



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Legal: Ms. Ann Brumbaugh, Special 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

Robust discussion: [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - October 10, 2024 - YouTube](#)
Timestamp: 11:10- 32:00

Mrs. Crawford made a motion to amend the agenda:

6. Remove items and replace with Executive Session to discuss litigation
7. Ratification of Lawsuit Discussion
8. Review of 2024 Pending Special BRE Meetings
 - a. November 5, 2024- 3pm
 - b. November 6, 2024
 - c. November 8, 2024 (due to new SEB rule)
 - d. December 3, 2024- 3pm
9. Review of Newly Adopted SEB Rules and their Impact to Operations

Ms. Adams added an additional item for discussion:

10. Julie Adams' County Email

Chair Allen entertained a motion to amend the agenda. The motion was made by **Ms. Adams**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin**, and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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 5-0.

#2-COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RESPONSE

Timestamp: 32:02-1:09:35

Communications from the public were recorded: [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - October 10, 2024 - YouTube](#)

OLD BUSINESS

#3– APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Regular Meeting-** September 12, 2024

Chair Allen entertained a motion to approve the proposed minutes as presented. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford** and was seconded by **Mr. Heekin** and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

#4- UPDATE ON ELECTION PREPARATION MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Robust discussion: [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - October 10, 2024 - YouTube](#)
Timestamp: 1:10:40- 2:05:50

Director Williams greeted the BRE and outline the DRE's commitment to work as a cohesive team for the upcoming election:

- Monitoring the Budgets
- Procurement needs and processing invoices
- VEO conducted **900** events
- Processed over **67K** voter registration
- Supplies are purchased packed and ready for dissemination
- Conducting testing on over **5K** voting equipment
- Secured over 40 AV locations: Fulltime **37** 2-Day Outreach **7**
- Confirmed **177** Election Day location
- Training over **2K** Poll Workers
- Absentee Division accepted over **3K** UOCAVA and over **24K** ABM
- Advance Voting commence on October 15th, Tuesday

Ms. Adams inquired about the listing of Monitoring Team?

Director Williams answered yes, she can provide the board with a list of monitors that have observed L&A Testing, Advance Voting Training, Poll Worker Training, Voter Registration processing application in GARViS.

Ms. Adams mentioned hearing that several counties complained of problems with GARViS. Have the DRE had any problems with GARViS?

Mrs. Glenn answered yes, the State database for all 159 counties had problems.

Ms. Adams mentioned she heard the problems lasted 2-4 days of the database being offline.

Mrs. Glenn explained the timeframe the user had to be persistent in processing voter's application but the error was corrected the same day.

Ms. Adams inquired about additional organizations/ nonprofits that are involved in our elections like in the past.

Director Williams answered that the Atlanta Bar Association is being trained as poll workers to receive CEU (Continued Education Credit) not payment.

Ms. Adams asked will the Attorneys have access to the database.

Director Williams answered no, no database access. They will assist with paperwork to assist with provisional voter.

Ms. Adams asked about the agreement with the Bar association to work

Director Williams answered that there is no contract but yes we have agreed to allow this group to work for CEUs.

Ms. Adams asked if we have a list of the Atlanta Bar Association.

Director Williams responded that the DRE does have a list but the list needs to be confirmed.

Ms. Adams asked will any of the past groups be involved such as ACLU, USDR, Election Group, and CTCL.

Director Williams asked was Ms. Adams referring to any group from 2020 and explained no those groups are not assisting the DRE. Madam Director reiterated the only group being used and if there are other entities they have signed up on their own, and not a part of any organization. We do not discuss organization affiliation nor do we discuss political party affiliation when hiring poll workers unless sent by the Political party specifically.

Poll workers hiring Criteria:

- Criminal background check
- US citizens
- Fulton county resident (adjoining counties are declining waiver signing)

Ms. Adams was getting clarity on the org chart and staffing model in the DRE. **Ms. Adams** suggested moving away from the current staffing model.

