



# *Board of Elections & Registrations* *Irwin County Georgia*

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*Waymond Harris, Chairman*

*Ethan Compton, Election Supervisor*

*Patricia Thurman, Democratic Party Representative / Vice-Chair*

*Wyatt Thompson, Republican Party Representative*

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## **Board Meeting Outline**

Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 4pm

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

Approval of Minutes: *Vice-Chair Thurman motions to accept minutes as presented, Rep. Thompson seconds, minutes approved 3-0.*

Old Business: *N/A*

New Business:

1. Candidates on the November 2025 Ballot
  - a. Incumbent Lisa Cook is being challenged by Cortney Austin for Ocilla City Council District 1
  - b. Incumbent Lemora Moses, Sr. is being challenged by LaRounda Thomas for Ocilla City Council District 3
  - c. Mayor Melvin D. Harper, II is unopposed for Mayor of Ocilla, and his term will now last through 2029.

*Chairman Harris wanted to re-iterate that the City/County Intergovernmental Agreement only covers charging costs to the city for costs exclusive to the city elections. Supervisor Compton explained that those costs, in this instance, were for newspaper notices for candidate qualifying as well as for employee time spent during candidate qualifying and paper/toner costs for forms printed. After performing those calculations, costs incurred were less than \$10 more than the total qualifying fees collected, so in lieu of spending the time drafting an invoice and collecting payment, keeping qualifying fees was considered appropriate full payment and the City has been notified of such.*

2. Planned Trainings
  - a. Supervisor Compton will go to a regional meeting in Valdosta on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and

depending on the location, might attend a Southeastern GA regional meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The location of the second meeting is now in question, as it was planned in Alma, but Bacon County is now without an elections staff due to resignations for various reasons.

- b. Supervisor Compton will also attend two more CERA certification courses virtually through October in coordination with Auburn University.
  - c. Poll Worker Training will be held from 10am until noon on both September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. After the poll worker training, Supervisor Compton will travel to Atlanta to participate in the House Blue Ribbon Study Committee on Elections Processes session currently planned to be held in Covington on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Voter Registration Deadline, Early Voting and Absentee by Mail Periods
- a. The deadline to register to vote or update one's registration in time for the November election is October 6<sup>th</sup>, Absentee by Mail ballots can now be accepted and processed, but cannot be mailed until October 6<sup>th</sup>, and early voting will begin on Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> due to this being a statewide election and state law prohibiting voting on state holidays, of which Columbus Day is on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. The deadline to apply for an absentee by mail ballot is Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Our next meeting will be especially brief, as it will occur shortly before the close of polls for the first day of early voting, there will be few updates to share and we do not want our meeting to interfere with the closing of the polls for the evening.

Public Comment: *N/A*

Board Comment: *Chairman Harris asked if there were any pending changes to district lines, and Supervisor Compton replied that none are expected unless a County Charter change has those within them and are passed next year by the General Assembly, or if the General Assembly passes map changes, which are not expected until after the next census in 2030.*

Executive Session: ~~Entered executive session @ \_\_\_\_\_ due to request by \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss:~~

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~~Exited executive session @ \_\_\_\_\_~~

Meeting Adjourned:

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm

*Rep. Thompson motions to adjourn, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds, meeting adjourned @ 4:17pm by a vote of 3-0.*