the City of Austell. He explained that Cobb County usually conducts Austell's municipal elections, but because of the unique circumstance with the statewide election occurring at the same time, the Douglas County Board of Elections will offer ballots with Austell contests to those eligible voters. He noted that this would not cause any additional costs or difficulties for the office as all precincts will be open because of the statewide contests. He added that these voters may also vote early at any of the three Douglas County Early Voting locations.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Executive Session

Mrs. Good requested a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter. Mr. Proctor made the motion and Mr. Evans seconded. The meeting entered Executive Session at 5:18PM and returned to regular session at 5:31PM.

Director's Concerns

There were no director's concerns to discuss.

Board Member Concerns

Mr. Evans expressed his concerns regarding the billing of overtime hours to the office for Sheriff's deputies, noting that the elections process is outlined and by its nature takes place outside of normal business hours during an active election.

Mr. Kidd explained that he will keep the board informed of any developments and conversations with County Administration regarding this matter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM.