

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2025
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	X	
Kendell Watkins	X	

Others Present:

Michael D'Itri, Acting Director
Daniel White, Counsel for the Board of Elections
Kara Pringle, Elections Division Manager
Marcques Spivey, Absentee Division Manager
Tammy Thorpe, Communications Specialist
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

Ms. Fisher requested that a discussion of the Senate District 35 Special Election communication plan be added. Ms. Mosbacher requested to amend the agenda to include an additional early voting site for the third week of the November 4, 2025, Municipal General and Special Election.

Motion by Ms. Fisher to amend the first agenda item of New Business on the agenda to add a general discussion of the Senate District 35 Special Election and to consider adding an additional site for the third week of Early Voting for the November 4, 2025, Election. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Hendrickson (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding extended access to voting and Election Day shift work.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

No proposed revisions to the September 8, 2025, meeting minutes.

***Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve the September 8, 2025, meeting minutes. Second by Mr. Turner.
Motion Passed 5-0.***

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for temporary polling location changes for Dobbins 01 and Smyrna 3B.

PRECINCT	NEW POLLING LOCATION	CO- LOCATION PRECINCT	START DATE	END DATE
Dobbins 01	Cobb County Adult Education Center 1595 Hawthorne Ave SE Smyrna, GA 30080	Dobbins 02	10/13/2025	12/31/2025
Smyrna 3B	Shiloh Seventh Day Adventist Church 810 Church St SE Smyrna, GA 30080	Smyrna 3A	10/13/2025	12/31/2025

PUBLIC COMMENT on PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

***Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the proposed temporary polling location changes. Second by Mr. Turner.
Motion Passed 5-0.***

OLD BUSINESS

1) Proposed Amendment to Officer Elections Bylaws

The Board discussed the proposed amendment to the Board Officer Elections section of the Bylaws to clarify the meaning of the term “otherwise necessary”. It was deliberated whether further narrowing of the term was warranted.

***Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve the proposed bylaws as amended regarding Board Officer Elections.
Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Failed 2-3. Chairwoman Mosbacher, Ms. Efrat, and Ms. Watkins voted in
opposition.***

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Advance In-Person Voting Schedules**

a) **Advance In-Person Voting Schedule: November 18, 2025, Special Election - Senate District 35**

Due to the recent Special Election call, the standard Advance Voting location in Smyrna is unavailable. The office is proposing the Taylor-Brawner House at the Advance Voting site for the November 18, 2025, Special Election for Senate District 35.

b) **Advance In-Person Voting Schedule: November 4, 2025, Municipal/Special Election**

Due to the Advance Voting periods for the November 4 and November 18 elections overlapping by one week, the office proposed the Taylor-Brawner House as an additional site for the third week of Advance Voting for the Special Election for Public Service Commissioner. Because this site will also be open for the November 18 Special Election, voters in Senate District 35 can vote at a single location during the overlapping week.

Motion by Mr. Turner to approve the Advance Voting schedule for the November 18, 2025, Senate District 35 Special Election and to allow the Taylor-Brawner House to serve as a ballot drop-off location. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to add an Advance Voting site for the third week of the November 4, 2025 Election to be held at the Taylor-Brawner House. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

After the motions, Mr. White noted the requirement for one Dropbox for the November 18, 2025, Special Election.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to have a Drop Box location at the Main Office for the November 18, 2025, Special Election, and add "Drop Box Only; No In-Person Voting" to the Advance Voting flyer. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

2) **Communication Plan for Senate District 35**

A communication plan was discussed to mitigate voter confusion caused by the overlapping November 4 and November 18 elections.

Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve communication recommendations for the Senate District 35 Special Election and to form a committee of two - Mr. Turner and Ms. Fisher - to work with the office and county communications to develop a plan. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

3) Board of Elections and Registration Meeting Calendar

Proposed amendment to the Board Meeting calendar adding meetings on November 18, 21, and 24, and December 16, 19, and 22 to meet the election code requirements for the November 18 Special Election and potential December 16 Special Election Runoff.

