

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 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	
Kendell Watkins	X	

Others Present:

Michael D'Itri, Acting Director
Daniel White, Counsel for the Board of Elections
Melissa Miller, Registration Manager
Jane Simon, Business Manager
Marcques Spivey, Absentee Manager
Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mosbacher called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Fisher to amend the agenda to add the Advance In-Person Voting Schedule for the March 10, 2026, Special Election under New Business. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andy Kingery – Addressed the Board regarding the selection of an Elections Director.

Christine Rozman – Addressed the Board regarding poll worker staffing.

Garland Favorito – Addressed the Board regarding the processing of an open records request.

Tamara Favorito – Addressed the Board regarding the processing of an open records request.

Beth Henrickson – Addressed the Board regarding the positive interactions with elections staff and the selection of an Elections Director.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board recommended approval by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners to make boundary changes that align with the City of Marietta.

Ms. Fisher commented that the maps, as presented, could be confusing to voters. Director D'Itri stated that our GIS Analyst is currently on leave, but the office will work to update the maps to ensure consistency.

Chairwoman Mosbacher opened the floor for public comment; no comments were received.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to recommend approval of the City of Marietta boundary changes by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Turner to approve the December 2, December 8, December 16, and December 22, 2025, meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

ELECTION OFFICE & REPORTS

1) Director's Election Report

a) Staffing

- Prep Center – 3 openings
 - Two Part-time Elections Coordinator I (Supply) positions: Posted; closes January 12, 2026
 - Part-time Elections Coordinator II (Equipment): Posted; closes January 20, 2026
- Administration – 1 opening
 - Elections Director: Posted; originally closing at 11:59 p.m. January 12, 2026 (during an update on the Election Director Search Process, Ms. Efrat stated the posting was extended and will now close at 11:59 p.m. January 19, 2026).
- Registration – 3 openings
 - Part-time Voter Registration Specialist: Applicants referred December 8, 2025
 - Full-time Voter Registration Specialist: Interviews scheduled January 6, 2026
 - Part-time GIS Analyst: No current plans to fill
- Absentee – 1 opening
 - Part-time Elections Coordinator II (Absentee by Mail): Posted; closes January 20, 2026

b) 2026 Cobb County Elections Schedule

ELECTION	DATE
Special Election – U.S. House District 14	March 10
Special Election Runoff – U.S. House District 14*	April 7
General Primary Election	May 19
General Primary Election Runoff*	June 16
General Election	November 3
General Election Runoff*	December 1

**If needed*

c) Special Election for U.S. House District 14

- Special Election called due to the resignation of Marjorie Taylor Greene
- Special Election Date: March 10, 2026
- Covers northwest portions of Cobb County
- 30 Cobb County precincts
- 109,962 eligible voters
- 100,909 active voters
- 7 candidates qualified as of 2:30 p.m. on January 12, 2026

d) Important Dates for the Special Election

- Qualifying: January 12, 2026 – January 14, 2026
- Voter Registration Deadline: February 9, 2026
- Absentee by Mail Application Deadline: February 27, 2026
- Advance In-Person Voting: February 16, 2026 – March 6, 2026
- Training
 - Advance In-Person: February 5, 2026 – February 7, 2026
 - Election Day – TBD
- Logic and Accuracy Testing: February 3, 2026 (tentative)

e) Identifying New Potential Polling Locations

- New Resources
 - Website form (in progress)
 - New SOP – S.I.T.E.S (Source locations, Initiate owner contact, Test site compliance, Evaluate terms, Secure agreement)
 - Meeting with Public Service Agency on January 16

Ms. Watkins inquired about the inventory of available schools for hosting elections. Chairwoman Mosbacher stated the trajectory over the years has been to move away from using schools at polling locations. Director D'Itri said additional conversations are needed regarding schools and thanked the Superintendent's Office for its assistance with elections.

f) Special Election Precincts without Facility as of January 12, 2026

- KE4A – previously co-located with KE3A Ben Robertson Community Center
- KP02 – previously co-located with OR01 Lovinggood Middle School
- LM04 – previously co-located with ML01 McClure Middle School
- MS01 – previously co-located with DU01 Durham Middle School
- NC01 – previously co-located with AC1C North Cobb Senior Center

Director D'Itri shared that the office does not currently have permanent replacement facilities for the precincts. Chairwoman Mosbacher stated the five precincts with temporary co-locations expired on December 31, 2025, and in order for the precincts to continue to temporarily co-locate, notice must be placed with the local legal organ for two weeks, a special called Board of Elections & Registration meeting must be held to approve the temporary continuation, and notices need to be mailed to voters.

