



Oconee County

Board of Elections and Registration

Sharon Gregg, Director

Board Members:
Jay Hanley, Chair
Kirk Shook, Vice Chair
Ken Davis
Tammy Gilland
Shami Jones

February 2, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes
Approved

Members Present: Jay Hanley, Kirk Shook, Ken Davis, Tammy Gilland, Shami Jones

Others Present: Sharon Gregg, Jennifer Stone, Grace Martin, Kathy Hurley, Lee Becker, Ann Hollifield, Susan Noakes

Hanley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Shook made a move to approve the agenda, second by Jones. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda.

No corrections were made to the minutes of the January 5, 2026, meeting. Upon motion by Davis and second by Gilland, minutes from the January 5, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved. Shook abstained from the vote due to absence from January 5, 2026, meeting.

Public Comment – Public comment was made by the following: Grace Martin, Kathy Hurley

Unfinished Business

- a) Regarding a second advance voting location as discussed at the January 5, 2026, meeting, Gregg reviewed findings regarding logistics, staffing concerns, security, parking, deploying and packing up the equipment and transport of ballots. Gregg gave recommendation to maintain the current location and reassess if conditions change. Discussion was had amongst the board members. Motion was made by Jones to go with the Director's recommendation and seconded by Shook. Hanley, Shook, Gilland and Jones were in favor. Davis opposed. Motion passed.

New Business

- a) Chair Hanley read the resolution for the renewal of the SPLOST to be placed on the May 19, 2026 ballot. A motion to issue the call for the special election was made by Shook and seconded by Jones. All in favor.



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Director's Report

- a) Gregg stated that qualifying fees have been set by the Board of Commissioners and City of Watkinsville. Gregg stated fees are as follows: \$755.36 for Board of Commission posts 2 and 3, \$54.00 for Board of Education posts 2 and 3, and \$72.00 for City Council posts 3, 4, and 5.
- b) Gregg informed that the Republican party will be conducting their own qualifying here at the Administrative Building in the North High Shoals conference room.
- c) Gregg indicated that the budget process has begun for FY27.

Upcoming Events

- a) March 2, 2026 – Board of Elections Meeting
- b) March 2, 2026 – First day to accept applications for Absentee Ballots for the May Primary
- c) March 2, 2026 – March 6, 2026 – Qualifying Period
- d) GAVREO conference will be held on March 22, 2026 through March 26, 2026 in Athens.

Executive Session

At 5:35 p.m., upon move by Shook and second by Gilland, a motion was made to go into executive session to discuss litigation. All were in favor.

At 5:45 p.m. upon move by Shook and second by Gilland, the Board adjourned back into regular session. All were in favor.

Adjourn

There being no further business, on motion by Shook and second by Jones, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm. All were in favor.