



Grady County Board of Elections & Registration  
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August 4, 2025

The Grady County Board of Elections and Registration (BOE&R) held their August monthly meeting at 5:30 PM at the Grady County Courthouse located at 250 North Broad Street, Cairo, Ga 39828 with the following board members present:

Renee Gee-Theophille: Chair  
Sam Carnline, Vice Chair  
Kathy Mills, Secretary  
Sandy Reagan: Board Member  
Bobby Gwaltney: Board Member

Staff present:

Jason Tate, Elections Supervisor  
Melinda Butler, Elections Clerk

Guest present:

Celeste Tyler, Grady County Administrator

Chair Renee' Gee-Theophille called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, opened with a prayer and thanked everyone for attending.

Renee' requested the agenda be approved, Kathy made a motion to approve, Bobby seconded the motion, approval carried by all signifying aye. Chair Gee-Theophille asked members to review the July 7 and July 21 meeting minutes, Bobby made a motion to approve, Sandy seconded the motion, approval carried by all signifying aye.

Chair Gee-Theophille turned the meeting over to Elections Supervisor, Jason Tate. Jason reminded the Board of the upcoming conference in Savannah, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Jason and Malinda will be attending in person, Sam stated that he would precipitate in the on-line meeting.

Jason addressed the Board of the potential establishment of a committee to research combining the voting precincts.

- A subcommittee drawn from board members and potentially community representatives is suggested, with the committee able to hold working group meetings with community members.
- The goal is to consolidate existing precincts, which is a simpler administrative process than creating new ones. Examples of past consolidations include Blowing Cave and Lime Sink; County Line and Pine Level; Spring Hill and Whigham; and Ragan and Calvary (Reno and Calvary), with eight precincts technically combined in 2020.
- Public hearings, detailed mapping, proper notifications, and adherence to regulatory requirements (signage at former precincts, media advertisements for two weeks before changes take place, and new precinct notifications for affected voters) are key steps.
- The committee would also address the metric for splitting precincts, which requires action if wait times exceed one hour at closing, with a target average wait time of less than 15 minutes.
- A trial implementation might coincide with the May primary election, with an opportunity for adjustments based on community feedback and observed impacts on voter turnout.



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- Kathy and Renee' agreed to serve on this committee, with more volunteers if this committee is agreed upon.

Kathy asked if Kimberly Hubbard had taken care of her voter address and Malinda stated that this had been taken care of.

Guest, Celeste Tyler was given time to speak concerning the Clerk of the Court upcoming election. Due to the length of this conservation written minutes will not be included, there is a voice recording and transcript available through the open records request, of the complete conservation for anyone desiring to listen to the tape or read the transcription.

Renee' informed the board that the next meeting will be held **September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 am.**

Renee' asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam made a motion and Sandy seconded the motion, approval carried by all signifying aye. Meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

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