

SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

As required by O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1(e)(2)(A), the following is a summary of the subjects acted on and the Board members present at the meeting.

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Mr. John Fervier, as Chairman, called the State Election Board (the “Board”) meeting to order at 9:17 A.M. A quorum was present for each Board action taken. The following Board members attended the meeting: Mr. John Fervier, Mrs. Sara Tindall-Ghazal, Mr. Edward Lindsey, Dr. Janice Johnston, and Mr. Rick Jeffares.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of Board meeting held on December 19 & 20, 2024.

Attorney General Report

The Board voted to approve the action recommended by the Attorney General in the following cases:

Final Orders

SEB2017-081	Hancock County
SEB2021-137	Athens-Clarke County

Old Business

Proposal to the General Assembly for Public and Board Consideration

After presentation and discussion amongst the Board members, the motion to propose to the General Assembly ending or amending “No-Excuse Absentee Voting” failed for a lack of a majority vote.

SEB2020-010 Lee County Voter Registration Issue – Update on Case Status

SOS Investigator Michael Brunson presented an update on the case, answering questions presented by the Board at the October 3, 2023 SEB meeting.

Investigations Reports

A. Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

Dr. Johnston requested to pull SEB2022-348, SEB2022-222, and SEB2022-237 for presentation and discussion.

Mr. Lindsey requested to pull SEB2022-196 for presentation and discussion.

Mrs. Ghazal requested to pull 2022-136.

The Board voted to dismiss the following cases:

2021-012 Chatham County AB Processing
2022-011 Tybee Island Voter List
2022-110 Worth County Provisional Ballot Issue
2022-139 Cobb County Poll Pad Issue
2022-143 Athens Clarke Voter Registration Challenge Procedures
2022-146 Gwinnett County Voter Registration Issue
2022-157 Pickens County Voter ID Issue
2022-187 Fulton County Sandy Springs District 3 Ballot Issue May 2022
2022-190 Fulton County AB Fraud Business Address
2022-209 Gwinnett County AB Ballot
2022-213 Cobb County Residency Issue
2022-225 Fulton County Poll Worker Information
2022-235 Gwinnett County AB Issue
2022-353 City of Newborn Failure to Hold Election

SEB2022-237 Cobb County Voting Card Issue

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

SEB2022-136 Clayton County Tabulation Sheets

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the case from the agenda and to determine whether a violation occurred.

SEB2022-196 Fulton County Voter Fraud

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

SEB2022-348 Statewide Precinct Scanner Issues

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

SEB2022-222 EAC Certification

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

B. Violation Cases Recommended for Letters of Instruction

SEB2021-051 Henry County Monitoring Issues

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

SEB2022-106 DeKalb County Missing Certification Date

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the case from the agenda.

SEB2022-148 Fulton County Campaigning within 150 feet

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-197 Gwinnett County Photographic Equipment used in Polling Place

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-327 Cobb County- Early Voting Tabulation Issue

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the case from the agenda.

SEB2022-370 Fulton County Buckhead Library Interference by Poll Watcher

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the case from the agenda.

C. Executive Session

Discussion of Personnel pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)

Discussion of Pending Litigation pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)

D. Violation Cases Recommended for Referral to the Attorney General's Office

SEB2019-038 City of Arlington Improper Handling of AB

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the allegations of violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(b)(2) and SEB Rule 183-1-.14-.11, and refer the allegations of violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-414 to the Attorney General's office.

SEB2021-102 Multi-County Double Voting

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the case to the Attorney General's office.

SEB2022-063 Rockdale County SPLOST Signs

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

SEB2022-109 Fulton County Primary Recertification May 2022

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 P.M.