



Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration

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May 22, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Elections held the May 2026 board meeting on the above date at 5:00 PM at the Thomas County Elections and Registration office at 1402 E. Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia, with the following board members present:

Terry Ross, Chairman
Sharon Fykes, Board Member
Mike Borden, Board Member

Staff present:

Hannah Phillips, Interim Elections Supervisor
Abbey Jackson, Administrative Clerk

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the April 2026 minutes. Ms. Fykes moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Borden. The motion passed, and the minutes were accepted by all board members signifying Aye.

Staff Reports:

Hannah Phillips:

Ms. Phillips reported that there will be a General Primary Runoff on June 16. She stated that the staff would review the ballot proofs as soon as the office received them. She stated that Logic and Accuracy (L & A) testing will begin on June 4 if the office has received the project from the Secretary of State. Early voting for the Runoff will be Monday-Friday, June 8-June 12, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Miss Phillips reported that there will be two emergency polling place changes for the June 16 Runoff. She stated that the office will be putting up signs at and around the polling places to inform voters.

- Due to Vacation Bible School at Gatlin Creek Baptist Church, the Gatlin Creek Polling Place will be moving to First Newark Baptist Church. All Gatlin Creek voters will vote at First Newark Baptist Church on June 16.
- Due to construction at the Jack Hadley Black History Museum, the Douglass Polling Place will be moving to another location. Ms. Phillips and Mr. Ross contacted several churches near the Jack Hadley Black History Museum and asked if they would serve as a temporary polling place, but they did not agree. Ms. Phillips stated that she would be calling the YMCA to ask if the Scott Senior Center would be an option. If not, Dawson Street Methodist Church agreed to be a temporary polling place for Douglass voters.

Ms. Phillips stated that there will be a special legislative session on June 17 to discuss the upcoming July 1 deadline that prohibits the use of QR codes on ballots.

Ms. Phillips informed the Board that the Risk-Limiting Audit (RLA) for the May 19 General Primary and Nonpartisan Election will take place next Friday, May 29, at 9:00 AM. She stated that the Ballot Image Audit will also take place next week.



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New Business:

For the May 19 General Primary and Nonpartisan Election, Ms. Jackson stated that there were 134 Absentee by Mail ballots issued, and the office received 113 back.

Ms. Phillips presented the Election Summary Report for the May 19, 2026, General Primary and Nonpartisan Election to the Board. There were 3,574 ballots cast during Early Voting. On Election Day, there were 3,716 ballots cast. For Absentee by Mail, there were 113 votes cast. There were two out-of-precinct provisional voters, and both of their ballots were counted. Overall, there was almost 24% turnout.

Ms. Phillips stated that in preparation for certification, the office reconciled the scanner tapes, recaps, Poll Pad Numbered List, and Statement of Votes Cast (SOVC). She stated that Gatlin Creek had an extra voter listed on the Poll Pad Numbered List for Election Day. Ms. Fykes, the Assistant Manager at the Gatlin Creek Polling Place, explained that a voter checked in on the poll pad but left his green card and walked out during a busy time. This voter did not cast a ballot. Ms. Phillips also stated that Harper had a power issue with the voting machines on Election Day, and two voters cast emergency paper ballots. During review, the numbers for Harper did not reconcile initially. Ms. Phillips contacted the Poll Manager of the Harper Polling Place and the Secretary of State's office to resolve the issue.

Mr. Borden moved to certify the May 19 General Primary and Nonpartisan Election. Ms. Fykes seconded that motion. All were in favor by signifying Aye.

Adjournment:

Chairman Ross gave the date of the next board meeting on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Chairman Ross made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fykes seconded. All were in favor by signifying Aye.

Terry Ross, Chairman

ATTEST: Abbey Jackson

Thank you,



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