

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR/CERTIFICATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 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, Secretary	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

There were no proposed amendments to the agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Kingery (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding visiting locations as a statewide poll watcher.

Mindy Seger (*Virtual*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election.

Christine Rozman (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election.

Donald Barth (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election.

Chatori Scott (*Virtual*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election.

Mike Binns (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election, and virtual comment.

Nicholas Brown (*Virtual*) – Addressed the Board regarding voting locations.

Beth Hendrickson (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding the November 4 election, and virtual comment.

Matt Stigall (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding polling locations.

Melissa East (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board regarding polling locations.

For clarification, Mr. White explained that Marietta’s redistricting was submitted in March 2025, and because several elections were held this year, Registration staff could not make redistricting updates during an election period. As a result, there was a delay in updating the system. Before Ward changes can be implemented, they must be publicly advertised, and due to timing, all changes were entered into the voter registration system, but the maps and ward lines were not updated.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no proposed revisions to the October 6 and October 13, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the October 6 and October 13, 2025, meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

ELECTION OFFICE & REPORTS

Director’s Election Report

Official and Complete Results: Municipal General/Special Election – PSC

COUNTING GROUP	BALLOTS CAST	NUMBERED LIST	TURNOUT %
Election Day	84,840	84,855	16.75%
Advance Voting	39,979	39,979	7.89%
Absentee by Mail	1,172	1,174 (1 unscannable + 1 provisional)	0.23%
Provisional	184 Election Day 1 Absentee by Mail	185	0.04%
TOTAL	126,176	126,193	24.92%

On Election Day, there were 7 abandoned or unaccompanied ballots and 8 additional check-ins beyond the number of ballots scanned. Director D’Itri stated after reviewing the evidence, it appears that 8 people may have accidentally left with their ballot without scanning it.

Upcoming Election Tasks:

Risk Limiting Audit

- Thursday, November 13 @ 9:00 a.m.
- 9 Audit Teams

Enhanced Image Audit

- Wednesday, November 12 @ 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to certify the November 4, 2025, Municipal General Election. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion Passed 5-0.

Ms. Fisher stated she compared the GARViS numbered list with the Secretary of State's voter roll list from early November and October voter roll with 47 voters showing up with oddities. She shared it would not have affected the outcome of the election, but leaves open discussions regarding having clean voter rolls.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to certify the November 4, 2025, Special Election for Public Service Commissioner. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Director D'Itri requested a temporary polling location change for Smyrna 2A and stated that an enhanced checklist has been developed to ensure locations can accommodate hosting another precinct.

The Board discussed the issues at Thompson Community Center on Election Day and the potential for similar concerns with the large number of combined voters at Smyrna 2A and Smyrna 6A.

Ms. Fisher suggested a staff member reach out to Smyrna Community Center for availability as an alternate location for Smyrna 2A, rather than co-locating with Smyrna 6A.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Public Comment Policy

Ms. Watkins shared the edits that were made to the policy.

Chairwoman Mosbacher stated that the county manager has requested the Board of Elections & Registration to no longer offer Virtual Public Comment, therefore, it will be eliminated for now. As the Board supports Virtual Public Comment, it will remain in the Public Comment Policy in the event it is allowed in the future.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to adopt the proposed Cobb County Board of Elections & Registration Procedures and Guidance for Public Comment contained in Exhibit B. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Advance In-Person Voting Schedules

Advance In-Person Voting Schedule: December 2, 2025, Municipal Election Runoff – Marietta Ward 3 and Ward 5.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to approve the in-person advance voting schedule for the Municipal Election Runoff in Marietta on December 2, 2025. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

Advance In-Person Voting Schedule: December 16, 2025, Special Election – Senate District 35

Director D'Itri informed the board that Taylor-Brawner House is unavailable for the potential Special Election Runoff for Senate District 35, but Smyrna Community Center is available. The office has confirmed the construction will not impact voter access to the community center parking area during voting.

Director D'Itri also discussed extending the hours on Monday, December 8 through Friday, December 12, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in lieu of additional days.

Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve the in-person advance voting schedule for the potential Special Election Runoff for Senate District 35 on December 16, 2025 with the modification of hours with 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

2) Board of Elections and Registration Meeting Calendar

2025 Board of Elections & Registration Calendar

Chairwoman Mosbacher shared with the board that the previous vote to move the remaining 2025 pre-certification meetings to 4:00 p.m. was not permitted under election code. The meetings must take place no later than 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Fisher stated she is petitioning the SEB for a pre-certification meeting waiver.

Chairwoman Mosbacher reminded the board that the certification meetings for the Special Election – Senate District 35 and potential Runoff were moved to the Elections Office at 4:00 p.m. during the previous Board meeting. Ms. Fisher expressed a preference to move the meetings back to 3:00 p.m. for consistency.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the updated 2025 Board of Elections & Registration calendar in Exhibit D with the condition that the remaining November and December pre-certification meetings may be cancelled pending the State Election Board granting a waiver. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 4-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition

2026 Board of Elections & Registration Calendar

Chairwoman Mosbacher shared the proposed 2026 Board of Elections & Registration meeting schedule. She noted that discussion of evening meetings took place previously, however, there was not a feasible location at this time to host evening meetings.

Motion by Ms. Watkins to approve the 2026 Board of Elections & Registration meeting dates and times presented in Exhibit F. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

The meeting was recessed at 4:54 p.m. to confer with elections staff regarding the temporary relocation of Smyrna 2A. The Board reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING, *continued*

Smyrna Community Center was contacted during the meeting and agreed to host the potential Special Election Runoff for Senate District 35. Due to the legal notice requirement for polling location changes and the need for a separate Public Hearing, the proposed location change will be presented at the next certification meeting.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to authorize the advertisement of the temporary location change for Smyrna 2A to the Smyrna Community Center for the potential Special Election Runoff on December 16, 2025. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Efrat stated she supports keeping Virtual Comment and encouraged voters to provide feedback to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Watkins acknowledged the challenges at Thompson Community Center and noted that finding suitable locations can sometimes be difficult. She explained that the Board voted to co-locate two precincts at that site based on the data presented. She emphasized that voters expect and deserve better, and that the Board and staff will work to prevent similar issues in the future. Ms. Watkins also reiterated that in Georgia, voters can utilize Advance In-Person Voting and Absentee by Mail, and she expressed her support for keeping Virtual Comment.

Mr. Turner thanked staff for their efforts, particularly for contacting Smyrna Community Center during the recess and securing a more viable option for the potential December 16 Special Election Runoff.

Ms. Fisher thanked staff, especially Director D'Itri, and shared her observations while attending provisional ballot processing. She complimented Absentee Manager Marcques Spivey and Director D'Itri for their politeness and attentiveness to observers during the process.

Chairwoman Mosbacher expressed gratitude to elections staff, poll workers, and volunteers for the November 4 election. She also apologized to voters who experienced delays and logistical challenges at some of the voting locations. She shared that the Board is committed to learning from the experiences to strengthen election operations. Chairwoman Mosbacher welcomed suggestions for Election Day precincts and encouraged elected officials, clergy, and residents to reach out to the office with ideas for precincts or

advance voting locations. She also thanked the voters of Cobb County for participating in the election and welcomed their feedback.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Turner at 5:16 p.m. to enter Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation and for a personnel matter. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion passed 4-0. Ms. Efrat was not in attendance at the time of the vote.

Motion by Ms. Watkins at 6:00 p.m. to come out of Executive Session. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion passed 4-0. Ms. Efrat was not in attendance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 18, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. – Special Election - Election Night Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

November 24, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. – Special Election - Certification Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

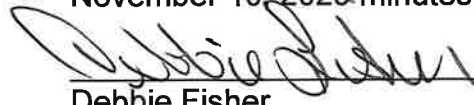
Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



November 10, 2025 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

November 10, 2025 minutes reviewed by:


Debbie Fisher



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 **November 10, 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 and personnel matters.

This 10th day of November, 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

