

Minutes - Regular Meeting
Athens-Clarke County Board of Elections & Voter Registration

Tuesday, January 13, 2026
2555 Lexington Road, Athens, GA 30605

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Chair Raffle called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

In attendance were Rocky Raffle, Chair; Lisa Riley, Vice-Chair; Ann Till, Member; and Willa Fambrough, Member.

Others in attendance were Pam Long, Interim Elections Director; Lisa McGlaun, Elections Coordinator; Audra Taylor, Elections Assistant; Melissa Gogo, Administrative Assistant; Courtney Davis, Assistant County Attorney

A. MOTION by Ms. Till to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Fambrough. Approved unanimously.

B. MOTION by Ms. Riley to approve the minutes from the December 9 Regular Meeting, December 12 Special Pre-Certification Meeting, and December 12 Special Certification Meeting with a correction to replace “Regular Meeting” with “Special Meeting” in the titles of the December 12 documents.

Seconded by Ms. Fambrough. Approved unanimously.

C. Public comment was heard from Ms. Jacqueline Elsner.

D. Chair Raffle recognized Interim Director Long to present the Director’s Report.

Elections staff is in a new, temporary location in the Costa Building next door, while offices are undergoing renovation. Signage is in place. The process to replace Mr. Shirley, a Mayor and Commission appointee to the Board of Elections who resigned in December 2025, has begun with the Clerk of Commission. The Department is currently accepting applications for 2026 Poll Workers through February 27.

Ms. Taylor provided the timeline for Absentee Ballots for the upcoming May election:

- January 1 was first day to start receiving UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) absentee ballot requests.
- March 31 is the first day to issue ballots to overseas voters.
- March 2 is the first day to accept absentee ballot applications within the US.
- April 20 first day to mail absentee ballots to within the US.

- May 8 is the last day for all voters to apply for an absentee ballot.
- A party must be selected on the absentee ballot application because the election is a primary.

Ms. McGlaun provided an update on Polling Place Relocations. The State Elections Board has been formally notified of the changes to polling locations for Precincts 3B (Lay Park to Bobby Snipes Water Resource Center) and 7A (Timothy Road Baptist to ACC Library), and public notices submitted for publication. Time will be set aside at the next regular meeting for public comment on this topic. A proposal to relocate Precinct 8A to Hillsman Middle due to construction at Gaines Elementary will come before the Board next month.

E. Old Business

None

F. New Business

1. Selection of 2026 Board Officers
 - a. Secretary – Ms. Till
 - i. **Chair Raffle NOMINATES Ms. Till for Secretary; 3 yay, 1 nay; carried.**
 - b. Vice-Chair – Ms. Riley
 - i. **Chair Raffle NOMINATES Ms. Riley for Vice Chair; motion approved unanimously.**
 - c. Chair – Mr. Raffle
 - i. **Ms. Fambrough NOMINATES Mr. Raffle for Chair; motion approved unanimously.**
2. Appointment of an Assistant Secretary from among Elections Department Staff
 - a. **Chair Raffle NOMINATES Ms. Gogo for Assistant Secretary; motion approved unanimously.**

G. Announcements

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10 at 4:30 PM at 2555 Lexington Road, Athens, GA 30605.

H. MOTION by Ms. Fambrough to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Till. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 4:59 PM.