

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
500 WEST LAMAR STREET
SUMTER COUNTY BOC MEETING ROOM AMERICUS, GEORGIA
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2026
4:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Randy Howard

II. ROLL CALL

- a. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Howard, Carson Walker, Shirley Reese and Lynn Bailey
- b. BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jalena Seay
- c. STAFF PRESENT: Supervisor LaSandra Patterson

III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Lynn Bailey and seconded by Shirley Reese. The agenda was adopted.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM February 3, 2026

Carson Walker offered the motion to approve the minutes; it was seconded by Lynn Bailey. The minutes were approved.

V. Plains and Thompson Precinct Issues

Thompson Precinct: Randy shared information that the county was not interested in investing any money in the fire station polling place. Carson offered comments about the mold. The next meeting will need to make a final decision regarding the use and/or repairs of Thompson precinct for the May election. The building is currently in limbo due to ownership issues (property belongs to deceased Mr. Chappell's estate). The issues to consider are the temporary repairs (roof patching, mold remediation) to use through May election.

Plains Precinct: Randy stated that Theo Baldwin, the fire marshall, said that if Plains polling place was repaired then that would be fine. It was reiterated that the county does not want to put any more money in the Thompson or Plains polling place. A decision will be made at the next meeting to finalize decisions on whether to keep Plains precinct at their current location or move to the community center.

Randy stated that he met with the mayor of Plains, and they indicated construction and bathroom renovations should be completed before May, but no formal commitment has been received yet.

VI. State Court

There was no discussion about this.

VII. Conference

Randy reminded everyone of the conference coming up in March and stated that he would not be in attendance in person because he had to attend his granddaughter's wedding in Texas, but he would log on.

VIII. Certificate from the Secretary of State for Board Members

Mrs. Patterson presented the new board members that were present with their certificates from the Secretary of State. Mrs. Patterson stated that Jalena could pick hers up from the office at her convenience.

IX. Other Election Concerns

Hayden stated that due to a former case, the school board elections are only held in November.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Carson Walker motioned to go into executive session, and it was seconded by Shirley Reese. That motion passed.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS REMARKS

No remarks

XII. ADJOURNED

A motion to adjourn was made by Carson Walker and seconded by Lynn Bailey. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.