



Board of Elections & Registration Regular Meeting
September 14, 2026; 3:00 PM
100 Cherokee Street | Marietta, GA 30090
Presiding: Chairwoman Jennifer Mosbacher

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. August 4, 2026, Special Called Meeting
2. August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting

Public Hearing

1. Request to approve the continued temporary polling location for Dobbins 02 (Exhibit A)
2. Request to approve a temporary polling location change for Elizabeth 03 (Exhibit B)

Election Office Reports & Updates

1. Director's Election Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Approval of an Amended Advance In-Person Voting Schedule for the November 3, 2026 General Election/Special Election with Updated Drop Box Locations (Exhibit C)
2. Discussion of potential use of third-party service for the purpose of mailing absentee ballots as an alternative to the USPS

Board Member Comments

Executive Session

Upcoming Meeting

1. **Monday, October 12 @ 3:00 P.M.** Regular Meeting
BOC Room, 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta, GA 30090

Adjournment

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2026
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

995 Roswell Street
8:00 a.m.

Board Member Attendance

	Present	Absent
Jennifer Mosbacher, Chairwoman	X	
Stacy Efrat, Vice Chairwoman	X	
Debbie Fisher	X	
Reginald Turner, Secretary	X	
Kendall Watkins	X	

Others Present:

Leigh Phillips, Director of Elections
Daniel White, Counsel for Board of Elections

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mosbacher called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Turner to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1) City of Mableton Referendum

Board attorney Daniel White recommended the special called meeting and explained that while some cities function as their own municipal superintendent for the purpose of calling an election and then contract with the Board of Elections & Registration to run the election, Mableton is a newer municipality and there was a lack of clarity whether the city could call the election itself. To ensure the city could vote on its referendum, Mr. White recommended the Board call the Special Election to meet the required 90-day deadline. Regarding the ballot question on redevelopment powers, he noted that the language provided on the agenda was based on the specific legislation passed by the state legislature and that cities are required to use this format, even if it is not the easiest to read.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to call the Special Election in the City of Mableton on November 3 for a referendum on whether to authorize Mableton to exercise powers under the redevelopment powers law. Seconded by Ms. Efrat. Motion Passed 5-0.

2) Pre-Certification Policy

Mr. White explained his recommendation to re-vote on two previous items, the Pre-Certification Policy and the Cobb County SPLOST Referendum, to ensure procedural compliance. He clarified that while the Board's bylaws allowed for action by a majority of those present, he wanted to ensure that passing a motion by majority of those present was not in conflict with the Board's enabling legislation and state law, which require a majority of Board members to act. The Board's bylaws do not override enabling legislation or state law and Mr. White recommended the Board's bylaws mirror the statute.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to adopt the policy for Pre-Certification Review of Precinct Returns pursuant to SEB rule 183-1-12. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 4-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition.

3) Cobb County SPLOST Referendum

Motion by Ms. Efrat to call for a Special Election on November 3 for the Cobb County SPLOST Referendum. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, August 10 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 8:14 a.m.

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2026
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

100 Cherokee Street
3:00 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

	Present	Absent
Jennifer Mosbacher, Chairwoman	X	
Stacy Efrat, Vice Chairwoman	X	
Debbie Fisher	X	
Reginald Turner, Secretary	X	
Kendall Watkins	X	

Others Present:

Leigh Phillips, Elections Director
Daniel White, Counsel for the Board of Elections
Michael D'Itri, Interim Director
Jane Simon, Business Manager
Marcques Spivey, Absentee Division Manager
Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mosbacher called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Turner to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion Passed 4-0. Ms. Fisher was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Kingery – Addressed the Board regarding public notice of agenda items.

Bob Kenney – Addressed the Board regarding public notice of agenda items and QR codes.

Christine Rozman – Addressed the Board regarding Board member attendance and voting on Board policies.

Beth Hendrickson – Addressed the Board regarding proposed election precincts and Advance In-Person voting locations.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Permanent Polling Location Change for Bells Ferry 02

PRECINCT	NEW LOCATION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Bells Ferry 02	Legacy Church, 1040 Blackwell Road, Marietta	August 11, 2026

Due to the public hearing portion of the Board meeting, public comment was permitted and limited to matters related to the permanent polling location change for Bells Ferry 02.

