Public Comment:

- Lucy Denzin worked as a poll monitor for the November 30, 2021 Runoff audit and detailed her observations citing the process was well organized, impressive, and felt there was no way the results could be misinterpreted.
- Pam Reardon spoke regarding the need for the election process to be transparent and expressed her opposition to unmonitored drop boxes located within the libraries, concerns relating to security of voter data, and requested multi-step authentication to login into Georgia’s Secretary of State My Voter Page website. She also detailed her findings of exit polling she conducted at Cooper 01 on November 2, 2021.
- Cigdem Delano thanked the election staff for conducting the audit and feels it is a giant step toward restoring voter confidence.
- Rahul Garbadu congratulated the board for reconsideration of changing the location of Cooper 01 and urged the board to move the location from the police academy training center to Calvary Baptist Church.
- Salleigh Grubbs thanked the election staff for the audit and urged the board to implement additional training classes detailing how to successfully complete the audit process. She also requested multi-partisan training classes, renewed urgency for hand marked paper ballots due to secrecy concerns and stated that information provided by attorney Gregg Litchfield at the previous board meeting was incorrect and that the mode of voting can be changed.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Ms. Brooks made a motion to approve the November 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.
- Ms. Brooks made a motion to approve the November 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.
- Mr. Bruning made a motion to approve the November 30, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Mosbacher SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Mr. Bruning made a motion to remove the previously approved polling location change for Cooper 01 from the table. Ms. Mosbacher SECONDED. APPROVED 4/0. Mr. Gartland ABSTAINED.
- Director Eveler presented the board with a 3rd option for consideration detailing Calvary Baptist Church as a viable option. Director Eveler reviewed the ADA accessibility, the rental cost of $200.00 per election, and requested the board’s approval to implement this change.
- Ms. Brooks asked how many registered voters in this precinct would be affected. Director Eveler responded 5,297.
- Mr. Gartland addressed the rental facility charge and stated there would be no charge if the police academy training center was used.
- Mr. Bruning stated he would prefer to utilize the police academy training facility for advance voting.
- Mr. Gartland asked if Calvary Baptist Church had adequate parking available for voters. Director Eveler detailed the parking capacity citing 70-75 parking spaces as well as the available number of ADA parking spaces. Director Eveler later clarified that there are 241 spaces with 9 ADA.

Chairperson Silas opened the floor to Public Comment

- Felicity Diamond spoke and expressed her concerns over how changing the location again would create confusion to voters and stated spending funding to utilize Calvary Baptist Church instead of the police academy training center is a waste of taxpayer dollars.
- Cigdem Delano questioned the long-term growth and capacity and the ability of the church to meet these requirements.
- Sabrina Mall stated her opposition because funding should not be spent when it is unnecessary.
- Allie Melson, assistant poll manager for Cooper 01 stated Calvary Baptist Church is closer to Cooper Middle School than the police academy training center. She went on to thank the board for reconsidering and supports the change because some voters could feel intimidated by the precinct being located within a police training academy.
- Holly Gu addressed the board stating changing locations only causes problems to voters rather than helping them.
Hellen Allen stated that a precinct within a church could be intimidating to non-religious voters and does not understand why anyone would feel intimidated voting at a police training academy.

Pam Reardon detailed the exit polling she conducted outside of Cooper Middle School during the November 2, 2021 election and stated that out of the 20 voters polled, only one voter was opposed due to the potential difficulty making a left turn when attempting to exit.

Lucy Denzin addressed the board stating that the public speakers voicing their opposition are not representative of the voters within the Cooper 01 district.

Rahul Garbadu referenced the exit polling numbers presented by Ms. Reardon stating that 1 out of 20 voters is representative of 5 percent opposition and that a minimal rental location fee is a small price to pay to ensure voting is not intimidating to anyone.

James Nelson stated people will feel intimidated anywhere and if a free facility is available, it should be used over a location that requires rental fees.

Latonna Disher described her experience as a black woman entering the building with police presence and encountered no feelings of intimidation.

Mr. Bruning made a motion to relocate Cooper 01 from the police academy training center to Calvary Baptist Church. Ms. Mosbacher SECONDED. APPROVED 4/1 with Mr. Gartland OPPOSED.

NOVEMBER 30, 2021 GENERAL ELECTION RUNOFF

Director’s election night report (Janine Eveler)

514 Voters cast ballots in the November 30, 2021 Runoff with an 8 percent voter turnout determining Carlyle Kent the winner. There were no provisional ballots. 194 ballots were cast before Election Day, with 11 voted by mail and 183 voted advance in-person.

An audit was not required; however, it was conducted in order to provide practice and transparency. The audit was witnessed by 2 monitors per party, as well as one candidate and 1 candidate monitor. Monitors verified that hand-tallied results matched the results electronically scanned on election day and night. Director Eveler stated moving forward, the department would like to ensure audits are conducted following future elections.

Director Eveler expressed her thanks for the four staff members who are leaving the department this month, including Beau Gunn, Allison Schaeffer, Jennie Mayes and Bonnie Barron.

Mr. Gartland made a motion to certify the election. Mr. Bruning SECONDED. APPROVED 5/0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
• Ms. Brooks stated as the longest serving board member, she has observed a lot of changes and thanked the site survey team for working with the board. She went on to express her thoughts that the comments heard in opposition to changing the polling location for Cooper 01 were representative of the demographic within that precinct. She went on to thank Director Eveler for making consistent improvements as well as Chairperson Silas.

• Mr. Gartland stated he agreed with Ms. Brooks but corrected her stating he was the longest serving board member. He went on to express his opposition to the location change for Cooper 01 because the constituents are being taxed as a result of the decision.

• Chairperson Silas thanked the members of elections staff that are moving on, recognizing Beau Gunn’s diligence, receptiveness, and determination to always find a way. She wished him well and thanked Director Eveler for conducting the audit. She went on to express her desire to formulize the process and procedures for future audits within Cobb County.

Chairperson Silas set the next Board Meeting:

• January 10, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Silas adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm.