



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

John Adams, Chair
Teddi Benson, Secretary
Kelsey Brown, Member
Debbie Burris, Member
Dree Wynkoop, Member

BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

5:30PM

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on December 9, 2025, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop were present. Member Kelsey Brown was absent. BOE staff, Director Kimberly Walter and Deputy Director Donna Moore were present.

Chair John Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

The Board Meeting Agenda was presented. Member Benson made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Burris seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

The Board meeting minutes from November 4, November 6, and November 14, 2025, were presented. Member Wynkoop made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Benson seconded the motion. All Members were in favor. The minutes were approved, signed and returned to BOE office staff to file and to post on the BOE website.

Director Walter read the Director's Report dated 12/9/2025 regarding activities initiated and/or completed since the last Board meeting. A copy of the Director's Report is attached.

Old Business

Precinct Official Placement Updates

Chair Adams stated that Zachary T. Brewer (BISCOE-Assistant) and Paul Holsonback (PEE DEE-Assistant) are to be removed for failing to submit the requested application and maintain contact with BOE staff. He noted replacements were needed. Republican Party Chair Larry Kramer nominated Dondra Parsons as BISCOE-Assistant. Member Benson made a motion to accept the nomination and to appoint Ms. Parsons. Member Wynkoop seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Republican Party Chair Kramer nominated Phillip Martin to fill the STAR-Assistant vacancy left by Stephanie Cagle's resignation and nominated Anissa Gillis to fill the UWHARRIE-Assistant vacancy left by Lisa Greenwell's resignation. Board noted that Nancy Ruppert had been placed as ELDORADO-Assistant, but following recruitment by Party Chair Kramer, Carolyn Campo submitted an application to serve as a precinct official. Ms. Campo lives in the Eldorado Precinct and Ms. Ruppert does not. Board discussed appointing Ms. Campo as ELDORADO-Assistant and Ms. Ruppert as PEE DEE-Assistant to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Holsonback's removal. Member Wynkoop made a motion to accept all the nominations, appointments, and changes discussed. Member Burris seconded the motion. All Members were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No one spoke publicly at this meeting.

New Business

Early Voting Plan for 2026 Primary Election

Director Walter presented an Early Voting Plan to have three Early Voting Sites (i.e., Biscoe Town Hall, Highland Community Center in Mt. Gilead, and Public Library in Troy) available to voters during weekdays from 8:00AM-7:30PM on February 12-27, 2026, and Saturday, February 28, 2025, from 8:00AM-3:00PM with three Precinct Officials working at each site. Member Wynkoop made the motion to accept the Early Voting Plan for the 2026 Primary Election as presented. Member Burris seconded the motion. All Members were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Felony Registrant Review

Member Benson made a motion to deny the Voter Registration Application presented based on information provided documenting the applicant is currently serving a sentence for felony conviction. Member Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board Meeting Calendar for 2026

All Members reviewed the calendar and noted that the scheduled meetings for February 10, 2026, and October 13, 2026, will be the required Absentee Meeting and scheduled Regular Meeting. Chair Adams asked Director Walter to update wording on the calendar to reflect both meeting types for those dates.

Winter Conference

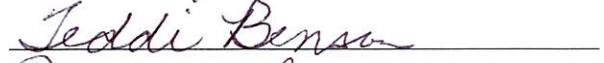
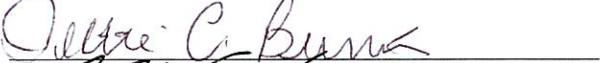
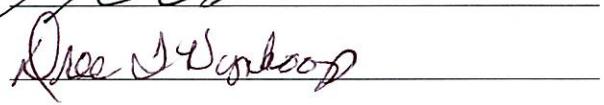
Director Walter reported that Winter Conference will be held virtually on January 26 and 27, 2026; that she and Deputy Director Moore will be attending; that she had contacted the State for a list of Members required to attend this conference and was told that Members Brown and Benson must attend; that Member Brown has been notified that his attendance is required, he will be registered, and he said he will attend; and that she needs to know what other Members planned to attend so she could submit their registrations. Chair Adams asked Director Walter to confirm with the State why Member Benson is required to attend as she is not a new board member and has attended multiple conferences. Member Benson noted she has a schedule conflict and wishes not to register if it is determined her attendance is not required. Chair Adams and Member Wynkoop reported that they would not be attending. Member Burris was undecided but noted she would let Director Walter know before the registration deadline.

Incident Reports – 2025 Municipal Elections Review

Chair Adams explained that the Board discusses the “good, bad, and ugly” after each election so that changes can be made to make the election process better for all interested parties and voters in future elections. Director Walter reported there was a lot that was good and not much that was bad/ugly about the 2025 Municipal Election. She reported that she received incident reports from the Chief Judges of each precinct relating to equipment/observer incidents. She provided a summary of those reports and explained the actions taken to resolve the issues on Election Day

and the planned changes in training that will be made to prevent and/or equip precinct officials to recognize/address similar problems in future elections.

With no further comments or business to discuss, Chair Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Member Wynkoop made the motion to adjourn. Member Burris seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

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