



Board of Elections & Registrations



Irwin County Georgia

Waymond Harris, Chairman

Ethan Compton, Election Supervisor

Patricia Thurman, Democratic Party Representative / Vice-Chair

Wyatt Thompson, Republican Party Representative

Board Meeting Outline

Friday, June 20th, 2025 @ 3pm

Call to Order: *Invocation and Pledge led by Chairman Harris*

Approval of Minutes: *Vice-Chair Thurman motions to approve minutes as presented, Representative Thompson seconds, minutes approved.*

Old Business: *N/A*

New Business:

1. Reconciliation of Voter Credit and List of Electors, Board Inspection of Elections Documents
 - a. As per SEB Rules, this board is meeting at this time to allow board members to inspect and compare elections documentation, the list of voters given credit for voting in this election within the voter registration system, the list of voters checked in on the poll pads and the list of eligible voters for this election within our jurisdiction to allow board members to make an informed judgement in their decision to certify the election results which will be made at this board's meeting at 5pm. *Voter Credit and Numbered Voter Lists were reviewed and compared.*
2. *Representative Thompson introduces a motion to discuss all non-certification meeting items from the 5pm meeting agenda at this time, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds, agenda relaxed to discuss Voter Information Guide Progress, the Post-Election Schedule of Events until Labor Day and the Street List Maintenance Update.*

Public Comment:

Board Comment:

Meeting Adjourned:

1. *Vice-Chair Thurman motions for the board to recess until 5:15pm for certification, since it was advertised at that time, Representative Thompson seconds, board meeting in recess.*



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Call to Order: *Board returns from recess @ 5:15pm.*

Approval of Minutes: *N/A*

Old Business:

1. Voter Information Guide Progress
 - a. The first page letter's background changed for readability and a few grammatical errors were discovered and corrected in the only differences from the proofs given to the board at the last meeting.
 - b. They have been distributed to voters after voting in this election and the remaining stock will be distributed at governmental offices. Continued printing has been discontinued, with revised guides and amended pages for existing copies to be drafted next year once we know the full scope of changes planned by the county charter changes currently being drafted, as we have been warned that some discussed changes will invalidate multiple pages in the guide.

Discussed at the 3pm meeting.

New Business:

1. Certification of June 17th, 2025 Special Primary Results

- a. The number of votes cast for each qualified candidate shall be read, a vote will be made to certify and then the documents will be signed and affixed with the seal of our office.

Vice-Chair Thurman motions to certify the results of the June 17th, 2025 Special Primary, Representative Thompson seconds, motion passes 3-0, Certification documents signed and sealed.

2. Post-election schedule of events until Labor Day

- a. A Risk Limiting Audit will be held on Thursday, June 26th, 2025 from 10am until 2pm, likely ending far sooner given the low number of ballots cast in this Special Primary. Also, due to the low number of ballots cast, it would be easier to report the results of a full count of ballots in lieu of only the batches randomly selected by the Secretary of State's Office. I anticipate two teams of auditors to be able to complete this task before 11:30am in all honesty due to our ballot counts.
 - i. All ballots for all contested races (R- District 2 and D- District 3) will be counted.
- b. There will be a runoff between Peter Hubbard and Keisha Sean Waites for the Democratic nomination for Public Service Commission District 3 set for July 15th, 2025.
 - i. The voter registration deadline has already passed, the deadline for applying for an absentee by mail ballot is July 3rd 7th, equipment testing will happen on July 1st, and early voting will be held from 8-5 on Monday July 7th until Friday July 11th.
 - ii. Although no Democratic voters cast their ballots in precinct on Election Day in the Irwinville precinct, we must keep it open for this runoff due to greater than 1% total registered voter turnout countywide for the Democratic party in this primary.
 - iii. Post-election, ballot sub-batching and high-definition scanning will happen on July 16th, and the audit will be held on July 24th.
- c. In July, we intend to transmit a street list to the City Clerk for their approval prior to the Municipal Election in November.
- d. From August 10th until the 14th, Supervisor Compton and Chairman Harris will be in Savannah for the legally required continuing education provided at the Georgia Association of Voter Registration and Elections Officials Conference, while to maintain her certification, Assistant Supervisor Romans will remain at the office but participate in the courses virtually.
 - i. Attendance is required by state law for each county's chief elections official (or their designee) and one board member (or their designee), and participation either in person or virtually is required annually to maintain GEOC, GROG and/or GE-ROC certifications, of which Supervisor Compton has all three state certifications and Assistant Supervisor Romans has GEOC.
- e. Qualifying for Ocilla's Municipal Election in November will be from 9am-5pm Monday through Thursday, closing between noon and 1pm each day, and 9am-noon on Friday August 18th through 22nd. The offices being qualified for are all nonpartisan, being Mayor, City Council

