



Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration

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April 16, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Elections held the April 2026 board meeting on the above date at 11:00 a.m. 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

Staff present:

Hannah Phillips, Interim Elections Supervisor
Abbey Jackson, Administrative Clerk

Guests present:

Cynthia Ebben
Adam Chitwood
Shirley Jackson

Invocation: Lloyd Graham

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

New Business:

Ms. Fykes asked if the office was ready for the General Primary/Nonpartisan Election on May 19. Ms. Phillips stated that early voting will begin on April 27 and end on Friday, May 15. The office will be open for three weeks of early voting and two mandatory Saturdays. She stated that voters will choose either a Democratic, Republican, or Nonpartisan ballot. All ballots include the Nonpartisan Election. Ms. Phillips informed everyone present that voters can either contact the office or visit My Voter Page online to check their registration or view their districts. She stated that voters can also obtain a sample ballot at the elections office or online at My Voter Page. Ms. Phillips said that Logic and Accuracy (L & A) testing will be completed by Friday, April 17.

Ms. Fykes stated that there is a conflict with the date of the May board meeting, and it needs to be rescheduled. Ms. Phillips recommended holding the meeting on Friday, May 22, at 5:00 p.m. since the office will need to wait for any provisional voters to submit documentation or any absentee voters to submit cure notices. Ms. Fykes made a motion to change the date and time of the next board meeting to May 22 at 5:00 p.m., and Chairman Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Hannah Phillips:

Ms. Phillips acknowledged the passing of Elections Supervisor Frank Scoggins and commended him for his hard work for the past eleven years. She stated that Thomas County has appointed her as Interim Elections Supervisor, and the position is open on the county website for applications.



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Ms. Phillips stated that the office has been advertising the upcoming election by sending information to the municipalities, local libraries, and the Thomas County website. She stated that she submitted information to the CNS Next scroll and WCTV.

Abbey Jackson:

Ms. Jackson prepared some flyers for anyone who may want to pick them up and provide them to voters. She informed the Board and guests that the office has received 74 absentee ballot applications. Ms. Jackson stated that the first day for absentee ballots to be mailed is Monday, April 20.

Guest comments/questions:

Cynthia Ebben asked how many new voter registration applications the office has received since last year. Ms. Jackson stated she did not know, but she would find out the information for her. Ms. Ebben asked if there was any new information from the state regarding changes supposed to be made this year. Ms. Fykes stated she talked to Darlene Taylor, and it sounded like nothing had been decided as of now.

Adam Chitwood asked if the date to register to vote in the May Primary is April 20 and if the cutoff date applies to a runoff as well. Ms. Phillips responded that the cutoff date of April 20 applies to both the May Primary and runoff, if applicable. He asked how frequently the office staff purge the voter rolls. Ms. Phillips responded that the office staff does not purge the rolls. She stated that list maintenance is a daily task, and voter statuses may change for several reasons, such as moving out of state, death, or returned mail. She encouraged everyone to tell others to check their registration status. Mr. Chitwood asked if there was an advertising budget. Ms. Phillips stated that there is a budget for advertising, but the office tries to use as many free resources as possible to notify the public. Mr. Chitwood asked how the data process works after polls close on election night. Ms. Phillips explained that after the polls close at 7:00 p.m. on election night, the office staff will begin uploading early voting and absentee by mail data into the system. As poll workers arrive with their memory cards, the office staff will upload data from Election Day as soon as it is received. Ms. Phillips stated that she would post a link to the results on the elections office Facebook page for anyone who would like to check as results are uploaded. Mr. Chitwood asked what type of scanner was used in Georgia. Ms. Phillips responded that they use ICP scanners.

Shirley Jackson asked if a voter will be notified before being removed from the voter roll. Ms. Phillips responded that they would be mailed a letter.

Lloyd Graham asked how someone could check their voter status online. Ms. Phillips responded that they could go to My Voter Page.

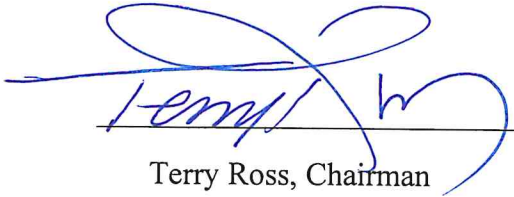
Adjournment:

Chairman Ross gave the date of the next board meeting on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Ross made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fykes seconded. All were in favor my signifying Aye.



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Terry Ross, Chairman



ATTEST: Abbey Jackson

Thank you,



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