

ALABAMA VOTER REGISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD NOTES

-Meeting Minutes-

August 27, 2026

2:30 PM

624 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104

Members present were Chairman John Lackey, Dr. Benjamin Jones, Sydney Dean, Kristie Pinyan, and Adonis B. Whitlow. Absent members were Eugenia Stone and James Taylor. Candace Payne, Supervisor of Voter Registration, was present to represent the Secretary of State's Office.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Acknowledgement of Quorum/Review of Minutes from 4/23/2026

Chairman John Lackey welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Member Sydney Dean led the invocation and Chairman Lackey led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Lackey acknowledged the attendance of five members and affirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Lackey acknowledged the notification of the meeting on Open Meetings was posted two weeks in advance. The minutes from the January 15, 2026 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Member Kristie Pinyan asked about if the updated Photo Voter Identification application was approved and Candace Payne said not yet and she would check on the approval. Chairman Lackey said the updated Photo Voter Identification Application status will remain in old business.

New Business

Member Sydney Dean brought up the topic of there not being a law about if a voter passes away after casting an absentee vote, would the vote be counted. Chairman Lackey and Member Sydney Dean discussed that there is an Attorney General Opinion 99-00022 that may cover this. The board discussed they are interested in helping get legislation passed regarding this.

Updates

Candace Payne discussed the July 2026 Monthly Voter Registration Statistics.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is set for Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 2:30 PM in the Archives Regions Room.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded; approved by all board members.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 PM