No public comments were made.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the permanent polling location change for Bells Ferry 02 to Legacy Church. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORTS & UPDATES

1) Election Operations for November General Election/Special Election

- SPLOST question and City of Mableton Referendum have been entered into the state voter registration database and approved by SOS
- Required notices have been published on our website and are scheduled for posting in the legal organ
- August 17, 2026 – Earliest day to request an absentee ballot
- Total Rollover Applications: 2,783
- September 15, 2026 – First day to mail/transmit UOCAVA ballot
- September 19, 2026 – Deadline to post sample ballots
- September 28, 2026 – Deadline to publish Advance In-Person schedule
- October 5, 2026 – First day to mail non-UOCAVA absentee ballots
- October 5, 2026 – Registration deadline for the November General Election/Special Election
- United States Postal Service (USPS) is providing monthly Zoom calls to strengthen the partnership with elections and provide updates
- USPS will assist with election mail preparation, mailing requirements, and any other USPS related questions

2) **Operational Staffing Update**

- GIS Analyst - Pending
- Registration Division Manager - Hiring
- Training Supervisor - Hiring

3) **Business Continuity Plan**

- The plan identifies critical election functions and focuses on strengthening documentation, cross-training employees, identifying backups, and capturing institutional knowledge

4) **Poll Worker Recruitment**

- Staff are currently contacting 8,755 registered poll workers to verify information and confirm availability.
- 1,319 poll workers confirmed availability for the upcoming November election as of August 10.
- The Elections Office has received 48 poll worker applications from SOS.
- October 13: First day of Advance In-Person voting
- October 17 and 24: Mandatory Saturday voting
- October 18 and 25: Proposed Sunday voting
- October 30: Last day of Advance In-Person voting

5) **Voter Registration**

- Registered: 571,701
- Active: 519,486
- Inactive: 53,215
- Registrations to be Processed
 - DDS: 4,960
 - OLVR Applications: 312
 - MVP Voter Changes: 164
 - Felon: 1
 - Vital: 0
- Cancelled Voters from July 10 through August 7
 - Moved out of state: 162
 - Vital Records: 214
 - Felon Records: 6
 - Duplicate Records: 73
- Pending Voters by Registration Date from July 10 through August 7

- Citizenship: 4
- Age: 146
- Registered within an election window: 26
- Incorrect or incomplete residential address: 2
- Verification: 1
- Georgia Registration Review Application (GRRRA) flags records at potentially incorrect addresses, as well as records that appear to have data entry errors.
 - GRRRA records are researched by staff. Letters are sent to voters, and if no response is received, staff will initiate a voter challenge under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228.
 - Total GRRRA Records: 3,762

6) Voter Education and Outreach

- The Elections Office completed the following Voter Education and Outreach events for July
 - Family Fun Safety Day
 - Cobb County Sheriff's Office Back-to-School Bash
 - National Night Out
 - HBCU College Fair

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Advance In-Person voting schedule for the November 3, 2026 General/Special Election

Director Phillips shared that staff is proposing Gritter's Library as an additional Advance In-Person voting location in District 3 but noted it is in close proximity to District 2. She also shared historical turnout data in District 3, which shows that adding Gritter's Library would provide additional capacity and distribute voter access for Advance In-Person voting more effectively across the county.

Ms. Fisher expressed concern about the disparity of drop box locations throughout the county and the lack of drop boxes in the District 3 East Cobb area.

Board members discussed the geographic equity of the locations.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to accept the Advance In-Person voting schedule as presented. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 4-0-1. Ms. Fisher abstained.

2) Acceptance of hand-delivered absentee-by-mail ballots at the Elections Office on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between the close of Advance In-Person and Election Day

The Board discussed accepting hand-delivered absentee-by-mail ballots at the main office on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between the close of Advance In-Person voting and Election Day.

