

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR/CERTIFICATION MEETING
JULY 21, 2025
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

100 Cherokee Street
3:00 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

	Present	Absent
Tori M. Silas, Chairwoman	X	
Jennifer Mosbacher, Vice Chairwoman	X	
Stacy Efrat, Secretary	X	
Debbie Fisher, Assistant Secretary	X	
Steve Bruning	X	

Others Present:

Tate Fall, Director of Elections
Daniel White, Counsel for the Board of Elections
Melissa Miller, Registration Division Manager
Kara Pringle, Election Division Manager
Marcques Spivey, Absentee Division Manager
Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bruning recommended amending the agenda to include the election of board officers, citing that the bylaws state such elections occur in July of odd-numbered years.

Ms. Fisher inquired whether the election should be postponed until after new board appointments are made by the delegation. Mr. White clarified that the current bylaws do not require the election of officers to be delayed pending delegation appointments.

Ms. Fisher and Chairwoman Silas expressed concern that the board was not fully prepared to conduct officer elections at this time and felt it would be inappropriate to proceed as an amended agenda item prior to the appointment of new members.

Ms. Fisher requested that Mr. Bruning withdraw his motion, and requested other board members to vote no if the motion moved forward.

Motion by Mr. Bruning to amend the agenda to add the election of officers at the end of the meeting. Ms. Fisher seconded, but later withdrew her second. Ms. Efrat seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher voted in opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Hendrickson – Addressed the board regarding the conduction of the Special Primary Runoff and concerns regarding potential legislation

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No proposed revisions to the minutes. Chairwoman Silas noted she had non-substantive edits.

Motion by Mr. Bruning to approve the June 17, June 20, June 23, and June 30, 2025 meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

1) Director's Election Report

Advance Voting

Advance Voting Location	Votes Cast
Marietta – Main Office	902
East – East Cobb Government Center	541
South – South Cobb Community Center	673
Northwest – West Cobb Library	297

Daily Advance Voting Turnout: July 7 - 11

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	148	152	145	188	269
East	88	106	86	75	186
South	89	98	148	98	240
Northwest	38	46	44	73	96

Absentee by Mail

Ballots Issued	Ballots Returned	Cured	Rejected	Total Votes Cast
144	116	0	0	116

Election Day Turnout by Hour

7 am	8 am	9 am	10 am	11 am	12 pm	1 pm	2 pm	3 pm	4 pm	5 pm	6 pm	7pm
164	226	325	425	523	590	637	676	735	879	1,101	1,336	15

Official and Complete Results

Counting Group	Ballots Cast	GARViS Voter Credit	ePulse	Turnout
Election Day	7,633	7,633	7,632	1.46%
Advance Voting	2,413	2,413	2,412	0.46%
Absentee by Mail	116	116	-	0.02%
Provisional	28	28	-	0.01%
TOTAL	10,162	10,162	10,044	1.95%

Risk Limiting Audit

Begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, at the Main Office, 995 Roswell St, Marietta. 8 audit teams will participate.

2) Certification of July 17, 2025 Special Primary Election Runoff: Public Service Commissioner

Motion by Mr. Bruning to certify the results of the July 17, 2025 Special Primary Election Runoff. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Stipend Increase

Chairwoman Silas submitted a memo on behalf of the board to the Board of Commissioners requesting a stipend increase for Board of Elections and Registration members. She also thanked Ms. Mosbacher for her assistance with this effort.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORTS & UPDATES

1) Director's Update

a) Remaining Elections in 2025

- November 4, 2025: Municipal General Elections and PSC Special General Election
- December 2, 2025 (*if needed*): Municipal General Election Runoff

b) Vacancies

- FT Voter Registration Specialist
- PT Voter Registration Specialist
- FT Elections Coordinator II (Prep)
- Two PT Elections Coordinator I (Prep)

c) Budget

- Upon approval of FY26-27 budget by the Board of Commissioners, work on FY27-28 budget will commence

d) Upcoming Office Activities

- Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts (DOAA)
- GAVREO Conference – August 10-13
- Staff In-Service – August 26-28

Director Fall asked if the board preferred legal counsel presence at the DOAA meetings. Ms. Fisher recommended having legal counsel along with at least one board member. Ms. Fisher also inquired about the CASS system and possible integration with GARViS. Director Fall will follow up with the state for more information regarding CASS.

Mr. White and Ms. Fisher will represent the Board at the DOAA meetings.

2) Division Updates

a) Advance Voting In-Person

- YTD Totals: 17,222
- Drop Box Security Camera Installations (ITS/Avigilon)
 - Installed: Main (Marietta), S. Cobb Community Center (Mableton), Ron Anderson Recreation Center (Powder Springs)
 - Needed: Roberts School (Acworth), Collar Park (Austell), Ben Robertson (Kennesaw)
- Moderate equipment increase for Municipals
- Staffing level Adjustments (vary by location)
- After Action Review – July 30, 2025

b) Absentee by Mail

- Processed Applications thru 7/21/25: 887
- Internal Dashboard (PowerBI) – Airtable, GARViS, Tritex integration
 - Notifications (via email and dashboard)
 - Reconciliation Tool
 - SQL Script (interactive version)
 - Impress Automate Algorithm (ballot assignment)
 - Sandbox – email applications (AI portal)
- New Processing Protocols
 - Fort Orange Press (fastest)
 - Automate Impress and Quadient Mailer (fast)
 - Automate Impress and Manual Ballots (slow)
 - Ballot Printer-Manual Ballots (slow)
 - Emergency Ballots (slowest)
- Quality Control Team – ballot verification (mailout)
- After Action Review – July 31, 2025

