



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – AUGUST 29, 2024

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Special Session on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 11:00 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
Mrs. Teresa Crawford
Ms. Julie Adams

Staff Attending: Mrs. Nadine E. Williams, Director Mrs. Sharon Benjamin, Deputy Election Chief; Mrs. Kathryn Glenn, Registration Manager; Mrs. Jodi Brittan, Absentee Manager; Mrs. Shoshauna Goins, Absentee Supervisor; Ms. Janice Dickenson, Administrative Manager; Mrs. Janell Barganier, Financial Systems Manager; Ms. LaShandra Little, VEO Manager; Ms. Amber Culver, Administrative Coordinator; Ms. Regina Waller, Division Manager; Mr. Darryl Peek, Mr. Tyree Spencer, Mr. James Artis

Legal: Ms. Ann Brumbaugh, Special Counsel

#1– APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Allen entertained a motion to table the Monitoring discussion until the next Regular Meeting. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams** and failed for lack of a second.

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

The order of business was amended.

Vice Chair Johnson outlined the new order of business for the Board Secretary and the audience.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Allen entertained a motion to close the regular session and convene into executive session to discuss litigation matters. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

After executive session, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to reconvene from executive session. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#2-CHALLENGE HEARING:

➤ **Challenger:** Jason Frazier

Chair Allen entertained a motion to continue the hearing after the resolution of pending court litigation. The motion was made by **Vice Chair Johnson**, seconded by **Mrs. Crawford**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Chair Allen announced that the Challenge Hearing will be continued due to pending litigation and advice of Counsel.

#3-APPROVAL OF AV OUTREACH LOCATIONS- SENIOR CENTERS

Director Williams informed the BRE that the increase in outreach locations was due to voter's request.

Harriett G Darnell Sr Facility

October 15 & October 16

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

677 Fairburn Rd NW

Atlanta, GA 30331

Helene S. Mills Multipurpose Facility

October 22 & October 23

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

515 John Wesley Dobbs Ave NE

Atlanta, GA 30312

Dorothy C Benson Senior Multipurpose Complex

October 17 & October 18

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

6500 Vernon Woods Dr.

Sandy Springs, GA 30328

H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility

October 24 & October 25

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

2885 Church St.

Atlanta, GA 30344

Chair Allen requested the **Director Williams** provide the Senior Center locations.

Director Williams explained that the facilities have ample space and Outreach extends North, South, East, and West.

Ms. Adam expressed concerns regarding the 8 Outreach locations with moving equipment to various locations, chain of custody, cost and the low voter participation.

Director Williams clarified how the outreach locations are conducted efficiently:

- 3 Roving Teams
- The facility is secure
- Equipment is secure
- Chain of Custody is constant
- No additional cost to the budget

Ms. Adams explained that she still has a problem with outreaches due to possible errors.

Vice Chair Johnson commended the DRE on the additional outreaches at the Fulton County Senior Centers:

- Large populous Senior Centers
- Populous due to activities held at the Senior Centers
 - Computer Training
 - Meals
 - Swimming
 - Senior Daycare

Vice Chair mentioned understanding the importance to the community of having outreach locations. I think it's a phenomenal idea and thank you to the staff.

Madam Chair commended the DRE for providing a convenient method for Senior citizens to vote. This could potentially take stress off some Advance Voting locations.

Mrs. Crawford echoed the sentiments expressed by Madam Chair and Mr. Vice Chair.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the AV Outreach locations for Senior Centers. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by a vote of 3-1, Nay **Adams**.

OLD BUSINESS

#4- MONITORING OF FULTON'S ELECTIONS

Robust discussion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nY0XZJAQ0ZY>

Timestamp: 53:15-1:11

Chair Allen gave a brief overview of this Agenda item:

We have the Carter Center here to make a presentation on monitoring, and this board has already approved the proposal from a team led by Ryan Germany on July 11th. The SEB did not give me a formal proposal but what was stated was they would like to have each of the members of the SEB appoint 2 monitors there's nothing in writing and nothing about the fiscal cost. We will entertain the SEB if they come back with something else. The Ryan Germany's monitoring proposal we have the Carter Center was in that proposal, but they are also partnering in a broader way with the Ryan Germany team.

The Carter Center provided a high-level overview of the Scope of Work that will be conducted and reported.

Vice Chair Johnson inquired about previous Election Monitoring experience the Carter Center have

The Carter Center Representative answered over **130** Monitoring events to include Fulton County in 2022.

