

Ware County BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION WARE COUNTY, GEORGIA April 8, 2025

The Ware County Board of Elections and Registration convened to conduct a regular monthly meeting, with Chairman Bartlett, presiding.

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.
End Time: 11:15 a.m.

1. **PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

Vernon Chambless led with prayer and Chairman Bartlett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Election Supervisor, Carlos Nelson conducted roll call.

Board Attendees: Chairman Danny Bartlett
Dr. Rodney Brown
Vernon Chambless
Marian Solomon-Gaines

Guests: Debra Giddens

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Bartlett asked for changes to the agenda. Without objection, the agenda was accepted.

4. **ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**: Strategic Planning – Priority 1 & 2

5. Supervisor Nelson presented the Board a draft copy of the Strategic Plan he has been working on. The Board reviewed the first two priorities: Employee Development and Priority 2, Community Engagement. He informed the Board that we would review the last three priorities at the May meeting... and if all goes well, the Board could approve the plan at the June meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: N/A

7. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**: Regular Meeting, March 11, 2025

Chairman Bartlett asked for corrections to the Meeting Minutes presented. The minutes were accepted, without objection.

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8. **PUBLIC HEARING:** N/A

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** N/A

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **TextMyGov – Smart Texting Service**

Supervisor Nelson presented the Board the TextMyGov program. He explained that it is a community texting program whereby voters, poll workers, board members, elected officials, etc. are given opportunities to “Opt In” to receive important election updates. He added that this would go a long way in increasing voter education and awareness. The Board gave their blessing to move forward.

- **Web Streaming Board Meetings**

Board member Solomon-Gaines informed the Board that she would like us to live stream our monthly board meeting. Supervisor Nelson informed the Board that the meeting is live streaming as a test run. However, he stated that he is not familiar with Facebook live streaming. Chairman Bartlett recommended that the Supervisor contact Spencer Baxley, Internet Media Coordinator, with Ware County to seek his help.

11. **SUPERVISOR’S REPORT**

- **June 17, 2025 PSC Special Primary**

Supervisor Nelson gave an update on the upcoming Special Primary election. He stated that equipment testing (L&A) will start May 5th.

- **Board of Elections Member appointments**

Supervisor Nelson reminded the Board that Vice-Chairman Rodney Brown and Vernon Chambless seats are up for appointment by the Ware County Commission. Vice-Chairman Brown stated that he would not be seeking reappointment. Vernon Chambless said he would be seeking reappointment. Chairman Bartlett asked the Supervisor to notify the County Commission and both local political parties.

- **SOS 3-4 Day Election Training – April 28 to May 2 in Dallas, Georgia**

Supervisor Nelson reminded the Board he and Lorie will be attending the SOS Sprint Training meeting in Dallas, Georgia.

- **GAVREO Conference – August 10 - 13 in Savannah (Westin Savannah Hotel)**

Supervisor Nelson informed the Board that the GAVREO conference is scheduled for August and we have slots available for the entire Board.

12. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND LAST CALL**

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Chairman Bartlett asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Brown moved for adjournment. Marian Solomon-Gaines seconded. Motion passed without objection.



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Carlos J. Nelson, Supervisor/Board Secretary
Ware County Board of Election

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