



Board of Elections & Registrations



Irwin County Georgia

Waymond Harris, Chairman

Ethan Compton, Election Supervisor

Charlene Hutchinson, Republican Party Representative / Vice-Chair

Patricia Thurman, Democratic Party Representative

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10th, 2024 @ 4pm

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

Approval of Minutes: *Vice-Chair Hutchinson motions to accept minutes as presented, Representative Thurman seconds, minutes accepted 3-0.*

Old Business:

1. Board Member Appointments

a. The Irwin County Commission voted on Election Board Member Appointments at their December 2, 2024 meeting.

i. Given the lack of nominations presented to our office of the County Commission, the Irwin County Commission, at the recommendation of legal counsel, unanimously voted to reappoint the existing members of this board to another two-year term.

1. If the county parties wish to nominate someone else to serve as their representative, the County Commission will vote to recognize and appoint that person at the next meeting after such notice is given.

The Irwin County Republican Party has since supplied notice of having re-nominated Vice-Chair Hutchinson.

ii. Following the recommendation of this board's party representatives, the Irwin County Commission unanimously voted to reappoint Chairman Harris to another two-year term.

2. Post-Election Audit Recap

- a. From 9am until 12:30pm, 6 teams of two as supplied by each county party counted 3,910 ballots to perform a full audit of the County Commission District 3 contest and counted 3,070 ballots selected by the Secretary of State's Office as part of their statewide Risk Limiting Audit.
 - i. The Presidential contest was found to be off by 3 ballots by our auditors, favoring Donald J. Trump by 0.12%. In addition, for the County Commission District 3 contest, 7 votes less were counted for Mona W. MacKenzie and 12 fewer votes for Aldene Tyson were counted than expected, leading to an error margin of 1.5% and 2.4% respectively. All findings are well within the margin of error for the audits of 8% and average human error rates of roughly 4%.
- b. Using the ballot images hand-scanned in our office from Nov 6-7th, office staff also performed their own full audit on the two above contests, finding a true and complete match to the reported results in their weeklong effort.
- c. Using the ballot images created by the elections system when ballots were first cast, the Secretary of State's Office performed a 100% image audit on all 4,367 ballots for all contests, and it additionally found a true and complete match to Irwin County's election results in that audit.
 - i. On the 5,297,262 ballots audited for the statewide results, 87 ballots were found to have incorrect results when each contest for every ballot image in the state was compared to the election results. That is a discrepancy rate of 0.001642% - roughly one ten-thousandth of a percent.
 1. 86 of those were found to be the result of human error when determining voter intent on adjudicated hand marked ballots, and the remaining one was a write-in vote from a ballot marking device ballot which was incorrectly processed by the county's adjudication panel as belonging to a candidate on the ballot.

New Business:

1. Approval of 2025 Board Meeting Schedule
 - a. A potential schedule for 2025's meetings has been presented to the board, following our bylaws with our regular meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the lone exception being August, where the second Tuesday of that month will be during the office staffs' legally required conference for continuing education.
 - b. In addition, in months with an election, the normal meeting is held the Friday after that election in order to certify those results.
 - c. If there are any concerns, we can make those alterations now or we can vote to finalize this tentative schedule, which will still allow us to postpone, cancel or delay meetings if required due to unforeseen events or emergencies.

No current conflicts are noticed, tentative meeting schedule approved for posting and public notice on condition that all deviations from such schedule are given as much public notice as possible and in accordance with our bylaws and state open meetings law.
2. Poll Worker Holiday Party
 - a. Monday December 16th @11am is the date that we were able to get the majority of poll workers available for an appreciation holiday party where we'll distribute gift bags mostly comprised of free

items we've collected at training conventions for the last few years as well as potentially a small gift, as well as us supplying the meat, plates and silverware for the meal and letting the poll workers supply the drinks and sides.

Rep. Thurman inquired about including party volunteer auditors in the party, and Supervisor Compton replied with the space constraints of our office and a desire to keep the setting somewhat intimate to continue to foster the relationship with our poll workers that has helped drive their excellence and helped continue their desire to volunteer to serve our county.

Public Comment:

N/A

Board Comment:

N/A

Executive Session: Entered executive session @ _____ due to request by _____ to discuss:

~~Exited executive session @~~

Meeting Adjourned:

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 7th, 2025 @ 4pm

Vice-Chair Hutchinson motions to adjourn, Representative Thurman seconds, meeting adjourned 3-0 @ 4:24pm.