



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chamber

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

1:05 PM

FINANCE

- 1.** Motion to **approve** qualifying fees for Election year 2026



Finance Committee

Meeting Date: January 13, 2026

Publish Qualifying Fees

Department:	Board of Elections
Presenter:	W. Travis Doss, Jr.
Caption:	Motion to approve qualifying fees for Election year 2026
Background:	O.C.G.A 21-2-131 (a)(1) states that the governing authority must set and publish the qualifying fees for offices to be held on the ballot, on or before February 1, of the election year.
Analysis:	Qualifying fees are calculated as 3% of the salary unless the enabling legislation sets the qualifying fee standard.
Financial Impact:	Legal Ad cost
Alternatives:	None
Recommendation:	Approve the legal ad and qualifying fees set
Funds are available in the following accounts:	101014110 5233111
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	W. Travis Doss, Jr. Executive Director, Board of Elections

**NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF
AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY, GEORGIA
QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2026 LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-131 (a)(1), you are hereby notified that the Augusta Commission has set the qualifying fees for the various local offices up for election in 2026 as follows:

Judges of the State Court	
Judge Ashanti Pounds	\$5,283.60
Judge Monique Walker	\$5,283.60
Chief Judge of the Civil and Mag. Court	\$4,966.67
Mayor of the City of Augusta.	\$1,950.00
Augusta Commission (Seats 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10)	\$360.00
Board of Education (Seats 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9)	\$100.00

The nonpartisan qualifying period for State Court Judge, Mayor and Augusta Commission and the partisan qualifying period for the Chief Judge of the Civil and Magistrate Court will open on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:00 AM and will close on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:00 Noon.

The nonpartisan qualifying period for Board of Education will open on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 9:00 AM and will close on Friday, August 21, 2026 at 12:00 Noon. The location for all nonpartisan qualifying will be the Board of Elections Office located at 535 Telfair Street, Suite 500, Augusta, Georgia. The location for partisan qualifying will be at a location determined by the leadership of the respective local political party.

This 21th day of January, 2026.

W. Travis Doss, Jr., Executive Director
Richmond County Board of Elections