The proposed hours for accepting hand-delivered ballots for the November General Election/Special Election:

Saturday, October 31	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 1	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Monday, November 2	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to accept hand-delivered absentee-by-mail ballots at the Elections Office on the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday between the close of Advance In-Person and Election Day for the November election. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 4-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Fisher expressed concerns regarding Board members' ability to obtain necessary information to perform certification duties. She stated she was denied access to specific documents she requested and was also denied a meeting with Director Phillips. Board Attorney Mr. White stated that Ms. Fisher was provided an email explaining the reasons for the response to her requests.

Mr. Turner shared the importance of voting for all people and that he takes his position on the Board seriously. He stated that when he is absent from a meeting, the absence is pre-planned and shared with the Board. He expressed a desire for greater transparency regarding the budget for voter outreach.

Ms. Efrat had no comments.

Ms. Watkins requested that public comments concerning her be addressed to her directly and that the public can always reach out to her via email. She reminded the public that a Board member's absence from a meeting does not mean the member is not engaged in the process. She also encouraged voters to take advantage of all Advance In-Person voting hours rather than waiting until the last minute.

Chairwoman Mosbacher thanked staff for their work on the Advance In-Person voting schedule and felt it was a robust plan. She reminded the public that acceptance of absentee-by-mail ballot applications begins on August 17 and encouraged voters to submit their applications early. She also congratulated Director Phillips on reaching the 90-day mark in her role.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Watkins to enter Executive Session for personnel matters at 4:21 p.m. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Turner at 5:39 p.m. to reconvene. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee St, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

