



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 Minutes

Tuesday, August 4th, 2026 @ 4pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:06pm, Invocation and pledge led by Chairman Harris

Approval of Agenda: Vice-Chair Thurman motions to approve agenda, seconded by Member Thompson, agenda approved 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Thurman motions to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Member Thompson, minutes approved 3-0.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

1. Voter Challenges

- a. As we've mentioned since late March, despite multiple attempts to contact the 9 voters registered in a single family home on Rainbow Drive for 4 months now, we have received no response.
 - i. After last meeting, we issued challenge letters to all individuals registered under this address, and withstanding evidence presented by the challenged individuals changing his opinion, Supervisor Compton recommends voting to uphold the challenge against all 9 individuals.

Vice-Chair Thurman motions to cancel the 9 challenged voters in this case, seconded by Member Thompson, motion passes 3-0.

- b. In addition, there are 13 voters who have newer voter registrations on file in other states that have recently been shared with us.
 - i. After last meeting, we issued challenge letters to all individuals within this challenge and withstanding evidence presented by the challenged individuals changing his opinion, Supervisor Compton recommends voting to uphold the challenge against all 13

individuals.

Member Thompson motions to cancel the 13 voters challenged in this case, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds, motion passes 3-0.

Chairman Harris stresses the need for rigorous and proactive list maintenance, and Supervisor Compton added that we are actively utilizing all tools available at our disposal while working within state and federal constraints, but that the voter challenges this year are proof of that additional scrutiny in an effort to bring and keep our voter rolls as close to perfection as possible.

2. Proposed bylaw changes

a. The recommended changes in the bylaws are minor and only three changes.

- i. In article 6, our regular meeting day has been changed from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Friday of the month to better accommodate the schedules of members of the Board.
- ii. Within Article 10, the additional circumstances to add contests and/or ballots to a post-election audit were constrained to county and municipal level contests only to compensate for the number of contests requiring auditing by state law more than doubling due to changes passed in SB 3EX during this year's special session.
 1. As we have previously experienced, setting too aggressive of an audit scope introduces too many factors for human error to impact the accuracy of the entire audit, with the addition of added ballots adding both time and complications multiplicatively while added contests add time proportionately but complications exponentially.
 2. This change does not impact the second condition where evidence calling the sanctity of the results of a contest and/or precinct can add those ballots to the audit.
- iii. Also within Article 10, we added an explicit reservation of the right for this Board to, by vote, add, exempt or clarify conditions for additional contests and/or ballots to be audited post-election.
- iv. If these changes are voted on and passed to begin consideration, they will be posted for public comment and considered for adoption at our September meeting.

Board members discussed the feasibility of an earlier or later meeting time, deciding to keep 4pm as a balance between availability and ease of public access.

Supervisor Compton committed to posting the proposed bylaws in office, on the board facebook page and on the county website.

Member Thompson motions to begin bylaw change process, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds, motion passes 3-0.

Public Comment: N/A

Board Comment: N/A

Executive Session: (If needed)

Meeting Adjourned: Next Meeting: 4pm September 8th, 2026

Member Thompson motions to move the date of the next meeting to September 11th, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds,

approved 3-0.

Member Thompson motions to adjourn, Vice-Chair Thurman seconds, passed 3-0, meeting adjourned at 4:31pm.