Vice Chair Johnson asked does the Carter Center have bi-partisan experience

The Carter Center Representative answered absolutely, both parties are represented with the group. Working with in a bi-partisan/ cross-partisan manner.

Madam Chair noted that Ryan Germany's group include the same representation.

Ms. Adams reiterated her request to table this item. She asked the Chair why we are re-voting on this item again.

Chair Allen explained that the BRE is reaffirming the approval to have the Carter Center included in a broader scope.

Ms. Adams asked legal counsel was the voting on this item permissible.

Ms. Brumbaugh explained Robert's Rule and concluded that the vote was allowable. We have a new board chair; this will reaffirm the vote and include the Cater Center more explicitly.

Chair Allen spoke regarding the further delays:

We are less than 70 days Fulton County needs to move forward regardless of whether the SEB has approved or not this is not costing Fulton County. We are entertaining additional proposals, but we must move forward. We're just making sure teams are in place because it should have happened in July, it should have been in place in August, and Sunday will be September 1st. The delay is untenable and so we want to move forward.

Ms. Adams mentioned that the SEB not voting on the Ryan Germany's Monitoring proposal speaks volume. She mentioned that the BRE not delaying this vote seems to

be preempted.

Madam Chair responded that she asked the SEB Chair if he wanted to attend this meeting, and he declined.

Vice Chair Johnson commented on the speaking volumes phrase:

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First, the SEB initiated the conversation about a monitor, and we took action on it. The SEB said we want Fulton County to have a monitor, voted on by these three entities, by a specific date, and we did exactly what they asked and now they're unable to come to a conclusion. Again, like the chair said we have 68 days left the SEB don't meet again until September 20th and we'll be right on the cusp of getting our early voting together. As these gentlemen said monitoring starts before Election Day, so we need to get moving like we're not waiting until October 14th to get our machines tested, it's already started. That's why I feel very adamant about this, if we're going to have a monitor, we need to have somebody as quickly as possible and having a bipartisan group that's had over 100 monitoring opportunities, I think will be great.

Mrs. Crawford echoed Madam Chair and Mr. Vice Chair's sentiment. She mentioned that this needs to happen soon because staff need to be able to provide the information needed and without conflict due to Election Preparation.

Ms. Adams commented regarding the Monitoring proposal:

Yes, I want to reaffirm that I'm still voting no on the Ryan Germany monitor team. It literally was stuffed in the papers in front of us the morning of the vote and I didn't realize we had something in writing until we were discussing voting on it. Now we have the Carter Center, while I appreciate them coming out and presenting, we have nothing in writing from them. Of course, we don't have anything in writing from the SEB for each member get two people. I just want to go on record that I don't think this is proper procedure and I'm against taking the vote and so I will be voting no.

Mrs. Crawford responded that the BRE received Ryan Germany's proposal the week or more prior to the meeting.

Vice Chair Johnson asked **Secretary Bodison** to recount the timeline.

Secretary Bodison clarified the sequence of the proposals.

- Ryan Germany 7 days prior to the BRE meeting
- SEB Chair sent a proposal to the former Chair the night before the BRE meeting

Board Secretary did not receive a copy until after the meeting.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to reaffirm the approval of the monitoring proposal of Ryan Germany and the Carter Center. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by 3-1, Nay Adams.

#5-UPDATE TO AV OUTREACH LOCATIONS- COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

October 15 & October 16

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Edwin Thompson Student Center

1630 Metropolitan Parkway SW, Atlanta,
GA 30310

Flipper Temple AME Church

October 22 & October 23

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

580 Atlanta Student Movement Blvd SW,
Atlanta, GA 30314

Georgia State University

October 18 & October 19

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dahlberg Hall

30 Courtland Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

Georgia Institute of Technology

October 28 & October 30

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

351 Ferst Dr NW

John Lewis Student Center: Southern Co
Multicultural Program Lounge
Atlanta, GA 30332

Director Williams informed the BRE of the DRE's efforts to increase on College Campuses:

- Gwinnett Tech- Alpharetta location decline availability
- Georgia Tech found space on their campus
- AUC campuses prohibited due to insurance discrepancies
- Flipper Temple is a polling location on Election Day, this allows them to be an outreach location
 - This location is in the AUC and across the street from Morehouse College

Ms. Adams asked how many locations (College outreaches) the DRE normally use.

Director Williams responded 4 and during General Elections the turnout is substantial.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the additional College Outreach locations. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Vice Chair Johnson** and carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to adjourn. **Vice Chair Johnson** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mrs. Crawford** seconded the motion. There being no further business on the agenda, the Board adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

Prepared by:

Mariska Bodison, Board Secretary