District 1 and 3.

- i. Per Ocilla's charter, if any existing Alderman wishes to qualify to run for Mayor, we cannot accept their qualifying documents until such time as they submit their resignation from City Council. If that were to occur, we will strive to call for a special election for their seat and hold special qualifying as quickly as possible to attempt to get the special election ballot for that seat onto the same November ballot to minimize taxpayer costs.
 1. If that happens, we will submit the Call for Special Election before noon on Friday August 22nd to meet newspaper deadlines for the Ocilla Star, and hold qualifying for that vacancy from 9am-5pm August 27th until noon August 29th to meet all legal deadlines for a special election call date, a special election qualifying period and still have the contest and candidates to the Secretary of State's Office in time for their September 5th deadline to add candidates and contests to the November ballot.

Items discussed @ 3pm meeting.

3. Street Maintenance Update

- a. One legally mandated duty of this office is the continual, at minimum annual, review of streets, address ranges of those streets and the precinct-combos assigned to each address range to ensure accuracy in our voter rolls and that each voter receives the correct ballot for every election.
- b. Before the City elections this November, we are performing a full audit of all street names, address ranges and their placement geographically into the correct political districts.
 - i. Minor tweaks to street names, such as properly appending a missing direction to a street name or ensuring the correct street type (road, lane, court, circle, etc) is assigned to a street was needed in a small number of cases.
- c. Public Safety has provided a full 911 address list for our use for this purpose, ensuring that any street changes such as new or removed streets or changes in address ranges are reflected in the voter rolls as part of our continual review of our records.
 - i. 1 voter was found to have been incorrectly placed in the wrong county commission district in April due to a combination of a misnamed street and clerical error resulting from its similarity to the proper street name for the voter and they have been moved to the correct precinct-combo to ensure they receive the correct ballot when local contests for them are on the ballot in 2026.
 - ii. By keeping street address ranges as accurate as possible, we safeguard against processing potentially fraudulent voter registration applications, as well as DDS processing a voter change due to voters who live on roads that cross into Irwin and neighboring counties who may be and frequently are confused as to which side of the county line they live on when updating their license.
- d. This review is in addition to the review performed earlier this year in coordination with Hall County's GIS expert and the South Georgia Regional Commission's GIS liaison to independently audit our addresses being assigned to the proper precinct-combos to ensure that our records are constantly reviewed and kept as accurate as possible.

Item discussed @3pm meeting.

Public Comment: *N/A*

Board Comment: *Reminder of RLA on Thursday the 26th- 2 teams per party, all ballots for R-District 2 and D-District 3 to be counted beginning at 10am.*

Meeting Adjourned:

2. Next Meeting: Friday, July 18th, 2025 @ 3pm- Reconciliation of Voter Credit and Returns for July 15th Democratic Special Primary Runoff & @ 5pm – Certification of Results for July 15th Democratic Special Primary Runoff

Vice-Chair Thurman motions to adjourn, Representative Thompson seconds, all approved, meeting adjourned @5:24pm