SPALDING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
AFTER AGENDA
NOVEMBER 9, 2026

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 a.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026. In attendance: Vice Chairman James Newland presiding, Board members Chris Piland and Lee Howell. Chairman Ben Johnson and Board member Dexter Wimbish did not attend. Also present were Elections Director Kim Slaughter, Attorney Stephanie Windham, Voter Registration Coordinator Sandra Hardy and Elections Assistant Kelly Romero to record minutes.

Call to Order – Vice Chairman James Newland called meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Motion to adjourn to recess until 11:30 a.m.-

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell at 10:37 a.m.

Motion to Return in Session –

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell at 11:37 a.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Invocation was given by Chris Piland.

Pledge to the Flag – Pledge was led by Lee Howell.

Adoption of the Agenda –

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell

Citizen Comments – None

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes on October 6, 2026 **(Action Item)**

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell

New Business:

a. Calling of the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election Results by the Elections Director.
b. Certification of Results for the November 3, 2026 General and Special Election. (Action item)

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell at 11:48 a.m.

Election Director Report –

a. Report by Elections Director Kim Slaughter

- We had a successful election.
- One female voter was hurt when she got out of her car and hit her leg with the door.
- 25,838 votes all balanced from voter certificates to our reports and voter certificates to the handwritten numbered list of voters.
- **Parallel Mandatory Testing** – The state picked Spalding County as one of the counties to utilize for this testing. They went early on Election Day to Precinct 7, which is Oak Hill Church, and took one of our BMD's. The purpose was to ensure the election project was uploaded correctly. We were notified that all was good and we passed with flying colors. Being down one BMD did not hinder us.

Old Business: None

Board Members Comments –

- **Lee Howell –** Thanks to Director Kim and her staff for another great election.

- **Chris Piland** – 65% of the vote was early voting. He had come by a couple times, and it was very efficient and a smooth process. It was some very long days for staff and the others that worked it. Kudos to Kim for having the foresight to consolidate our precincts. It has been good for our election process. Even on Election Day they were busy but moving. Thank you for your leadership and all your team making this a success.

- **James Newland** – Wanted to add, thank you to and your staff for all your hard work and diligence**.**

Adjournment –

Motion/Second by Lee Howell/Chris Piland
Motion Passed:3-0
Voted for: Vice-Chairman James Newland, Chris Piland, and Lee Howell at 11:55 a.m.

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James Newland, Vice- Chairman **Kim Slaughter, Elections Director**