

The Brooks County Board of Elections and Registration met for its Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 20,2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room of the Brooks County Administration Building, located at 610 South Highland Street, Quitman, Georgia 31643. Board members present were as follows: Karen Murray,Chairperson,Don DiStefano,Board member, and Karl Britton,Board member others present was LaShell DeShazior, Elections Supervisor. Commissioner Lee Larko and Allen Nelson, visitor.

1. **Call to Order**- Karen Murray called Meeting to order. Karl Britton led us in prayer.Karen Murray led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **Approval of Agenda**- On the motion by Don DiStefano and seconded by Karl Britton. The Board approved the agenda of January 20,2026.Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes**- On the motion by Karl DiStefano and seconded by Karl Britton the board approved the minutes of December 16,2025. Motion carried.
4. **New Business**- Voting for Elections Chair-Nomination made by Karl Britton that Karen Murray be reelected as chair. She also serves as secretary. State Election Board Complaint SEB2022-284 Public Notice posting for logic and accuracy testing for voting equipment to be used for November 8, 2022 was not done in accordance with O.C.G.A. 21-2-379.25(c). Notice was published at the Court House, but not in the local paper in a timely manner. An email was sent to the Quitman FreePress on September 26,2022 by the Elections Supervisor (Charles Daves)who is now deceased. The Consent Order is entered in settlement of disputed matters, and the Consent Order entered herein is not to be construed as an admission of guilt or liability on the part of the Respondent but is entered herein to resolve the State Election Board case. This Consent Order is a civil settlement and has no criminal ramifications. The State Election Board ordered the Respondent to pay a civil penalty of \$500.00 to the State Elections Board.
5. **Old Business**-Qualifying begins in March, Primary May 19, 2026. Training for Election Supervisor March 23-26,2026.
6. **Adjournment**: Karl made a motion to adjourn and Don seconded it. Motion Carried.

Meeting -ended at 6:00 pm

The next meeting will be February 17,2026 at 5:30 p.m.