

**SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**The Regular Monthly meeting of the Spalding County Board of Elections and Voter Registration was held at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration at 825 Memorial Drive Griffin, Ga 30223 at 10:00 am. on Monday, November 10, 2025. In attendance: Chairman Ben Johnson presiding. Board Members: James Newland, Dexter Wimbish, and Lee Howell. Not attending Chris Piland and Lee Howell arrived late. Also present were Elections Director Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham, and Kelly Romero to record minutes.**

**Call to Order** – Chairman Ben Johnson called meeting to order at 10:12 am

**Invocation/Moment of Silence** – Invocation was given by James Newland

**Pledge to the Flag** – Pledge was led by Dexter Wimbish

**Citizen Comment** –

- **John Williams** – In reference to precinct consolidation, wanted to know if there would be a report as to how much money would be saved.
- **John Carson Barnes** - Decided he didn't have any comments.
- **Gloriann O'Brien** – Questioned the Regular Monthly Minutes not being updated on the website.

**Amending of the Agenda** – (Motion to amend agenda to add an Executive Session)

*Motion/Second by – James Newland/Dexter Wimbish*

*Motion Passed – 3-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland and Dexter Wimbish*

**Adoption of the Agenda with Amendment** –

*Motion/Second by – James Newland/Dexter Wimbish*

*Motion passed: 3-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland, Dexter Wimbish*

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of October 14, 2025, Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and the November 7, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

*Motion/Second by Dexter Wimbish/James Newland*

*Motion Passed: 3-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland and Dexter Wimbish*

**Election Director Report:**

**Voter Registration Update:**

- Will resume after the certification meeting of the November 4, 2025 Statewide Special Public Service Commission and General Municipal Election and all election records are properly distributed and stored.

## **Election Update: November 4, 2025 – Statewide Special & Municipal General & Special Election**

- **Challenges**
  - Staffing of precincts, mainly due to call outs and sicknesses.
  - Issues with encoding voter access cards on Election Day morning. This problem was outside of Spalding's control, and an email was received by KNOWiNK, the vendor for the poll pads that the problem was resolved prior to noon. We noticed a major difference in incoming calls by noon on Election Day.
  - Leaks throughout the main office, equipment room, and Advance Voting location. The problem seems to be worse after the roof was worked on.
  
- **Overall Successful election.** There may have been a delay intermittently, but it would have been very, very short and voters were processed in a timely manner.

**Remodeling of newly acquired space:** Director Slaughter continues to work with LJA and the floor plans for the newly acquired space. This is a work in progress.

**Precinct Consolidation** –Kim Slaughter advised that saving money for the county and the taxpayers is not the only reason for the consolidation of precincts. Streamlining of staffing, easier staffing, better staffing of precincts as well. At the December meeting Director Slaughter will present more information on the consolidation.

**Certification of November 4, 2025 Statewide Public Service Commission and Municipal General and Special Election:** (Director Slaughter read off the contests along with the candidates and how many votes each candidate received.)

*Motion/Second by -James Newland/Lee Howell*

*Motion Passed – 4-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Lee Howell*

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:27 am for the purpose of discussing potential litigation reference to OCGA 50.14.2.1.**

*Motion/Second – Lee Howell/James Newland*

*Motion passed – 4-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Lee Howell*

**Motion to return to Open Session at 10:43 am**

*Motion/Second – James Newland/Lee Howell*

*Motion passed – 4-0*

*Voted for: Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland, Dexter Wimbish and Lee Howell*

**Board Members Comments** –

**Lee Howell** – none

**James Newland** – James remembered that the goal used to be for no one to have to wait longer than 30 minutes. This election they didn't have to wait more than 3 minutes. He is proud of us.

**Dexter Wimbish** – Thanks to Kim Slaughter and the staff for a great election. And for the public a reminder that on January 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm, we are discussing the consolidation of the precincts. We want community input, and you need to get on the schedule so you can voice the questions you have and get clear understanding and have transparency as to why these decisions are being made.

**Chairman Ben Johnson** – I appreciate everyone coming today, and I agree with James about a great election with a 90% decrease waiting time. Ben challenged Director Kim and staff to do a little better like his father always challenged him.

**Director Kim Slaughter** also thanked the board members and her staff that work tirelessly, putting in many hours. Mrs. Slaughter couldn't do this without them. She is also very grateful to the poll officers for all they do as well.

**Adjournment** –

*Motion/Second by – Lee Howell/James Newland*

*Motion Passed:4-0*

*Voted for. Chairman Ben Johnson, James Newland, Dexter Wimbish, and Lee Howell at 10:48 am.*

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**Ben Johnson, Chairman**

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**Kim Slaughter, Elections Director**