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October 7, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Elections held the October 2026 board meeting on the above date at 10:00 AM at the Thomas County Elections and Registration office at 1402 E. Jackson Street, Thomasville, Georgia, with the following board members present:

Sharon Fykes, Board Member
Mike Borden, Board Member

Staff present:
Savannah Sorrentino, Elections Supervisor
Hannah Phillips, Assistant Elections Supervisor
Abbey Jackson, Administrative Clerk
Joyce Freeman, Part-time Elections Employee

Guests Present:
Lucinda Brown
Gloria Glass
Shirley Jackson
Cynthia Ebben

Invocation: Sharon Fykes – Member of Thomas County Board of Elections

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

New Business:
Ms. Sorrentino spoke about the office's preparation for the November 3 election. She stated that the office has been focusing on public awareness for the voters. She stated that there will be a banner in downtown Thomasville on Broad Street, information on the CNSNext scroll, flyers posted throughout the county, and radio interviews. She stated that they were also attempting to have information announced on the City of Thomasville podcast.

Staff Reports:
Savannah Sorrentino:
Ms. Sorrentino said that a new State Election Board rule was passed, requiring poll workers to maintain a paper Numbered List of Voters. When voters check in to vote, the poll workers will also write the voters' names on a list.

She also stated that Gatlin Creek voters will return to their usual polling location at Gatlin Creek Baptist Church, and Douglass voters will be voting at Dawson Street Methodist Church.

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Hannah Phillips:
Ms. Phillips stated that early voting will start on Tuesday, October 13, and end on Friday, October 30. She stated that the office hours are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on weekdays. She stated that the office will be open for early voting on Saturday, October 17, and Saturday, October 24, at 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Abbey Jackson:
Ms. Jackson told everyone that the office has issued 365 absentee ballots. As of October 6, 12 absentee ballots have been returned. She reminded everyone that the last day to request an absentee by mail ballot is October 23.

Joyce Freeman:
Ms. Freeman stated that there will be new forms for the poll managers to use during the November 3 election.

Guest Comments/Questions:
Cynthia Ebben:
Ms. Ebben asked about the new forms for poll managers. Ms. Freeman stated that the Secretary of State was introducing new forms since the previous forms were outdated.

Shirley Jackson:
Ms. Jackson asked if a ballot will still be counted if a voter leaves a contest blank. Ms. Sorrentino responded that the voted contests would count, but the blank contest would not count.

Gloria Glass:
Ms. Glass recommended reaching out more to more rural areas in Thomas County with information about the election.

Adjournment:
Acting Chair Fykes gave the date of the next board meeting on Monday, November 9, at 10:00 AM. Mr. Borden made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fykes seconded. All were in favor by signifying Aye.

Sharon Fykes, Acting Chair

ATTEST: Abbey Jackson

Thank you,

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