Chairwoman Mosbacher and Ms. Fisher asked for the current number of active voters, and voter turnout for the 2024 General Election in the previous co-located precincts, and for any other precincts that may require co-location for the upcoming special election.

g) Voter Education Plan

- Voter Outreach Events – First Quarter
 - January 14: Pope High School
 - March 13 - 14: Cobb Library Book Sale
 - April (date TBD): Cobb Spring Arts Festival
- Social Media
 - Three posts per week until the final week of early voting
 - Daily posts during the final week of early voting through Election Day
- Currently preparing for scheduling outreach events during the election season
- Striving for two Voter Outreach Events per quarter, facilitated by Cobb County Events and school curriculum

A discussion was held regarding the new USPS postmark date stamp guideline and how it affects the deadline for voter registration. Director D'Itri stated that communication would be issued once there is guidance from the state.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Appointment of Interim Director

Michael D'Itri has been serving as Acting Director. According to the Board of Elections & Registration Bylaws, Article VII, Section 1(a)(v), upon the resignation or termination of the Elections Director, the Board shall appoint an Interim Elections Director to serve until the Elections Director's successor is appointed.

Motion by Mr. Turner to appoint Michael D'Itri as the Interim Elections Director. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

2) Elections Director Search Process

- Ms. Efrat is overseeing the logistics of the Elections Director Search
- The job posting was initially open for two weeks and has been extended an additional week, as permitted by Cobb County HR policy
- The posting will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2026
- The position has been advertised through GAVREO, electionline, and the SOS Buzz bulletin board.
- Candidate information has not yet been provided; Cobb County HR will screen applicants and forward qualified candidates after the posting closes
- The Board will convene in executive session to review the resumes and determine candidates for first-round interviews
- Ms. Efrat and Ms. Fisher will conduct initial phone interviews
- Final-round candidates will participate in in-person interviews

3) Request to Amend 2026 Board of Elections & Registration Meeting Dates

Due to the addition of the U.S. House District 14 Special Election, the Board of Elections & Registration must amend the 2026 meeting schedule to add six additional meeting dates.

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

4) **Advance In-Person Voting Schedule for the March 10, 2026 Special Election**

Proposed Advance In-Person Voting and Drop Box Locations:

LOCATION	ADDRESS	<u>Monday-Friday</u> 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. February 16 – 20 February 23 - 27 March 2 – March 6 <u>Saturday</u> 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. February 21 February 28 <u>Sunday</u> 12:00 p.m. – 5 p.m. March 1
North Cobb Senior Center	3900 S. Main Street, Acworth	
Ben Robertson Community Ctr	2753 Watts Drive, Kennesaw	
West Cobb Regional Library	1750 Dennis Kemp Lane NW, Kennesaw	
Boots Ward Recreation Center	4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs	

Ms. Watkins inquired about evaluating the increase of voter turnout numbers the final week of advance voting. Director D'Itri stated the office could compile data to share with the Board.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to approve the proposed hours and locations for Advance In-Person voting for the Special Election. Second by Ms. Fisher. Motion Passed 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Watkins wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged voters to remain engaged and participate in the 2026 elections.

Ms. Fisher recognized Pam Reardon, an election integrity volunteer who passed away in November 2025.

Chairwoman Mosbacher thanked staff for all their hard work and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. White informed the Board there was no need for executive session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 9, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta

Chairwoman Mosbacher advised everyone to stay alert for a possible special called meeting related to precinct changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.



January 12, 2026 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

January 12, 2026 minutes reviewed by:



Reginald Turner, Secretary