



# BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.

**The meeting was recorded and is available for your review on  
FGTV YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYH7E0jH6HxE-3KTRluH8SQ>

**Board Members Present** Ms. Sherri Allen, Chairperson  
Mr. Aaron Johnson, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Michael Heekin  
Mrs. Teresa Crawford  
Ms. Julie Adams

**Staff Attending:** Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director; Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. Tyree Spencer, Mr. James Artis

**Legal:** Ms. Ann Brumbaugh, Special Counsel; Mr. Chad Alexis, Senior County Counsel

### ACRONYMS:

**BRE-** Board of Registration and Elections  
**DRE-** Department of Registration and Elections  
**EHOC-** Elections Hub and Operations Center  
**BOC-** Board of Commissioners  
**ABM-** Absentee by Mail  
**L&A-** Logic and Accuracy Testing  
**VEO-** Voter Education and Outreach  
**REIF-** Reporting Elections Systems Issue Form

**BMDs-** Ballot Marking Devices  
**SOS-** Secretary of State's  
**SEB-** State Election Board  
**DDS-** Department of Driver Services  
**CERA-** Certified Elections Registration Administrator  
**GARVIS-** Georgia Registered Voter Information System  
**GAVREO-** Georgia Voter Registration and Elected Officials

### **#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

### **#2-COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE**

**Timestamp:** 20:36-32:51

Communications from the public were recorded: [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - November 12, 2024](#)

## NEW BUSINESS

### #3- UPDATE OF THE GENERAL SPECIAL ELECTION

**Robust discussion:** [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - November 12, 2024](#)

**Timestamp:** 32:53-50:36

**Chair Allen** expressed gratitude to the Department's staff and poll workers for all their hard work during this election. She provided a brief overview of the election; however, there were a few concerns that the DRE needed to address.

**Director Williams** greeted the Board. She thanked all the voters and poll workers that participated in this election.

- Political parties are currently adjudicating electronic ballots
- **500+K** electors voted in this election:
- AIP               **417+K**
- ABM               **29+K**
- Election Day   **92+K**

Concerns Addressed:

- *East Roswell Library*  
incident was self-reported to SOS and currently under investigation  
An internal door was left unlocked  
The DRE deployed a team to reconcile all votes, check seals, and review all counts  
Fulton Co Police reviewed camera footage
- *Tabulation Center Process*  
All seals and serial #s were checked prior to Tabulation commencing  
Data confirmed
- *Voters not listed on the Qualified Voters*  
A sample of the list Ms. Adams provided and the findings  
Voter's records are updated in real time for various reasons  
Findings provided during this meeting
- *Thumb drives in the server*  
The EMS server is not connected to the internet  
Results are uploaded from the memory cards to the server  
A clean thumb drive was used to pull results to place on the online reporting mechanism  
Each upload requires a clean thumb drive with a timestamp
- *3 Electors voted during AIP and ABM*  
They voted in person and returned their absentee ballot by mail  
These voters signed an affidavit attesting to destroying or discarding their ballot  
The absentee ballot was returned but not counted

**Mr. Heekin** requested to view the findings of the Voter's not listed on the Qualified Voters.

**Mr. Johnson** asked Attorney Brumbaugh for clarity on any candidate considering challenging an election.

**Attorney Brumbaugh** clarified what the threshold to petition a contest, the election must be certified first. She explained that any candidate or any voter that’s qualified to vote in that particular race has the ability to contest that race.

**Chair Allen** explained, the BRE took an oath to be fair, to prevent fraud, and to be impartial regardless of party affiliation. We represent all the voters of Fulton County. Madam Chair explained that we should not turn human error or an inadvertent mistake into a level of fraud.