Director Williams explained all Advance Voting staff are temporary employees except Mrs. Benjamin:

- Poll Manager
- Assistant Manager
- Clerks
- Line Monitor
- Regional Coordinator
- In the field- Compliance Officer

Madam Director explained that Dover Staffing is responsible for staffing, the DRE is responsible for managing, training, and day-to-day operation.

Mr. Heekin commended Director Williams on the Election Information Memo with contact information and he asked for a Regional Coordinator list.

Director Williams explained that if the BRE have questions all questions should be directed to me not personnel. She explained she will get the answered to any inquiry.

Vice Chair Johnson mentioned safety of poll workers in light of recent events in the news. Vice Chair asked are guns allowed in the polls and specific signage?

Director Williams responded No, and described the sign that will be in every voting locations that indicates weapons are prohibited.

Director Williams outlined the DRE's efforts to ensure all election workers are safe:

- Fulton county Police Officer assigned to every AV locations
- Fulton county Police Officer assigned to every Election Day location
- Emergency Management monitoring outlets
- External Affairs monitoring Social Media

Vice Chair Johnson inquired about candidates being on the ballot and they are no longer qualified.

Director Williams explained that the SOS Election Division provided Notices of withdrawal/Disqualification and those notices will be placed in each voting booth, if you cast your ballot for those 2 candidates your vote will not count.

Chair Allen provided the names of the 2 candidates:

- Claudia De la Cruz
- Cornel West

Vice Chair Johnson inquired about the City of Atlanta polls closing at 8pm instead of 7pm.

Director Williams informed the BRE that Fulton and DeKalb County had meetings with legal counsel regarding the time to close precincts in the City of Atlanta. The Madam Director explained that the DRE will closed all polling locations at 7pm but she deferred to Attorney Alexis.

Attorney Alexis referred to the OCGA § 21 -2-403 that governs the closing time of a polling location. Mr. Alexis explained the guidance provided by the Secretary of State's attorney and the DRE will defer to that guidance by closing at 7pm.

Mrs. Crawford suggested providing all locations with 2 totems in future elections.

Director Williams explained the totem poles is a pop-up mechanism that maintains all the polling location signage that save the poll manager time and prevent damages to polling locations.

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Mrs. Brittian reported on the activities in the Absentee Division:

- Vendors engaged during September **2024**
 - ☐ Fort Orange Press, Tattnall Ballot Solutions
- GARVIS Maintenance updates & enhancements
 - ☐ 9/16 & 9/20
- Attended
 - ☐ Narcan Training hosted by Fulton County PD

On-going:

- ☐ Review of **GARViS** enhancements/updates for training material

Last day to request an Absentee ballot O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381	OCTOBER 25, 2024
ADVANCED IN PERSON (EARLY) VOTING BEGINS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385(d)(1)	OCTOBER 15, 2024
Eligible Military and Overseas Voters (UOCAVA) Ballots must be received by 5pm.	NOVEMBER 8, 2024
ABSENTEE BY MAIL STATISTICS:	
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED	29,613 as of 10/9/2024
APPLICATIONS REJECTED	295

Ms. Adams asked Mrs. Brittian if there is any messaging regarding Absentee by mail expressed concerns on the USPS and asked mailing .

Mrs. Brittian responded that the website encourages voters that have not received their ballot in 7-10 days to contact their office.

Ms. Adams expressed concerns on the USPS mailing system and the delays. She asked if the Absentee Division was including information in the ballot packet regarding USPS

Mrs. Brittian responded adding information to the ballot packet is prohibited.

Ms. Adams asked about ballot tracking

Mrs. Brittian informed the BRE that the SOS is offering ballot tracking to voters.

Director Williams directed voters to the DRE's website to find more details.

[Absentee Voting \(fultoncountyga.gov\)](https://fultoncountyga.gov)

Vice Chair Johnson asked about Absentee by Mail and receiving absentee ballots via other mailing systems outside of USPS.

Mrs. Brittian explained no rule precluded voters+ from returning/ delivering absentee ballots to the Superintendent.

