

**COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 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:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Mosbacher called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Maynard – *In Person* – Addressed the Board regarding voter rolls and advance voting hours.

Laurie Dreffin – *In person* – Addressed the Board regarding advance voting accessibility.

Susie Clark – *In Person* – Addressed the Board regarding advance voting accessibility, meetings, and fair elections.

Benjy Von Cramon – *In Person* – Addressed the Board regarding voter accessibility.

ELECTION OFFICE & REPORTS

1) Director's Election Report

a) Staffing

- Prep Center – 3 openings
 - Two Part-time Elections Coordinator I (Supply) positions: interviews scheduled
 - Part-time Elections Coordinator II (Equipment): interviews scheduled
- Administration – 1 opening
 - Elections Director
- Registration – 1 opening
 - Part-time Voter Registration Specialist: posting in progress
- Absentee – 1 opening
 - Part-time Elections Coordinator II (Absentee by Mail): scheduling interviews

b) Special Election – US House District 14

- 22 candidates qualified
- Christian Michael Hurd (R) withdrew his candidacy. Notices will be placed at Early Voting and Election Day facilities and sent with Absentee by Mail ballots
- Early Voting training was completed with 58 attendees
- Logic and Accuracy Testing was completed on Friday, February 6
- Election Day Training is scheduled on the following dates: February 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, and 24-28
- Election Day precincts are 100% staffed

c) Important Dates – Special Election

- Voter Registration Deadline: February 9, 2026
- First day of Absentee by Mail ballot mailout: February 9, 2026
- Early Voting: February 16, 2026 – March 6, 2026
- Last day to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot: February 27, 2026
- Election Day: March 10, 2026

d) Polling Place Application

- Due to many polling locations being unable to accommodate the volume of elections being held, the office is working to identify additional locations to host elections
- Site Survey, Communications, GIS, and IT launched an interactive map showing immediate

needs and areas where backup locations are required

- A link to a polling place suggestion form is available on the elections website

Ms. Fisher suggested that Director D'Itri reach out to the Cobb County city mayors in and the Chamber of Commerce to request the application be placed on their websites.

Chairwoman Mosbacher asked for data and tracking information regarding polling place suggestions.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

*Motion by Ms. Fisher to approve the January 12, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Watkins.
Motion Passed 5-0.*

OLD BUSINESS

1) Election Director Search

Ms. Efrat stated that progress was being made in the search for an Election Director. Phone screens were planned as the initial round of interviews. Nine candidates are scheduled to be interviewed by Ms. Efrat and Ms. Fisher.

The Board will hold an executive session on Thursday, February 19 to discuss the results of the phone screenings and select finalists to advance to the in-person interview round. In-person interviews are expected to take place in late February or early March.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Nonpartisan election for the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Motion by Ms. Fisher to conduct the nonpartisan election for the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission on November 3, 2026. Second by Ms. Efrat. Motion Passed 5-0.

2) Advance In-Person Voting Schedule for potential April 7, 2026 Special Election Runoff

Due to the Early Voting period for the potential Special Election Runoff falling during the week of the Good Friday holiday, the office proposed a start date of Saturday, March 28.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	<u>Saturday</u> March 28 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. <u>Monday - Thursday</u> March 30 – April 2 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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	

Motion by Ms. Watkins to approve the Advance In-Person voting schedule as presented for the potential Special Election Runoff. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

3) Resolution Regarding Section 7 of SB 189

A discussion was held regarding a resolution related to SB 189, which requires vote tabulation to be based on readable text rather than QR codes. The resolution suggested postponing implementation for one year due to concerns regarding funding for new equipment and the timeline required for implementation.

Ms. Fisher expressed that any official statement or guidance should be issued by the Secretary of State's Office, as funding concerns surrounding SB 189 need to be addressed. She also stated that the suggestion of postponing implementation by one year would not address the underlying issues the legislation intended to resolve and recommended first determining the legislature's current plan for moving forward before signing any resolution.

Chairwoman Mosbacher stated the Board has a duty to the voters and staff in ensuring confidence in the elections we are conducting.

Motion by Ms. Efrat to adopt the resolution as presented. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 4-1. Ms. Fisher voted in opposition.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Fisher addressed voters in Congressional District 14 regarding the Special Election on March 10 to fill the remainder of the term held by Marjorie Taylor Green. She stated that candidates wishing to run for the full two-year term would need to qualify for the May 19, 2026 General Primary Election.

Chairwoman Mosbacher thanked the audience for attending the Board meeting and encouraged constituents to speak with their state representative regarding SB189.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 10, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m. – Special Election/Election Night Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street, Marietta

March 13, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Pre-Certification Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street, Marietta

March 16, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular/Certification Meeting

- BOC Room – 100 Cherokee Street, Marietta

Chairwoman Mosbacher stated a Special Called Meeting would on February 19 for the purpose of Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

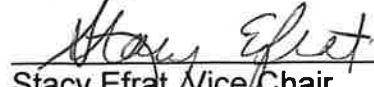
Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.



February 9, 2026 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

February 9, 2026 minutes reviewed by:



Stacy Efrat, Vice Chair