



Thomas County Board of Elections and Registration

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February 25, 2026

The Thomas County Board of Elections held the February 2026 board meeting on the above date at 10:00 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
Michael Borden, Board Member
Sharon Fykes, Board Member

Staff present:

Frank Scoggins, Elections Supervisor
Hannah Phillips, Assistant Elections Supervisor
Abbey Jackson, Administrative Clerk

Guests present:

Gloria Glass
Shirley Jackson
Audrey Lindor

Invocation: Leigh Ann Raynor – Former minister at Grace United Methodist Church

Chairman Ross called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to accept the January 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.

Old Business:

Mr. Scoggins stated that he spoke with the sheriff's department about their weapons signage. He stated that their sign that is posted at the Judicial Center provides, "No weapons of any kind." Mr. Borden made a motion for this sign to be displayed at all polling places for the next election. Ms. Fykes seconded this motion. All were in favor by saying Aye.

New Business:

Ms. Fykes briefly discussed with the Board that she watched the State Election Board meeting last week. She stated that she was proud of the way Thomas County runs elections and trains their poll workers.

Staff Reports:

Frank Scoggins:

Mr. Scoggins stated that qualifying will begin Monday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m. and continue through Friday, March 6, at noon. He stated that he has spoken with both parties regarding qualifying. Mr. Scoggins stated that he and Ms. Phillips will go to the local radio station, WPAX, on Thursday to speak about qualifying and upcoming elections.

Mr. Scoggins also stated that he and Ms. Phillips attended the first night of Citizens' Academy this year to talk about elections in Thomas County.



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Hannah Phillips:

Ms. Phillips stated that she and Mr. Scoggins visited Thomasville High School yesterday to inform students about voting and elections.

She also stated that the office staff has been working on street review in the voter registration system to ensure all addresses are assigned to the correct districts.

Abbey Jackson:

Ms. Jackson reminded board members and guests present that the first day to turn in absentee-by-mail applications is Monday, March 2, for the May 19, 2026, Primary. Mr. Borden asked what measures are taken to ensure the individual requesting the ballot is on the voter roll and that they will receive the ballot. Ms. Jackson responded that all the identifying information provided by the voter on the application, such as name, address, driver's license number, birthday, and signature, will be compared to voter registration records. Mr. Scoggins stated that Ms. Jackson and Ms. Phillips both verify the information matches. Mr. Borden asked what the code says about who can request a ballot on behalf of a voter. Ms. Phillips stated that certain relatives can request a ballot on behalf of a voter. Mr. Borden asked if there are any methods of challenging an application. Mr. Scoggins stated that the office can send a cure notice to voters.

Ms. Phillips reminded everyone that voters who submit an absentee-by-mail application need to choose a party for the upcoming primary on May 19.

Guest comments/questions:

Gloria Glass asked why the Board of Elections was not using digital signs to advertise about upcoming elections. Chairman Ross stated that the Board along with staff had spoken about it in the past, but they chose not to use them because of cost. Mr. Borden agreed with Chairman Ross but also stated that the Board concluded that word-of-mouth was the best way to spread information last year. Ms. Phillips stated that ultimately it was the Board's decision, but they stated they would be open to discussing it again. She stated that they displayed a banner downtown and posted multiple signs in the municipalities last year.

Ms. Glass asked Mr. Scoggins if there were any precinct changes; he responded that there were no changes.

Shirley Jackson asked what methods were used to advertise qualifying. Mr. Scoggins responded that the elections office posted notices on Facebook and the website, published a notice in the local newspaper, and posted a flyer on the office door.

She also commented that voters with disabilities can request absentee by mail ballots and should receive a ballot unless they are deemed mentally incompetent by a judge. Ms. Phillips agreed with her, stating that they will be able to vote if they have not been declared incompetent by a judge.

Audrey Lindor commented that the elections office could use the CNS scroll to advertise for elections.



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Adjournment:

Chairman Ross gave the date of the next board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Chairman Ross asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Borden made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Fykes seconded the motion. All were in favor by saying Aye.

Terry Ross, Chairman

ATTEST: Abbey Jackson

Thank you,

Frank Scoggins

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