Ms. Brumbaugh interjected and surmised that the plain language in the rule (183-1-14-.11) would preclude FedEx and UPS from delivering absentee ballots. She noted this new rule is currently the subject of litigation.

Ms. Dickenson reported on activities in the Administration Division:

Performed routine administrative functions:

- Procuring goods & services. Prepare solicitation documents to procure goods for November elections. Prepare recommendation of awards to establish purchase orders.
- Request PO and process payments of annual maintenance invoices.
- Processed and made payment for P Card allowable purchases.
- Processed and made payment for Travel Card expenses.
- Prepared monthly reconciliation reports for Purchase Card (P Card) and Travel Card (T Card).
- Performed routine HR functions:
- Processed payroll bi-weekly.
- Processed requests for recruitment and selection of candidates.
- Prepared and submitted 2025 budget for permanent and anticipated time limited staff.
- **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE REPORT:**
 - The next campaign contribution disclosure report was due September 30, 2024, with a grace period deadline on October 7, 2024, for Election Year candidates.
 - Late and non-flier report for September 30, 2024, filing period will be processed and submitted to the State Ethics Commission.
 - Next report for Election year candidates due October 25, 2024, with a grace period deadline on November 1, 2024

Mrs. Benjamin reported on activities with Advance Voting/ Early Voting:

- Prepared and conducted hands on training which began on September 3rd training.
- training is structured with Extensive Hands-on experience with great feedback from advance voting attendees.
- completed the following necessary goals to successfully conduct the General Election training assessment and preparing for the first day of advance voting.

Vice Chair Johnson informed Mrs. Benjamin to be prepared for key dates for organized voting at the AV locations

Mrs. Benjamin stated We will be ready.

Chief Ross reported on the activities in the Election Division and Election Day:

- Completed Ballot Proofing and Signed off on the Ballot project for the 2024 General Election.
- Formulated and Ordered Provisional, Emergency, and Sample ballot Allocation for the November 5, 2024, Election.
- Formulated all signage requirements for the General Election.

- Coordinated Elections Call Center Restructuring Project.

ELECTION DAY OPERATIONS

The Election Day Division has completed the recruitment of Poll Workers. Election Day training started on the scheduled September 24, 2024, date. At the date of this report, we have trained approximately 342 poll workers.

- Total Breakdown of Poll Workers: Listed on page 5 of September 2024 Monthly Operations Report

Mrs. Barganier reported on the Department's Finances:

- 2024 Elections and Operations budgets \$34 Million for 4 Elections
- Completed the 2025 Operating and Elections draft budget
 - Drafted Operating budget is \$5.7M
 - Drafted Elections total budget is \$15.9M
- Managed the two temporary staffing agencies to facilitate the temporary employees
- Requesting billing reports
- Temporary staffing contracts renewed: July 1- December 31, 2024
- Reviewing budget to Actual expenses for the March, May and June cycles
- Continuing to process invoices
- Following up with vendors to timely submit invoices
- Current Breakdown of Elections and Operations Budgets: Listed on page 6 of September 2024 Monthly Operations Report

Ms. Adams asked how much the DRE have spent year to date

Mrs. Barganier mentioned not having that data at the moment, but she will provide later.

Mr. Gilstrap reported on the activities in the Information Systems (Elections Division):

- **Election Day Poll Worker Training** – The Information Systems team completed preparation of all voting equipment that is being used in Election Day Poll Worker Training which started on September 25th
- **Logic & Accuracy Testing** – Logic & Accuracy Testing begin on September 10th and will continue through our estimated completion date of November 2nd. The Information Systems team started and continue to conduct Logic & Accuracy Testing and program all equipment for Advance Voting and Election Day. The Information Systems team will conduct Logic & Accuracy testing and complete updates on all Poll Pads used at Election Day sites and have these Poll Pads completed by November
- **Technical Support** – The Information Systems team will provide technical support for Advance Voting which starts on October 15th and ends on November 1st. Information Systems will also provide technical support for all Election Day sites on Election Day, November 5th.