#### #4- APPROVAL OF AV LOCATIONS FOR THE GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION- DECEMBER 3, 2024

- City of Atlanta-Post 3, At Large
- City of East Point- Post Ward B, At Large

#### Advance Voting Hours and Locations

Saturday, November 23, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. || Sunday, November 24 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, November 25 – Wednesday, November 27, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

<b>Adams Park Library</b> 2231 Campbellton Road SW Atlanta, GA 30311	<b>Buckhead Library*</b> 269 Buckhead Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30305	<b>C.T. Martin Recreation Center*</b> 3201 M.L.K. Jr Drive SW Atlanta, GA 30311
<b>East Point First Mallalieu United Methodist Church*</b> 2651 N Church Street East Point, GA 30344	<b>Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon</b> 980 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE Atlanta, GA 30306	<b>Metropolitan Library</b> 1332 Metropolitan Parkway SW Atlanta, GA 30310
<b>Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing</b> 2489 Perry Boulevard NW Atlanta, GA 30318	<b>ASTERISK* INDICATES ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION</b>	

**Chair Allen** inquired about the operation of the offices during Advance Voting.

**Director Williams** responded yes; those offices will be open conducting their normal daily duties.

**Ms. Adams** asked will poll watchers be allowed in the office locations.

**Director Williams** reiterated that the office locations are not polling places but she will leave that decision to the BRE. She recommended that the political parties provided letters.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to approve the Advance Voting locations, dates, and hours as proposed. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to allow one poll watcher per party to observe at each office location. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

## **#5-CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE GENERAL SPECIAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

**Robust discussion:** [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - November 12, 2024](#)  
**Timestamp:** 55:06

**Director Williams** informed the board that Electronic Adjudication is currently on-going, and the results will be forthcoming upon completion.

The board agreed to recess to conduct their examination of all available.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to allow Charles Rambo (Candidate for Sheriff) to speak. The motion was made by **Mr. Heekin**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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**Timestamp:** 1:16-1:30

**Charles Rambo (Write-in Candidate for Sheriff)** outlined his concerns prior to certification.

As the minutes were transcribed, the transcriber was unable to clearly surmise his concerns due to sound.

**Director Williams** responded to the concerns outlined.

**Robust discussion:** [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Certification of Election Results Nov. 12, 2024 pt2](#)  
**Timestamp:** 7:16-7:33

**Ms. Adams** asked about (20) scanners that were delivered during AV locations. She requested Zero tapes and L&A tapes.

**Director Williams** explained the procedural process for any additional scanner allocations being deployed to AV locations:

- All equipment was tested during L&A testing
- Scanner's input capacity is 6900
- Due to high voter turnout, additional equipment was deployed to several locations
- Used scanners were sealed on location, if space is available
- Or sealed and delivered to Election Hub until Election Day

**Director Williams** replied that L&A tapes will be added to the list and zero tapes were already provided in the material presented.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Summary Results a true and accurate count of the votes cast for the **Federal, Statewide and Local Races**.

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for Federal, Statewide and Local Races. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast for the **Certified Write-in Candidates**.

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for Certified Write-ins Candidates. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast for the **GA Soil and Water Conservation Commission**.

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for GA Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast for the **Questions and Referendum**.

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for Questions and Referendums. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast for the **Special Election for the City of Atlanta**

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for the City of Atlanta. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

**Chair Allen** asked the Director, are the attached Election Results Summary a true and correct count of the votes cast for the **Special Election for the City of East Point**

**Director Williams** responded yes.

**Chair Allen** entertained a motion to certify the November 5, 2024, General Special Election for the City of East Point. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote 5-0.

Timestamp: 7:25:50-7:37

**Mr. Heekin** commented on the process and the path forward.

**Ms. Adams** shared her opinion of the process.

**Vice Chair Johnson** shared his opinion of the process and commended the staff.

**Chair Allen** shared her opinion of the process and commended the staff.

**Mrs. Crawford** commended the staff.

**Director Williams** commended the staff and all other individuals that assisted in the success of the election.

**Vice Chair Johnson** thanked the County Manager and the Board of Commissioners for their support on achieving a successful election.

The Board echoed the sentiments of the Vice Chair.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not convene into executive session.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Vice Chair Johnson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Ms. Adams** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

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**Mariska Bodison**, Board Secretary