c) Elections

- Thankful for the team and divisions hard work and for Director Fall's leadership
- Ballot recount and audit paperwork completed Friday, July 18
- After election team meetings
- Prepare election evidence
- Post-Election Area Supervisor Meeting – Thursday, July 31
- Preparing for Qualifying – August 18 - 20

d) Registration

- Thanked Director Fall for her solutions to issues that arise
- Election Evidence
 - Provisional letter to be mailed out on Tuesday, July 22
 - Provisional information can also be found on My Voter Page
- Voter Registration Applications
 - Process backlog received after 5/19/25 registration deadline for PSC Election
 - Approximately 14,000 to process as of today (DDS: 12,487; MVP: 398; Mailed 920)
- Redistricting – City of Marietta
 - Approximate completion date: 8/17/2025
 - Includes voter precinct verifications for all municipalities

e) Prep

- Site Survey – streamlining workflows and adopting more efficient assessment methods
 - Pragmatism
 - Co-locations/Ward locations
 - ADA
- Supplies – optimizing the use of current inventory and eliminating obsolete practices
 - Simplifying

- Integration into Equipment and Site Survey
 - AWOL bag
- Equipment – using available technology to improve procedures, cut labor demands, and better manage inventory
 - Integra
 - Logistics
 - Testing
- Upcoming Projects
 - The Great Reset – resetting supply bags, equipment, and signage
 - Evidence
 - Moving out of K-Prep
 - Recycling/Destruction of old ballot paper
- Thanks extended to site survey, supply, site survey, and equipment staff

Mr. Bruning inquired about the ADA agreement and training status. Director Fall stated contract revisions are ongoing with the county attorney office; training will be schedule upon contract approval. We are considering a possible extension request from DOJ.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No board member comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Bruning at 5:02 p.m. to move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing current litigation and a personnel matter. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 5-0.

Chairwoman Silas stated there will be a vote after Executive Session.

Motion by Mr. Bruning at 6:11 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

2) Election of Board Officers

Motion by Mr. Bruning to make nominations by slate. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion passed 3-1-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition. Chairwoman Silas abstained.

- Ms. Fisher nominated Tori Silas as chair, Stacy Efrat as Vice Chair, and Jennifer Mosbacher as Secretary.
- Mr. Bruning nominated Jennifer Mosbacher as Chair, Stacy Efrat as Vice Chair, and Debbie Fisher as Vice Chair. Ms. Fisher declined the officer position.

- Mr. Bruning nominated Jennifer Mosbacher as Chair, Stacy Efrat as Vice Chair, and requested to leave the Secretary position open.
- Ms. Fisher suggested an option to nominate Chairwoman Silas as Secretary. Chairwoman Silas declined.

Motion by Mr. Bruning to close nominations. Second by Ms. Mosbacher. Motion passed 3-1-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition. Chairwoman Silas abstained.

Motion by Mr. Bruning to re-open nominations by individual office. Second by Ms. Mosbacher. Motion passed 3-0-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher abstained.

- Ms. Fisher nominated Tori Silas for Chair.
- Mr. Bruning nominated Jennifer Mosbacher for Chair.

Motion by Mr. Bruning to close nominations for Chair. Second by Ms. Mosbacher. Motion passed 3-0-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher abstained.

- Tori Silas – 1 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention – **Motion failed**
- Jennifer Mosbacher – 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention – **Motion passed**

Motion by Ms. Fisher to open nominations for the Vice Chair position. Second by Mr. Bruning. Motion passes. 3-0-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher abstained.

- Ms. Fisher nominated Tori Silas for Vice Chair
- Mr. Bruning nominated Stacy Efrat for Vice Chair

Motion by Mr. Bruning to close nominations for Vice Chair. Second by Ms. Mosbacher. Motion passes. 3-0-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher abstained.

- Tori Silas – 1 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention – **Motion failed**
- Stacy Efrat – 3 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention- **Motion passed**

Motion by Mr. Bruning to open nominations for Secretary. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion passed 3-0-2. Chairwoman Silas and Ms. Fisher abstained.

- Ms. Efrat nominated Tori Silas (declined).
- Ms. Efrat nominated Debbie Fisher (declined).
- Ms. Efrat nominated Steve Bruning (declined).

Secretary position remains vacant as motion fails with respect to no further eligible candidates.

Mr. White stated the Vice Chair will cover responsibilities of the vacant Secretary position until it is filled.

UPCOMING MEETING

August 18, 2025 @ 3:00p.m. – Regular/Certification Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee St, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Silas adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.



July 21, 2025 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

July 21, 2025 minutes reviewed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy Efrat", is written over a horizontal line.

Stacy Efrat, Vice Chair



Affidavit Executive Session

The undersigned chairperson or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that at a meeting of the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration held on **July 21, 2025**, the Board closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 through 50-14-6].

The undersigned does hereby attest that the executive session of this meeting was devoted to matters covered within the exceptions in the Open Meetings Act. Specifically, the matters attended to are covered by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 and consisted of discussion of litigation & personnel matters.

This 21st day of July, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Sells".

Signature of Chairperson or Presiding Officer

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me
On The Above Indicated Date:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra Vonfeldt".

Notary Public, State of Georgia

Commission Expires 07/13/2027

