

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 13, 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
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

No proposed amendments to the agenda

Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Turner and Ms. Watkins were not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sally Riddle – Addressed the Board regarding shift work for poll workers on Election Day.

Christine Rozman – Addressed the Board regarding Board Member attendance at meetings and a recent SEB meeting.

Leroy Emkin – Addressed the Board regarding the Pledge of Allegiance and freedom of speech.

Mike Binns – Addressed the Board regarding the recent SEB meeting.

Andy Kingery – Addressed the Board regarding shift work for poll workers on Election Day.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairwoman Mosbacher shared one amendment to the header date on the June 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes. The amended date should state June 23, 2026 instead of June 23, 2025.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the June 16, June 22, June 23, and June 26, 2026 meeting minutes as amended. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Turner and Ms. Watkins were not in attendance.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORTS & UPDATES

1) Division Updates

a) Election Operations for November Elections

- August 17, 2026 – Earliest day to request an absentee ballot
- September 15, 2026 – First day to mail/transmit UOCAVA ballot
- September 19, 2026 – Deadline to post sample ballots
- October 10, 2026 – Deadline to conduct Logic & Accuracy Testing for Advance Voting
- October 13, 2026 – First day of Advance Voting
- October 23, 2026 – Deadline to request an absentee ballot
- October 30, 2026 – Last day of Advance Voting
- November 3, 2026 – Election Day – General/Special Election

b) Voter Registration (as of July 10, 2026)

- Registered Voters: **570,109**
- Active Voters: **517,326**
- Inactive Voters: **52,783**
- Homeless Voters: **7**
- DDS applications to be processed: **12,726**
- Online Voter Registration (OLVR) to be processed: **496**
- My Voter Page (MVP changes awaiting review): **803**
- Daily List Maintenance
 - Voters that moved out of state between June 9 – July 9: **86**
 - Vital Records update between June 9 – July 9: **323**
- Felon Records
 - Forty – day clock: **82**
 - Felon cancelled: **64**
- Duplicate Records: **13**
- Pending Voters: **803**

- Georgia Registration Review Application (GRRRA): **4,927**
 - GRRRA flags records at potentially bad addresses as well as records that appear to have data entry errors.
 - Staff researches, sends letter, and if no response will initiate a voter challenge under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228

c) November Election Early Voting: Advance In-Person

- Planning for 13 advance voting locations throughout Cobb County
- October 13: First day of Advance Voting
- October 17 & 24: Mandatory Saturday voting
- October 18 & 25: Proposed Sunday voting
- October 30: Last day of Advance Voting

d) Training & Staff Development

- Election Day Training
 - September 10 – October 26, Monday – Saturday
 - Training based on 9 – 11 poll workers per Election Day precinct
 - Manager Class: 4 hour in-person training
 - Clerk Class: 4 hour in-person training
 - Provisional Class: 3 hour in-person training
 - Poll Technician Class: 4 hour in-person training
- Advance In-Person Satellite Training
 - Satellite Class: 4 hour in-person training
 - Poll Pad Class: 2 hour in-person training
 - Line Management Class: 1 hour in-person training
- Cross Training
 - Staff participated in ongoing professional development and cross-training to strengthen operational readiness
 - Knowink visited on May 29 to provide poll pad training to Registration Staff
 - Modern Litho visited the office on July 8 to demonstrate mailing services
 - Supervisors and Managers attended a KRONOS timekeeping training
- Upcoming Staff In-Service Training
 - August 26 – August 28
 - Elections Security Emergency Management & Situational Awareness Training provided by GEMA
 - Stop the Bleed Training