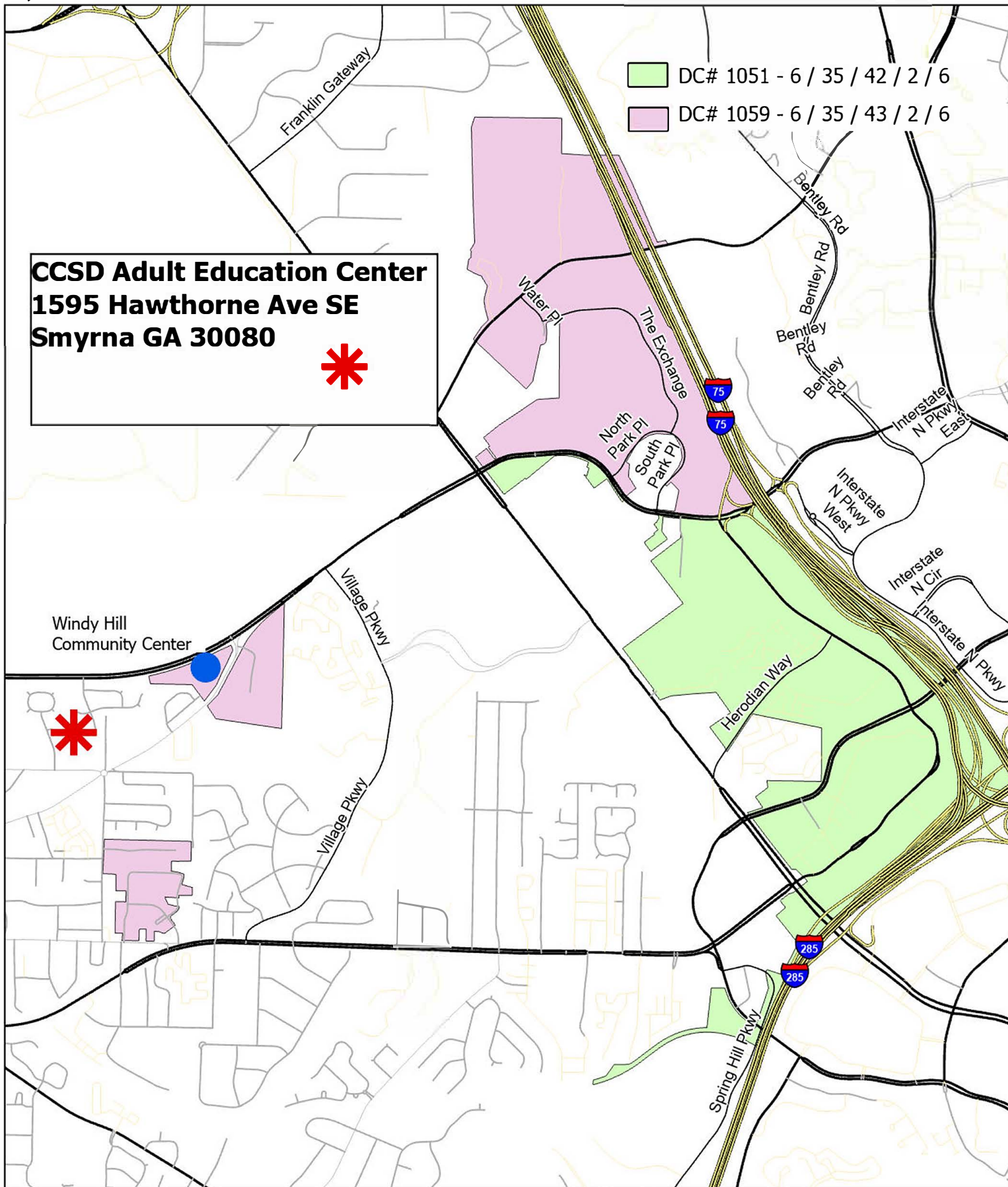
UNOFFICIAL

Dobbins 02 (DI02)
3,609 Active Voters

EXHIBIT A

DC# 1051 - 6 / 35 / 42 / 2 / 6

DC# 1059 - 6 / 35 / 43 / 2 / 6



CCSD Adult Education Center
1595 Hawthorne Ave SE
Smyrna GA 30080

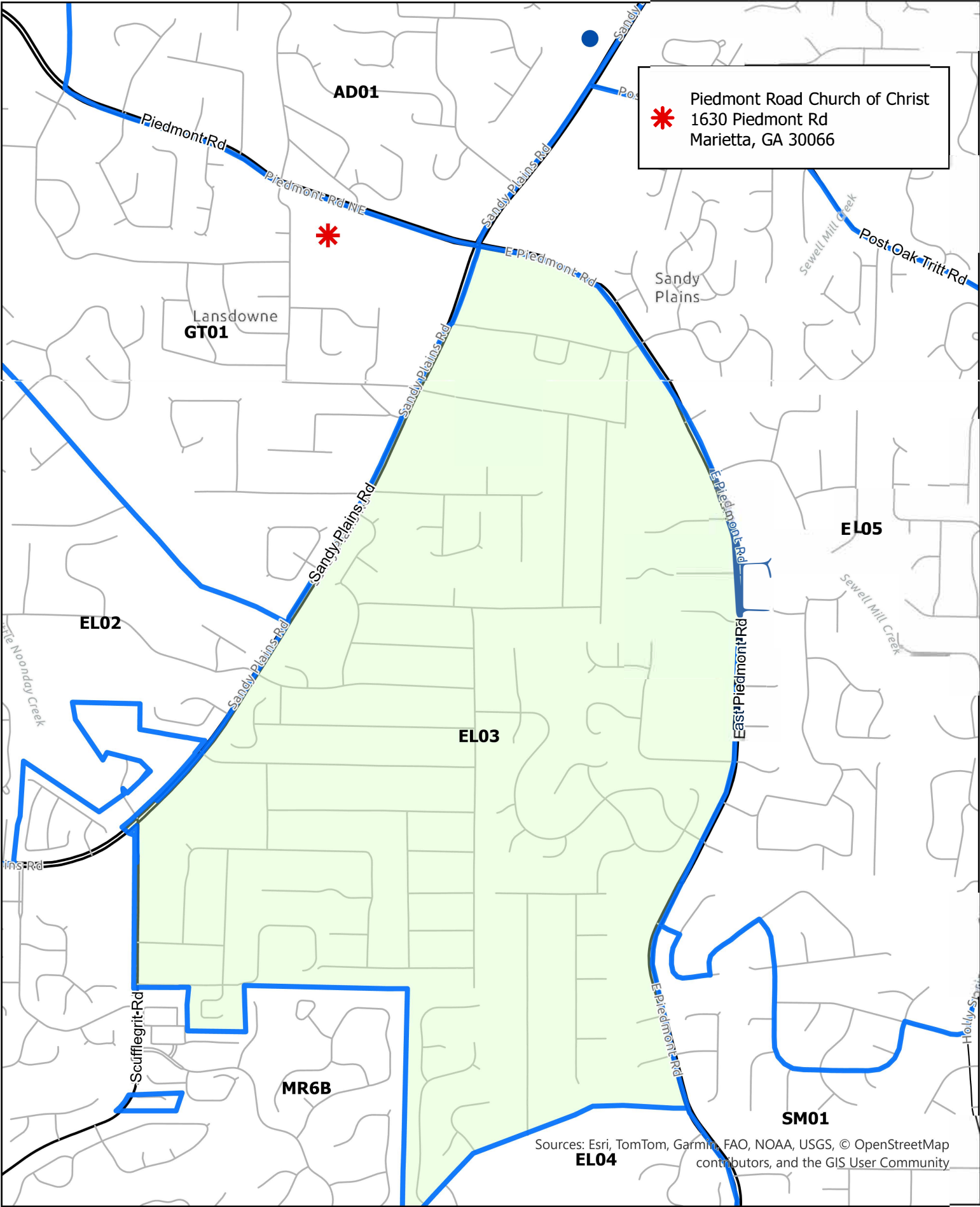


Windy Hill
Community Center



Continued temporary co-location with DIOI (2,435 active voters)

Windy Hill Community Center 1885 Roswell St SE Smyrna, GA 30080, 0.5 miles



Cobb County Advance Voting
General Election/Special Election: November 3, 2026

FOR IN-PERSON ADVANCE VOTING ONLY: Cobb County voters can vote at any of the following locations:

AREA	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES FOR ALL LOCATIONS
NORTH: *DROP BOX *Sunday Voting	North Cobb Senior Center 3900 South Main St Acworth, GA 30101	<u>October 13 – October 16</u> Tuesday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. <u>October 17</u> Saturday 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. <u>October 18</u> Sunday 12:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Sunday Voting at select locations Main Office, North Cobb Senior Center, South Cobb Community Center, East Cobb Government Center, Boots Ward Recreation Center <u>October 19 – October 23</u> Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. <u>October 24</u> Saturday 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. <u>October 25</u> Sunday 12:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. Sunday Voting at select locations Main Office, North