

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 February 11, 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: 10:29 a.m.

1. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Ludeane Whitfield led with prayer and Dr. Rodney Brown 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 Chambliss
Ludeane Whitfield

Guests: Debra Giddens
Dr. Earl Martin
Larry Lockey

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION: N/A

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Debra Giddens: Mrs. Giddens addressed the Board on the City of Waycross, District 4 Special Election

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- Regular Meeting, January 14, 2025

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

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

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

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

10. **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

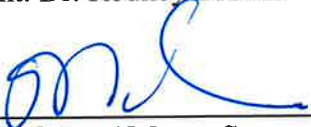
- City of Waycross, District 4 Special Election
Supervisor Nelson informed the Board that the City would be making their decision on when to call for the Special Election to fill the District 4 seat at their next Commission meeting. He stressed that the City of Waycross is responsible for determining the election date and the City contracts with the Board of Elections to conduct the election.
- Georgia Supreme Court Ruling (Strickland v BOE)
Supervisor Nelson reported that the Georgia Supreme Court issued their ruling on the appeal by Commissioner Alvin Nelson.
- 2025 Appointments – Post 1 and 2; Chairman
Supervisor Nelson informed the Board the Post 1 and 2 are up for appointment by the Ware County Board of Commissioners. He stated that the new terms will begin July 1 and then the new Board will appoint the Chairman. By the Charter, Chairman Bartlett will continue to serve until reappointed or a new Chairman is appointed.
- SEB Hearings - Supervisor Nelson announced that Ware County would have three cases presented to the State Election Board during their February 25 meeting.
SEB2022-285 – Ware County – Double Voting
SEB2023-083 – Ware County – City of Waycross Districting Issue
SEB2024-067 – Ware County – Use of Cell Phone at the Polling Place
- 2025 Public Service Commission Elections
Chairman Nelson informed the Board that the SOS office announced that the PSC Post 2 and 3 elections would be statewide. The PSC primary would be in June with a July runoff... and the General Election would be in November.
- SOS 3-4 Day Election Training – April 28 to May 2 in Dallas, Georgia
Supervisor Nelson informed the Board that SOS would host a statewide training in Dallas, Georgia. He and Lorie will attend.
- GAVREO Conference – August 10 thru 13 in Savannah
Supervisor Nelson informed the Board that the conference is scheduled for August. He told the Board that the planners are working on a session just for board members.
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11. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND LAST CALL**

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Chairman Bartlett asked for a motion to adjourn. Ludeane Whitfield moved for adjournment. Dr. Rodney Brown seconded.



Danny Bartlett, Chairman
Ware County Board of Elections



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

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