Ms. Efrat requested that the pre-certification and certification meetings for the November 18 and potential December 16 elections be moved to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Fisher suggested requesting an exemption from the State Election Board from the pre-certification requirement for the Special Election and potential Runoff, provided Director D'Itri provides the Board with the required information.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the amended calendar dates and move the pre-certification and certification meetings on November 21 and 24, and December 19 and 22, to 4 p.m. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

4) Public Comment Policy

The Board discussed a new Public Comment Policy, noting that no formal policy currently exists. The proposed policy reflects current practices, and the Board considered additional clarifications and revisions.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to table the approval of the Public Comment Policy until the Board reviews a copy of the proposed changes. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

5) Election of Board Officers

Motion by Chairwoman Mosbacher to authorize nominations for the chair, vice chair, and secretary positions. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Ms. Watkins for the Board to vote on the open position of Secretary. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

- Ms. Fisher nominated Reginald Turner as Secretary.

Motion by Ms. Fisher to elect Reginald Turner as Secretary. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0

The Secretary position will serve until the end of the regular 2027 term.

ELECTION OFFICE REPORTS & UPDATES

1) Staffing

Absentee Division

- PT Elections Coordinator II – Reposting

Elections Division

- FT Admin Specialist III – Interviewing

Prep Division

- PT Elections Coordinator II – Posting
- PT Elections Coordinator I – Reposting

Registration Division

- FT Voter Reg Specialist I – Reposting
- PT Voter Reg Specialist I - Reposting
- PT GIS Analyst – Reclassification in progress

2) Remaining Elections

- November 4: Municipal General Election/Special Election - Public Service Commissioner
- November 18: Special Election – Senate District 35
- December 2 (*if needed*): Municipal General Election Runoff
- December 16 (*if needed*): Special Election Runoff – Senate District 35

3) Absentee

- November 4 Municipal General Election/Special Election – Public Service Commissioner
 - First day of Absentee by Mail ballot mailout: Tuesday, October 14
 - Initial mailout: 541 ballots
 - First day of Advance Voting: Tuesday, October 14
- November 18 Special Election – Senate District 35
 - L&A begins Wednesday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m.

4) Elections

- November 4 Municipal General Election/Special Election – Public Service Commissioner
 - Election Day 98% staffed for November 4
 - The last day of poll worker training is Saturday, October 25

5) Prep

- November 4 Municipal General Election/Special Election – Public Service Commissioner
 - Election Day equipment delivery will begin on Wednesday, October 29
- November 18 Special Election – Senate District 35
 - L&A begins Wednesday, October 15, at 9:00 a.m.

6) Registration

- Precinct Cards
 - Mailed approximately 64,500
 - Next mailer is in progress
- Voter Registration Applications
 - Registration deadline for the November 4 election was October 6, 2025
 - Approximately 1,200 applications are left to process for the November 4 election
- National Change of Address (NCOA) Confirmation Notices
 - Within County Changes
 - Approximately 7,400 voter addresses were updated as of October 4, per the state Elector List Maintenance protocols
 - 25 returned responses
 - Out of State and Out of County (2 more days to respond)
 - Approximately 9,000 voters will go inactive on October 15
 - 59 returned responses

7) Admin

- The 2026 Fiscal Year began on October 3
- Will begin working on '27/'28 Biennial
- Make budget adjustments to business operations, communications & voter education, and employee engagement

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Efrat thanked the staff for their efforts in organizing the Pope Globalization Academy tour.

Chairwoman Mosbacher echoed Ms. Efrat's sentiment and thanked staff for the Board Member Orientation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Turner at 5:32 p.m. to enter Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Ms. Fisher at 5:43 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion passed 5-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 4, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. – Election Night Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

November 7, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. – Pre-Certification Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

November 10, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. – Certification/Regular Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee St, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



October 13, 2025 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

October 13, 2025 minutes reviewed by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Reginald Turner", written over a horizontal line.

Reginald Turner, Secretary



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 **October 13, 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 Updates.

This 13th day of October, 2025.


Signature of Chairperson or Presiding Officer

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


Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 07/13/27