Chair Allen inquired about the advertised date for Logic and Accuracy (L&A) Testing to begin.

Mr. Gilstrap responded the September 10th the team began prepping but the ballot project was not available until September 16th

Chair Allen asked the DRE to expound on the technical support for Election Day

Director Williams outlined the plan for all AV sites and Election Day location to have a technician in their location or in a small radius to respond to technical concerns as a roving technician.

Mrs. Glenn reported on the activities of the Voter Registration Division:

- Processed applications, address change request and over 17,000 within county NCOA address changes
- List maintenance activities included cancelling felons, deceased voters, merging duplicate records and voter cancellation requests in GARViS (Georgia Registered Voter Information System) and continuously auditing the voter roll
- Current Breakdown of Front Desk Operations: Listed on page 8 of September 2024 Monthly Operations Report

REGISTRATION STATISTICS:			
September 1, 2024		September 30, 2024	
VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS RECEIVED		33,298	
ACTIVE VOTERS		738,242	
INACTIVE VOTERS		151,034	
TOTAL OF REGISTERED VOTERS		889,276	
APPLICATIONS TO BE PROCESSED		9,306	
NEW REGISTRATIONS TO FULTON COUNTY		11,098	
TRANSFERS TO FULTON COUNTY		16,214	
TRANSFERS FROM FULTON COUNTY		3,758	
REMOVALS FROM FULTON COUNTY		1,804	
List Maintenance Update			
66- Felon Challenge Letters mailed / 400 - ERIC-Deceased / VCR Portal- 102/ 26- NGE / 31 – Voter request / 0 – Not verified / 89- Deceased other / 1,090 – Duplicates			

Ms. Adams inquired about the SEB investigation regarding Challenged Hearings conducted by various counties in Georgia

Ms. Williams explained that she received a call from Mr. Coan but nothing formal notice.

Mr. Henson reported on the activities of the Supplies and Logistics Division:

- Prepared all Supply Carts and other essential Advance Voting polling location supplies.
- Continued preparation of the Advance Voting Supply Boxes for the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election.
- Completed preparation of the Election Day Black Supply Boxes for the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election.
- Continued preparation of the Election Day Blue Manager Binders for the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election.
- Completed preparation and conformation of the Delivery and Pickup Schedule for the upcoming November 5, 2024, General Election.
- Performed visits at potential polling locations to verify if the facility would be acceptable for use as a polling location.
- Onboarded 35 of the logistics staff for the upcoming November election period.
- Prepared and delivered poll worker training supplies and equipment for the upcoming November 5, 2024, election.
- Provided logistical support for both the Advance Voting and Election Day poll worker training classes.
- Visited Advance Voting and Outreach Polling locations to confirm the preparation and logistics for the upcoming election.

Ms. Little commended the VEO team and Deputy Registrar on a stellar month of VEO events, the largest number of events in one month at over 300 events. Kudos!

Ms. Little reported on the activities of Voter Education and Outreach:

- Civic Holidays: Disability Voter Rights Week and National Voter Registration Day
- Focused on updating training guides, standard operating procedures, and PowerPoint presentations
- Reached out to all Principals in Atlanta Public Schools and Fulton County Schools to make an introduction to the Voter Education and outreach program
- Conducted Deputy Registrar Training with Fulton County Schools and for citizens that want to host voter registration drives
- Partnership with External Affairs regarding collateral material for the 2024 election cycle for outreach events
- Hosting the Election Academy Monthly
- Attended the Graduation ceremony for completion of CERA (Certification as an election administrator).
- Breakdown of Voter Education Activities and Events: Listed on pages **10-27** of the **September 2024 Monthly Operations Report**

Vice Chair Johnson commended the VEO team on all their hard work and continued efforts to educate the voters throughout Fulton County.

Mrs. Crawford echoed Vice Chair's sentiments.

Ms. Adams asked about Mobile Outreach.

Ms. Little explained *Mobile Outreach* means that the bus was onsite at that event.