e) Community Outreach

- Poll Worker Recruitment
 - Staff currently contacting 8,755 registered poll workers to verify information and confirm availability
 - Currently 1,122 poll workers have been marked available for the November Election
 - Office has received 38 new poll worker applications
- Voter Education and Outreach
 - Family Fun Safety Day
 - Wednesday, July 22 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Safety Village
 - Cobb County Sheriff's Office Back-to-School Bash
 - Saturday, July 25 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Jim R. Miller Park & Event Center
 - National Night Out
 - Thursday, July 30 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - Jim R. Miller Park & Event Center
 - International Festival
 - Saturday, August 22 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 - Jim R. Miller Park & Event Center
- Poll Worker Survey
 - Emailed to June 16 General Primary Runoff poll workers
 - Purpose is to gather honest feedback from poll workers about their Election Day experience
 - Information is used to improve future poll worker training, strengthen communication between the Elections Office and poll workers, and identify recurring issues with equipment, supplies, or polling locations
 - Question 7 from Survey: How would you rate the staffing at your precinct?
 - 107 respondents stated they had the right number of poll workers
 - 14 stated they did not have enough poll workers
 - 2 stated they had too many poll workers
 - Question 9 from Survey: How would you rate the training you received prior to working this election?
 - 62 respondents stated "Good"
 - 48 stated "Very Good"
 - 13 stated "Neutral"

- Voter Engagement Survey
 - Inviting residents to participate in a new Voter Engagement Survey designed to gather feedback on how voters prefer to receive election voting information
 - Feedback collected through the survey helps Elections improve voter education, accessibility, and communication
 - 458 responses as of July 10, 2026
 - Residents can access the survey on the county elections website

Chairwoman Mosbacher inquired about the Advance In-Person Voting schedule and whether there would be any precinct changes for Election Day. Director Phillips stated that the Advance In-Person Voting schedule has not yet been finalized; however, the proposed schedule for October 13 through October 30 includes voting hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, as well as voting on Saturdays and Sundays. She also shared that the current co-locations remain the same, however, the office is evaluating several locations for potential changes. Chairwoman Mosbacher suggested focusing on those co-locations that were approaching or had more than 10,000 combined voters.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

The discussion of the proposed “I Voted” sticker design contest was withdrawn from the agenda due to timing and budget considerations.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion of Policy for Pre-Certification Review of Precinct Returns

Board Counsel Mr. White shared that he reviewed SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (f) regarding pre-certification to ensure the elections office is following the steps set forth and prepared a policy proposed by the Board. He noted that pre-certification documents should remain within the Elections Office and not be distributed on flash drives. The following documents would be available for review by the Board during the Pre-Certification Meeting:

- Statement of Votes Cast – Unofficial and Incomplete
- Numbered List of Voters for Election Day
- Absentee by Mail Report
- Advance In-Person Report

Ms. Fisher stated that additional reports should be made available for pre-certification under certain circumstances and that she had sent several suggested revisions to the Board by email.

Chairwoman Mosbacher suggested Ms. Fisher make a motion regarding her suggested amendments. Ms. Fisher stated she preferred to have all Board members present for the continued discussion and any motion on the policy, and that the discussion should be tabled until all Board members were in attendance.

Ms. Efrat shared that Mr. Turner and Ms. Watkins gave their recommendations over email.

Mr. White noted that the current policy contained information regarding the Georgia Supreme Court case 321 Ga. 771, but failed to state that it was the Georgia Supreme Court.

Ms. Watkins recommended by email that any additional documents requested by the Board for review be provided as soon as reasonably practicable. Mr. White acknowledged he would make those amendments.

Motion by Ms. Fisher to table the policy until the August meeting. No second was received. Motion failed.

Ms. Mosbacher noted two additional amendments to the policy; changing the word overturned to invalidated, and identifying the court in 321 Ga. 771 as the Georgia Supreme Court.

Ms. Efrat stated that Mr. Turner commented by email that he was supportive of the policy without any additional feedback.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to adopt the policy for Procedures for Preparing for Certification of Election Returns with the proposed amendments. Second by Chairwoman Mosbacher. Motion Passed 2-0-1. Ms. Fisher abstained. Mr. Turner and Ms. Watkins were not in attendance.

2) Approval to Call a Special Election for the Cobb County SPLOST Referendum

Director Phillips shared with the Board the request for calling a Special Election for the purpose of a SPLOST Referendum.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to call a Special Election for November 3, 2026 for the SPLOST Referendum. Second by Chairwoman Mosbacher. Motion Passed 2-0-1. Ms. Fisher abstained. Mr. Turner and Ms. Watkins were not in attendance.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairwoman Mosbacher shared that now is a great time for anyone interested in becoming a poll worker to apply. The office staff is also looking for suggestions for Election Day precinct locations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White informed the Board there was no need for Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee St, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.



July 13, 2026 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

July 13, 2026 minutes reviewed by:



Reginald Turner, Secretary