

#### **Board of Elections and Registrations**

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Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration April 3, 2025 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, April 3<sup>rd.</sup> Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. All board members were present.

#### **Board Comments:**

- The following legislation passed in the 2025 session:
- HB296
- SB214
- HB397
- SB199

## Agenda Request: N/A Approval of Minutes:

• Annette Williams seconded Edwin Roldan's motion to approve February board meeting minutes with no changes.

#### **New Business:**

- Voter Registration Report- Diane Scrimpshire seconded Annette Williams' motion for the Board to accept the 23 obituary deaths for the month of March.
- Voter List Maintenance The Secretary of State notified counties that approximately 450,000 will be removed by the state from the voter list.
- **Memorandum of Understanding-** The Director provided a draft copy of the proposed precinct memorandum of understanding for the board to review and suggest changes. The Board was asked to provide input with the final copy approved by the City Attorney and Council of Columbus, GA.

#### **Old Business:**

- Precinct Relocations
  - Moon- North Highland- Morningside Baptist Church
  - Col. Tech- Beallwood Baptist Church
  - Cunningham- Ambassadors of Christ
- June Special Primary: One early voting location will be the City Services Center at 3111 Citizens Way May 27<sup>th</sup>- June 13<sup>th</sup> hours are 7am to 7pm weekdays and weekend days of Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm.
- FY26 Budget: The FY26 budget has been submitted and one meeting has been held with the City Manager and budget staff. The Mayor will present the proposed budget to Council at a later day. The status of the FY26 budget request has not been received to date.



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Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: N/A

Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. A., Reherts

Uhland Roberts Chairperson

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING As of

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the relati	tionship between the Muscogee County Board of
Elections (hereinafter, the Board) and the owner of	(hereinafter, the Owner) with respect to and
for the purpose of allowing the Board to each use property of	the Owner to serve as a precinct location during
for voting on various specified election days.	

The facilities on Owner's property listed on Attachment I to this MOU will be made available by Owner to the Board for the purposes of setting up and using such facilities as a polling place on each of the dates AND HOURS specified on that attachment.

This MOU does not give the Board either party a property interest in the use of Owner's facility/property other than on the dates specified on Attachment 1.

The parties to this agreement agree to the following:

- A. Obligations of Owner- For each date and time covered in Attachment I., Owner shall ensure that the facilities are available in good condition and that all utilities and amenities are in working order. The owner will be responsible for any needed janitorial services and utilities at its own expense.
- B. <u>Insurance and Indemnification</u> The Board shall be responsible to owner for any property damage resulting from the Board's use of the property either through self-insurance or insurance required of its vendors providing services on the site. It is understood that Owner shall maintain in effect property casualty and general liability insurance covering the property in amounts satisfactory to the Board at all times during the Board's use of the facilities.

The Board as an agency of Columbus/ Muscogee County does not waive any sovereign, governmental, municipal, or any other immunity provided by federal or Georgia law available to the Board or the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government. Subject to any immunity defense available to the Board, expressly agrees to bear its own costs and liabilities with respect to the injuries caused solely by the gross negligence or intentional acts of its own employees.

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- C. Facility Fees Facilities cost of \$1.00 or more will be waived by both parties for the common interest of the citizens of Columbus. Costs for on-site security during the Board's use of the facilities as well as the transportation and set up of all election equipment will be the responsibility of the Board.
- D. <u>Term of Agreement</u> The following are dates and a description of the /facilities to which the terms of the MOU apply. This list dates may be modified by written agreement of both parties during the term of this MOU, but in no event shall this MOU extend beyond December 31,2026 unless renewed in writing.

Agreed to as of this day of, 2025 Signature Lines for OWNER,	
Muscogee County Board of Elections:	
Nancy Boren, Director, Elections and Registration	on