Ms. Adams suggested that the buses be offered to some parts of the state that was hard hit by the recent Hurricane.

Chair Allen mentioned that Fulton County has offered those Buses to the state. The BOC Chair contacted the Governor to offer assistance, if needed.

Director Williams explained that use of mobile voting is currently prohibited due to SB 202 unless the Governor declares a State of Emergency.

Prior to SB 202 the Mobile Buses were used for outreach Advance Voting locations and emergency polling locations on Election Day.

Ms. Adams mentioned that some of the counties are under the State of Emergency.

#5- UPDATE ON THE FULTON'S MONITORING TEAMS

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Monitoring Team in conjunction with the Carter Center:

Ryan Germany, Jonathan Stonestreet (Carter Center) and Rokey Suleman (Carter Center)

- **Lynn Bailey** - Former Richmond County, Georgia Elections Director
- **Monica Childers** - Senior Election Subject Matter Expert, U.S. Election Assistance Commission
- **Ryan Germany** - Former General Counsel for Georgia Secretary of State's Office
- **Carter Jones** - State Election Board Appointed Monitor of Fulton County Elections in 2020
- **Matt Mashburn** - Former Member and Acting Chairman of the State Election Board; Former Republican Party Statewide Pollwatcher
- **Host of Volunteers**

The Monitoring Team's goal is to provide systematic, comprehensive, and accurate gathering of information regarding Fulton County's administration of the 2024 election; to compile and issue timely, accurate, and impartial statements and reports presenting those findings; and to make recommendations to help improve the process. The Monitoring Team's observation will be process and compliance-oriented and not concerned with any particular result of the election. The Monitoring Team will not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the election process.

Provide process and compliance-oriented monitoring, including quality assurance processes, of all aspects of election administration in Fulton County, including:

- Pre-Election Processes
- Security and Chain of Custody Procedures
- Poll Worker Training
- Ballot Proofing
- Logic and Accuracy Testing
- Warehouse and Equipment Storage and Delivery Procedures
- Processing Absentee Ballot Applications
- Voter Registration List Maintenance Process
- Preparing and Issuing Absentee Ballot Packages

- Receiving and Verifying Absentee Ballots
- Absentee Ballot Drop Box Management
- Election Day Voting and Polling Place Readiness
- Poll Watcher Transparency and Management
- Volunteers for Advance Voting for Site visits

Chair Allen inquired about the observers being used for the upcoming election

Mr. Germany responded the teams are working in conjunction to get a cross-partisan group of observers.

Ms. Adams asked if the volunteers Fulton's Monitors Team are utilizing are US citizens

Chair Allen inquired about weekly reporting to the board

Mr. Germany responded that the Team wants to provide updates as often as possible but written documentation on a weekly basis will require more time.

Mr. Heekin suggested weekly or bi-weekly reporting of bullets

Mr. Germany agreed with bi-weekly reporting and any emergencies will be forwarded to Chair Allen.

Ms. Adams claimed that reporting seems generic and wanted to know exactly what the Carter Center and the Monitoring Team are doing specifically and what systems they have access to.

Chair Allen suggested the BRE could provide a list of items of concern and the Monitoring Team can report back.

Director Williams outlined the areas the Monitoring Team have monitored onsite up to date:

- Provide memo documentation
- Observation area

Mr. Germany explained that the Team has full access to review and monitor all processes. We do not have access to this building or any systems.

Director Williams explained the shared file that the Monitoring Team has access to and the records contained in the file:

- SOPs
- Procedural documents
- AV locations
- Polling Locations

Ms. Adams requested the Code of Conduct that the Carter Center utilize.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Timestamp: 2:27:50-3:34:10

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 5-0.

