



MONTGOMERY COUNTY **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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

BOARD MINUTES **Tuesday, August 11, 2026** **5:30PM**

The Montgomery Board of Elections (BOE) met for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on August 11, 2026, at the Montgomery County Board of Elections office located at 327 N Main Street in Troy. Members John Adams, Teddi Benson, Kelsey Brown, Debbie Burris, and Dree Wynkoop were present. 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 Wynkoop seconded the motion. All were in favor. The agenda was approved.

The Board Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2026, was presented. Member Burris made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Brown 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 8/11/2026 regarding activities initiated and/or completed since the last Board meeting. A copy of the Director's Report is attached.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Public Comment

No one made any public comments at this meeting.

New Business

Precinct Officials and Emergency Alternate Discussion/Appointment

Deputy Director Moore informed the Board that there are two vacancies in the Star Precinct which need new appointments and that there are concerns regarding three Precinct Officials who were originally appointed in August 2025, but have not attended orientation, completed training nor reported for scheduled work assignment. She advised that Director Walter has contacted all three and two have replied that they will be available for and for working Election Day. Chair Adams commented that if there is a Chief and two Judges, the precinct is staffed, therefore no action was taken by the Board regarding these three precinct officials.

Deputy Director Moore advised that the officials appointed in August 2025 to the Star Precinct DEM and REP Assistant positions resigned and that the positions were filled with temporary appointments for the 2026 Primary Election, but the Board noted at that time that new appointments would be needed to fill any vacancies before the General Election. Democrat Party Chair Kay Cagle-Kinch nominated Katherine Rollins for the Star Precinct DEM who was appointed as an Emergency Alternate in August 2025 and who worked as the temporary replacement for the Star Precinct DEM Assistant in the Primary. Deputy Director Moore noted that Katherine Rollins (UNA / T1). Deputy Director Moore advised that she had discussed the vacancy with the Republican Party Chair, Member Brown made the motion to appoint Katherine Rollins as the Star Precinct DEM Assistant, all Members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Moore reported that Republican Party Chair Larry Kramer had advised BOE staff that he would nominate new applicant, Denise Kaufman (REP / T1), to fill the vacancy if she would agree to work in the Star Precinct and he requested BOE staff to call her. Deputy Director Moore noted that she called Ms. Kaufman and she agreed to work in the Star Precinct if appointed. However, Mr. Kramer was not present at this meeting to make that nomination. Chair Adams advised that no appointment could be made without the Party Chair making the nomination directly to the Board. He said that Party Chair Kramer could send his nomination by email directly to the Board, the Board would consider the nomination and could make the appointment before the next meeting, otherwise the nomination can be received from him in person at the next scheduled BOE meeting or proceed with the appointment process if insufficient nominations were received. Chair Adams directed BOE staff to relay this information to Party Chair Kramer.

Member Benson asked if the Eldorado Precinct Chief Judge has notified the BOE that they will be moving. Deputy Director Moore said that nothing has been received. She informed the Board that Party Chair Cagle-Kinch advised that Kimberly Bost does not want to work in the Uwharrie Precinct, that she has not resigned, but wants to work in the Eldorado Precinct. Director Walter reminded the Board that Ms. Bost submitted an incident report after becoming sick while working during the Primary. She reportedly became ill due to the heating and/or other smells at the precinct. Chair Adams directed BOE staff to reach out to the Eldorado DEM Assistant, Barbara Lippert, to ask if she would switch precincts with Ms. Bost.

Deputy Director Moore advised that there have been five Precinct Officials Applications received since the last time the Board finalized the Precinct Official roster prior to the March Primary Election. She reported that the applications (two from Democrats, one from a Republican, and two from Unaffiliated voters) had been forwarded to the Party Chairs. She stated that the Republican Party Chair replied via email stating that he would not nominate any Unaffiliated Precinct Officials applicant for any Republican position. Democrat Party Chair Cagle-Kinch said she would nominate all those she had received, Democrat and Unaffiliated (Tony Charpentier, Cordelia McBride, Melanie St. Germain and Katherine Trotter), as Emergency/Alternate workers. Member Benson made a motion to appoint the applicants nominated as Emergency Alternates. Member Wynkoop seconded. All were in favor and the appointments were made unanimously.

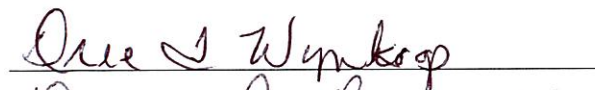
Director Walter confirmed that having three officials working the Early Voting sites was fine with the Board. She stated that she would like to have a fourth worker in the Troy Early Voting site. All Members agreed. She reported that Stacy Shook told her that she would be available for Early Voting. Ms. Shook has been added to the Early Voting Emergency Alternate worker list. Director Walter also reported that Charlotte Lamonds has been asked and has agreed to serve as the Early Voting Emergency Alternate Chief Judge.

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 6:14PM.

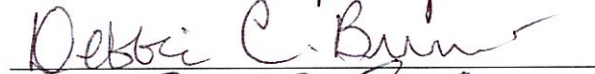


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Director's Report

August 11, 2026

- Candidate filing ended 7/17/2026
- Laptops and printers have been received.

Along with County IT and guidance from the state we are experimenting on ways County IT can possibly help me program computers. At the very least pushing through the SOSA Install File program on all laptops at once, while I perform the voter/precinct information on each laptop. We are also looking into fingerprint scanners for the precinct officials. The information has been sent to the state for review and possible approval. Then I can present this option to you, the board and we can make the decision if we want to use this option.

Monday, August 3rd

- Nursing Facility letters were mailed.
- Precinct Reservation Letters were mailed.
- Precinct Official Training Letters will be mailed out at the end of this week.

Please note the list of Absentee Meetings and times for the upcoming General Election. I would like to move the Provisional Meeting time to 4:00 p.m. on the third business day after the election. Due to G.S. stating that the count should be no later than 5:00 p.m.

We completed the NCSBOE Summer Conference today. We learned new things, made connections with other counties, and were reminded of processes that we need to look at implementing or continue in this office.