

COBB COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION
REGULAR/CERTIFICATION MEETING
APRIL 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, Secretary	X	
Kendall Watkins	X	

Others Present:

Michael D'Itri, Acting Director
Daniel White, Counsel for the Board of Elections
Melissa Miller, Registration Division Manager
Jane Simon, Business Manager
Marcques Spivey, Absentee Division Manager
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 Mr. Turner. Motion Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Hendrickson (*In-Person*) – Addressed the Board thanking the elections office for various efforts.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

There were no proposed revisions to the March 6, March 10, March 13, March 16, and March 26, 2026, minutes.

Motion by Mr. Turner to approve the March 6, March 10, March 13, March 16, and March 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

ELECTION OFFICE & REPORTS

1) Director's Election Report

Official and Complete Results: Special Election Runoff – U.S. House District 14

COUNTING GROUP	BALLOTS CAST	GARViS PARTICIPATION	NUMBERED LIST	TURNOUT %
Election Day	16,538	16,537	16,538	16.29%
Advance Voting	12,010	12,010	12, 009	11.83%
Absentee by Mail	449	450	n/a	0.44%
Provisional	21	20	n/a	0.02%
TOTAL	29,018	29,017		28.56%

Advance In-Person

- North Satellite: 2,424 votes cast
- Northwest Satellite: 3,419 votes cast
- West Satellite: 4,257 votes cast
- Kennesaw Satellite: 1,910 votes cast
- 1 supplemental voter at North Satellite/AC1A

Absentee by Mail

- Regular Ballots: 431 votes cast
- UOCAVA: 18 votes cast

Provisional

- Absentee by Mail: 1 ballot
- Election Day: 20 ballots
 - 19 out of precinct
 - 1 provisional

Election Day

- 1 abandoned ballot at FR01
- 1 supplemental voter at OR05
- 2 voters in VoteSafe

Director D'Itri explained the discrepancy between GARViS Participation and Ballots Cast is due to an abandoned ballot, and 2 voters in the VoteSafe program.

Ms. Fisher requested clarification on the return dates for UOCAVA ballots. Absentee Manager Marcques Spivey explained that UOCAVA employs ranked choice voting for runoffs because of the limited turnaround time between the election and the runoff. Voters often return their ranked choice ballot along with their primary election ballot. Once the results are certified and the call for the runoff election is made, and after the new election project from CES is ready, the ballots that have already been returned are then entered into the system.

2) Certification of the April 7, 2026 Special Election Runoff

Motion by Ms. Efrat to certify the April 7, 2026 Special Election Runoff. Second by Ms. Watkins. Motion Passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Director Search Update

Ms. Efrat shared that an offer was made to Leigh Phillips, the current Henry County Elections Director. The Board has a Special Called Meeting on April 17 to appoint Ms. Phillips, and her official start date will be April 27, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Fisher commented on the lack of direction from the Legislature regarding the upcoming deadline for the removal of QR codes from ballots and called on the Legislature to hold a special session.

Mr. Turner expressed agreement with Ms. Fisher, however acknowledged without proper training and funding, could create operational risk.

Ms. Watkins thanked the voters in U.S. District 14 for participating in the election and encouraged voters to participate in the upcoming May 19 General Primary/Nonpartisan Election. She also asked the public to reach out to their local elected officials to resolve the conundrum regarding the QR code.

Chairwoman Mosbacher thank the elections office for two successful elections this year, and thanking the voters for coming out to vote and being involved in the process. She encouraged voters to speak up to the legislature regarding the QR code issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ms. Fisher at 3:26 p.m. to enter Executive Session for the purpose of pending and potential litigation. Second by Mr. Turner. Motion passed 5-0.

***Motion by Ms. Efrat. at 4:47 p.m. to reconvene. Second by Ms. Fisher.
Motion passed 5-0.***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, April 17 @ 8:30 a.m. – Special Election - Election Night Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

Tuesday, May 19 @ 7:00 p.m. – General Primary/Nonpartisan Election - Election Night Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

Friday, May 22 @ 3:00 p.m. – Pre-Certification Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

Tuesday, May 26 @ 3:00 p.m. – Regular/Certification Meeting

- Elections Office – 995 Roswell Street NE, Marietta

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Mosbacher adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.



April 13, 2026 minutes prepared by:

Debbie VonFeldt, Administrative Assistant

April 13, 2026 minutes reviewed by:

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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 **April 13, 2026**, 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 Pending and Potential Litigation.

This 13th day of April, 2026.

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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", written over a horizontal line.

Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 07/13/2027

