CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES

August 10, 2026

In-Person Meeting | 1117 Eisenhower Drive, Suite F | Multipurpose room

BOARD MEMBERS: Thomas J. Mahoney – Chairman
Marianne Heimes
James Hall
Trish Brown
Glynda Jones

STAFF: Brook Schreiner, Director
Shanta Scarboro, Deputy Director

CALL TO ORDER: **Chairman Tom Mahoney** called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M., gave an Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIR ADDRESS: **Mr. Mahoney** thanked Board members and the public for attending. Last month's meeting, a joint meeting with Voter Registration, went well and **Mr. Mahoney** emphasized that both office's staff will continue to work together as they always for each election.

MINUTES: **July 2026 Minutes**

Motion by **Mr. Hall**, seconded by **Ms. Heimes** that the Minutes of the July meeting be approved. **Mrs. Brown** clarified that this meeting would include a public comment session, which **Mr. Mahoney** confirmed. He added that he and Chairman McRae had determined that it was best to suspend the public comment session for the joint meeting to shorten it. **Mr. Mahoney** called for the vote and the minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: **Ms. Schreiner** discussed the July financial report. We are at the beginning of the new fiscal year and have begun ordering on the new budget. We have ordered necessary poll supplies and including new displays for each poll to hold the State-required signage and new shirts for staff and poll techs. We also budgeted for a new SUV to replace the sedan; a larger vehicle will be helpful in delivering supplies during Election Day. **Mr. Mahoney** asked if the Board had any questions and, hearing none, asked to move on to the Supervisor's Report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: **Ms. Schreiner** told the Board that she and Shanta Scarboro had enjoyed attending the Partnership for Large Election Jurisdictions (PLEJ) conference and were able to meet many election officials from all over the country.

Qualifying for the special election for School Board District 2 will begin on August 17 and end on August 19. We are expecting two or three people to qualify and will post the qualified candidates as soon as possible after closing. There will also be a special election for the School Board Tax Referendum, which was approved in May for the November ballot.

OFFICIAL

Precinct 3-04 will continue to vote at the First African Baptist Church of Savannah, but they have requested we move voting to their new fellowship hall across the street.

We have had a few maintenance projects going on at the Elections Office and the Annex – the server room at the office has been reconfigured for more space and efficiency and the Annex has had a few small roof leaks that the county's maintenance department has been working on.

We have reopened applications for the front desk position. The position was offered to a applicant, but she had already taken another job.
Ms. Schreiner reminded the Board that she would be out of the office for the upcoming Certified Elections Registration Administrator (CERA) Certification, where she will be receiving her certification.

The State Election Board recently passed a new rule instituting a numbered list procedure during the check-in process at polls. The process had originally been piloted by a few smaller counties and was now being pushed out to all counties. Poll workers will be trained on the new procedure and our office will put out voter education information ahead of the election.

Finally, **Ms. Schreiner** told the Board that a joint staff meeting had been scheduled between key Elections staff and Voter Registration staff, which will be followed by an Elections staff meeting.

Mrs. Brown asked why some counties had already implemented the new numbered list process and why Chatham was only now implementing it. **Ms. Schreiner** explained that the rule had become effective in July, after our primary and runoff, but the pilot counties had special elections after the effective date. **Ms. Jones** asked if all staff was receiving new shirts. **Ms. Schreiner** answered yes and added that techs would be receiving shirts to help identify them at the polls. **Ms. Jones** asked why staff should get new shirts if they already have shirts. **Mrs. Scarboro** asked to reply and told the Board that each year the budget includes up to 5 replacement shirts for each staff member due to wear and tear, as many wear their department shirts every day. She further clarified that this is optional, and some staff do not choose to replace their shirts.

Ms. Schreiner continued her report, telling the Board that clips for the iHeartMedia radio outreach were being finalized and would include a spotlight on polling place changes like the Salvation Army, reminders of voting hours, My Voter Page, and what ID is acceptable at check-in. **Ms. Jones** expressed her frustration that some local radio stations were not included; **Ms. Schreiner** said she would discuss this with the rep in their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Precinct 2-09
Mr. Mahoney asked for the background of the polling place change, reminding the Board and the public that this is not a precinct change, only a location change, and it is important to vote on it in this meeting since it is around 90 days until the November election. **Ms. Jones** pointed out it is less than 90 days and **Mr. Mahoney** replied that 90 exactly is not required since a polling place change can be done on an emergency basis if necessary. **Ms. Schreiner** told the Board that since the Salvation Army building closed, staff has worked hard to find a new location to avoid combining polling location in the November election City Church is nearby and happily agreed to act as a polling place. Voters should be pleased with the new location being half a mile away. **Ms. Heimes** thanked the staff for their hard work and **Mr. Hall** agreed, adding that he is happy the new location is so close and believes will be well-served by this decision. **Mr. Mahoney**

called for a vote to accept the City Church as the new polling location for precinct 2-09. The vote was unanimous, and he passed around a resolution for the Board to sign. **Mr. Mahoney** told the public they would hold the public comment session and then the Board would adjourn to an executive session. He told them they were welcome to stay until the Board returned, but the agenda was complete so the meeting would be adjourned immediately.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *The public comment session began at 3:51 and ended at 3:59.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *The Board adjourned to the Executive session at 4:05 and returned at 5:18.*

ADJOURNMENT: **Mrs. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Jones. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Brook Schreiner In Lieu of
Supervisor, Secretary to the Board

9/14/2026
Date Approved

Thomas J. Mahoney, III
Chair

Notary Signature

9/23/2026
Date Notarized

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