

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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## MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 9, 2024

The January 9, 2024 meeting of the Houston County Board of Elections was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Andrew Bennett.

Members of the Board Present: Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chair  
Sherman Falana  
Katherine Shelton  
Henry Childs

Member(s) of the Board Absent: Pamela Morgan, Chair

Member(s) of the Staff Present: Debra Presswood, Registration/Election Supervisor

Visitor(s):

Vice-Chair Andrew Bennett called for the approval of the January 9, 2024 agenda. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Katherine Shelton to approve the January 9, 2024 agenda. The motion carried.

Vice-Chair Andrew Bennett called for the approval of the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Henry Childs and seconded by Sherman Falana to approve the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

### REGISTRATION/ELECTION SUPERVISOR REPORT:

Houston County is affected by the new redistricting ruling. House District 145 and a portion of House 147 will become House District 143. Houston County's timeline to complete redistricting is February 12, 2024. We have begun gathering the streets that will be moved to House District 143, but we must review new maps from the Legislative Reapportionment.

Georgia Secretary of State is planning a Regional Tabletop Exercise for local election officials and law enforcement on January 25, 2023 in Perry. This exercise is intended to bring local election officials and law enforcement personnels together to discuss operational plans and response scenarios to prepare for the upcoming elections.

Qualifying fees for the year 2024 were set by County Commissioners. The fees are posted on the County website and will be posted in the Houston Home Journal on January 17, 2024.

Board Members were given the following reports:

- January 9, 2024 Agenda
- December 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Registration Numbers as of January, 2024
- Qualifying fees for 2024
- Poll Workers Training Dates for the Presidential Preference Primary Election

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Donna Sant (Republican Chair) and Kristen Kiefer (Democrat Chair) were e-mailed qualifying fees and dates of qualifying. They were asked to supply an address that their perspective parties will be conducting qualifying. This information will be posted to our website for informational purposes.

New polling location cards (6,652) for voters moving from Houston Career and Technical Center to Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) were mailed on January 4, 2024.

The upcoming Election is March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary.

**Public Comments:**

None

The next board meeting will be February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Henry Childs, seconded by Katherine Shelton. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Andrew Bennett, Vice-Chairperson  
February 6, 2024



Debra Presswood, Secretary

This meeting was conducted in accordance with the Georgia Meeting Provisions of Title 50, Chapter 14 of Georgia Code.