After executive session, **Chair Allen** entertained a motion to reconvene from executive session. The motion was made by **Mrs. Crawford**, seconded by **Mr. Heekin** and carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

#7- RATIFICATION OF FILED LAWSUIT

Robust discussion: [Fulton County Board of Registration & Elections Meeting - October 10, 2024 - YouTube](#)

Timestamp: 3:34:34

Chair Allen provided timeline for the lawsuit filed:

- The Chair emailed all members to inform them of possible filing
- Vice Chair and Member Crawford responded to that email
- Member Adams and Heekin stated they did not receive an email
- The Chair forwarded a copy of the petition for Declaratory Judgement

Ms. Adams explained that she does not believe proper procedures were followed and she will be voting no.

Mr. Heekin echoed Ms. Adam's sentiment.

Chair Allen entertained a motion to ratify the lawsuit filed requesting declaratory judgment regarding the State Election Board's authority to impose monitors. The motion to ratify was made by **Vice Chair Johnson** and was seconded by **Mrs. Crawford** and carried by a vote of 3-2; Nay **Adams** and **Heekin**.

#8-REVIEW OF 2024 PENDING SPECIAL BRE MEETINGS

Timestamp: 3:40-4:07:20

- November 5, 2024- 3pm
- November 6, 2024
- November 8, 2024 (due to new SEB rule)
- December 3, 2024- 3pm

Director Williams completed a drafted schedule to comply with the new SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(f)(6). She informed the BRE all documents will be provided in the same format as previously provided.

On October 16, 2024, Fulton Superior Court Judge Thomas A. Cox, Jr., issued a Final Judgment and Injunction Order in the case of Eternal Vigilance Action, Inc. v. State of Georgia, et al., Civil Action No. 24CV011558, which declared unlawful 7 new rules or amendments to existing rules recently promulgated by the State Election Board.

The BRE reviewed the drafted documents submitted to the BRE by **Director Williams**.

Ms. Adams requested a qualified list of voters.

Director Williams explained the Numbered list of Voter. There are 2 Election Materials that's called Numbered List of Voters:

- Numbered list for Provisional voters if applicable
- Numbered list of Voters from Knowlnk (vendor)

Attorney Brumbaugh provided clarity on the SEB Rule as written. Ms. Brumbaugh encouraged good faith compliance with the rule.

Chair Allen requested additional clarification regarding Ms. Adams receiving Alpha List of Voters.

Secretary Bodison was able to provide clarity on the meeting dates in November, the dates and times listed should be added to the current meeting schedule.

Vice Chair Johnson requested clarity on the timeframe to Certify the Election

Attorney Brumbaugh read the rule and provided her interpretation.

- Certify by 5pm
- Transmit to SOS immediately after

The Board agreed to begin the Certification of the Election Results by 3:30pm.

#9-REVIEW OF NEWLY ADOPTED SEB RULES AND THEIR IMPACT TO OPERATIONS

Timestamp: 4:07:25-4:22:19

Director Williams outlined the drafted document of cost implications and possible procedural changes due to the SEB Rule.

PROCEDURE	RULE	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT IMPACT	FINANCIAL IMPACT
Reasonable Inquiry Certification	183-1-12-.02	9.4.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft of the schedule will be provided to the BRE for approval. 	None
Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center	189-1-13-.05	10.22.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vests in different colors have been ordered for each location to easily identify assigned poll watchers. Confirm that signage and barricades clearly designate each location. Since the server room has glass walls and the memory card input screens are visible to the public, poll watchers will not be allowed inside the glass-enclosed area. The space immediately surrounding the glass will be designated for poll watchers, separate from the public viewing area. 	Cost for vest \$5,400 Cost for signage awaiting quote Estimated Cost \$5,400+
Tabulating Results Ballot Count from Tabulation Tape	183-1-12-.12	10.22.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day training procedures have been revised for compliance. Awaiting a directive from the SOS regarding whether the recap form will be revised by the SOS to include the tabulation tape ballot count entry. 	None
Advance Voting & Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes	183-1-14-.02	9.4.2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tabulating procedure for Advance Voting to include count from numbered list of absentee electors and absentee ballot recap form Form to be created for Advance Voting Tabulation to include all totals needed for signature by Tabulation Team Advance Voting Training procedure revised Discuss completion of Absentee Ballot Recap Form by each Advance Voting Manager separately Camera installation or readjustment at Absentee Ballot Drop Box locations Absentee Ballot Drop Box located at East Point First Mallalieu to be relocated to the Election Hub Affidavit Form completed by voters dropping off Absentee By-Mail Ballots in-person to be replaced with required Absentee Ballot Form 	Camera Installation \$17,412 Video Recording Service cost awaiting quote Estimated Cost \$17,415+
Tabulating Results Reconciliation Report	183-1-12-.12	10.22.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation Report posted on the website on the same date forwarded to SOS 	None

PROCEDURE	RULE	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT IMPACT	FINANCIAL IMPACT
County Participation and Totals Reporting	183-1-12-.21	10.22.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily website posting of Absentee By-Mail spreadsheet reviewed to ensure all totals required are captured Daily website posting of Advance Voting (Absentee In-Person) spreadsheet reviewed to ensure all totals required are captured 	None
Tabulating Results Hand Count	183-1-12-.12	10.22.2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election Day Poll Manager is to notify Regional Coordinator prior to Election Day if they plan to remain at the precinct or report to the Election Hub to complete this task. A survey via email is to be created, to be completed by each Poll Manager to advise, one week prior to election day to plan accordingly. Survey will allow for creation of a precinct count schedule, count notification signs, and capture poll manager arrival time expectations at Election Night Check-In locations \$20 stipend to be provided to the poll manager and 2 poll workers who complete the counting process If Poll Manager does not have 2 poll workers willing to report to the Elections Hub, after Election Day, the Reconciliation Team will assist Memory card runners cannot be included in the counting process and must depart timely as previously instructed Call Center will include a call to each precinct to confirm the memory card runner departure time and a second call to confirm counting team departure, if Poll Manager has chosen to count at the precinct on Election Night Area is to be designated in the Elections Hub to complete counts Signage to be created and placed on the exterior door of each Election Day polling site regarding when the count will be taking place Count scheduled is to be placed on our website Candidates and political parties to be emailed count schedule Where reconciliation takes place needs to be reconfigured in the Elections Hub, relocating all operations near the public observation warehouse area and Advance Voting room 	177 locations x3 = 531 counters 531x\$20 stipend = \$10,620 Additional Reconciliation Team Hour Cost 8 x \$21.76 2hr = \$348 Additional \$20 Stipend for Election Night Check-In Staff 125 x \$20 = \$2,500 Security Additional 2 Hour Cost 177x 2hr\$ 85 = \$30,090 Additional cost For Couriers 35 x 2hr\$17 = \$1190 Estimated \$44,748

Mrs. Crawford asked was the cost coming out of the DRE's current budget.

Director Williams responded yes.

Ms. Adams asked about the average number of votes cast.

Director Williams highlighted that inaccuracy in the rule for a county size like Fulton with split precincts. She explained one location may have 3-4 precincts and each precinct may have at least 300 voters per precinct which equals 900-1200 voters in one polling location.

Chair Allen suggested that the Director Williams focused on ensuring that the election is safe, secure, transparent, and fair.

Mrs. Crawford asked what items are priority on Election Night.

Director Williams explained that the memory cards remain the priority. She gave the BRE a quick overview of possible procedures.

#10-JULIE ADAMS' COUNTY EMAIL

Timestamp: 4:22:24

Ms. Adams expressed her frustration regarding the issues she's having with her county emails. She explained that these issues are weird and seem intentional. She mentioned emails that people said they sent but she does not get them.

Vice Chair Johnson explained that he and **Mrs. Crawford** had the same issues. Vice Chair explained a manner that he was able to keep his tablet on the network. He added that he does not believe the issues members are having with emails is intentional.

Mrs. Crawford shared her experience with accessing her emails.

Director Williams interjected and added that several members have had the same issues. **Madam Director** expressed her concerns on some of the comments Ms. Adams voiced.

Timestamp: 4:29:19

Chair Allen echoed the same concerns on accessing her emails.

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 3:23 p.m.

The meeting adjourned.

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