

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION

Regular Business Meeting Agenda

500 West Lamar St.

Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room

Americus, Ga. 31709

March 4, 2025@4:30 pm

Mr. Randy Howard Chairman

Dr. Shirley Latimore Vice-Chair

Dr. Valerie Roberts

Mr. Carson Walker

Dr. Shirley Green Reese

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Randy Howard at 4:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

A. Board Members Present

**Dr. Valerie Roberts, Mr. Carson Walker, Dr. Shirley Reese,
Dr. Shirley Latimore, Mr. Randy Howard**

B. Staff Present

Supervisor LaSandra Patterson, Elizabeth Robinson

III. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

**Motion to Adopt Agenda was made by Carson Walker
and seconded by Dr. Shirley Reese. The agenda was adopted.**

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR February 4, 2025

**Motion to Adopt the Minutes was made by Dr. Valerie Roberts and seconded
by Dr. Shirley Reese. The minutes were Adopted.**

V. BOARD MEMBERS PAYMENT PROCESS – Dr. Detrice Harris

The Board payment process was discussed. There is no ordinance in place to signify how board members are compensated or when they will receive payments. Are board members compensated for each meeting, per month, per year. Dr. Harris stated she wanted something put in place regarding payment methods and she wanted it to be consistent.

VI. 2025 SUPERVISOR ELECTION UPDATE - LASANDRA PATTERSON

Voter Registration - 19,630

Felons – 9

Cancellations – 5

The City of Plains cancelled their election for March 18th, they had one person to qualify which was Terry Westbury and will take his seat once the election is certified.

The City of Desoto announced they would be holding qualifying for the Mayor and two at large city council seats on August 20th-22nd from 9:00 - 4:00. Mayor & 2 at Large City council seat.

The City of Andersonville announced they would be holding qualifying for 3 City council seats on August 19th-21st from 8:30-4:30;
City council seats
1,3,5.

The City of Americus announced they would be holding qualifying for the Mayor and 3 city council seats on August 18th – 20th from 9:00 – 4:00
Mayor & City Council Seats 3,4,5

The SOS confirmed that there will be a Statewide Election on June 17th for Public Service Commission. Qualifying has been set for April 1st – 2nd from 9-5 and on April 3rd from 8-12: pm. May 19th is the last day to register or Make changes. May 27th is the first day of Advance/ Early voting.

The 2025 Savannah Conference will be August 10th – 13th, I can start Rooms next week (Hyatt, Marriot, Westin). Registration is \$600.00 per person whether in person or online. Materials for the conference will

be sent out later, so that each county can download it or print it.

There's a statewide mandatory training from April 28th-30th. I registered last month for myself and Ms. Robinson to attend.

2026 GAVREO Conference will be held in Athens from March 22nd-25th. I have started working on the 2025-2026 budget and once completed, I will bring it to the board for review. The website needs to be re-designed and updated with current information.

VII. EXPENDITURE TRANSACTION REPORT

A copy of Expenditure Account Status/Transaction Audit Trail was given to Board members.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to go into Executive Session was made by Carson Walker and seconded by Dr. Shirley Reese. Motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Session was made by Carson Walker and seconded by Dr. Valerie Roberts.

IX. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Randy Howard commented that the By-Laws will be revisited at the next meeting.

X. ADJOURN

Dr. Valerie Roberts offered the motion to Adjourn, it was seconded by Carson Walker. Meeting was Adjourned at 5:46

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Robinson