Cobb Senior Center, South Cobb Community Center, East Cobb Government Center, Boots Ward Recreation Center <u>October 26 – October 30</u> Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. There is NO VOTING on Saturday, October 31 – Monday, November 2
SOUTH: *DROP BOX *Sunday Voting	South Cobb Community Center 620 Lions Club Dr Mableton, GA 30126	
EAST: *DROP BOX *Sunday Voting	East Cobb Government Service Center 4400 Lower Roswell Rd Marietta, GA 30068	
WEST: *DROP BOX *Sunday Voting	Boots Ward Recreation Center 4845 Dallas Hwy Powder Springs, GA 30127	
GRITTERS: *DROP BOX	Gritters Library 880 Shaw Park Road Marietta, GA 30066	
POWDER SPRINGS: *DROP BOX	Ron Anderson Recreation Center 3820 Macedonia Rd Powder Springs, GA 30127	
MAIN OFFICE: *Sunday Voting	Main Office 995 Roswell St NE Marietta, GA 30060	
NORTHEAST:	Tim D. Lee Senior Center 3332 Sandy Plains Rd Marietta, GA 30066	
NORTHWEST:	West Cobb Regional Library 1750 Dennis Kemp Ln Kennesaw, GA 30152	
SOUTHWEST:	Collar Park Community Center 2625 Joe Jerkins Blvd Austell, GA 30168	
KENNESAW:	Ben Robertson Community Center 2753 Watts Dr Kennesaw, GA 30144	
MABLETON:	Milford Recreation Center 675 Smyrna Powder Springs Rd SW Marietta, GA 30060	
SMYRNA:	First Baptist Church of Smyrna 1275 Church St Smyrna GA, 30080	

For more information, including the **Vote by Mail** application, please visit www.CobbElections.gov
or call (770) 528-2581

**On Election Day, November 3, 2026, voters must go to their assigned polling location,
open 7am – 7pm.**