

SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 7, 2024
9:30 A.M.
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

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 9:35 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.

Mr. Jeffares was not present at the beginning of the meeting, but joined the proceedings via phone call at 3:20 P.M.

Mrs. Tindall-Ghazal moved to reschedule the October board meeting to October 8, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 3-0.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of Board meeting held on February 13, 2024 and March 28, 2024, subject to the corrections requested by Dr. Johnston.

Investigations Reports

A. Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

Mrs. Tindall-Ghazal requested to pull SEB2021-058 for presentation.
Mr. Lindsey requested to pull SEB2022-038 and 2023-010 for presentation.

The Board voted to dismiss the following cases:

SEB2021-048 Sumter County Failure to Open Poll
SEB2022-129 Muscogee County Problems at the polling Place
SEB2022-182 Long County Absentee Ballot Issue
SEB2022-194 Fulton County Alpharetta Branch Library ABA
SEB2022-204 Forsyth County Residency Issue
SEB2022-253 Fulton County Early Closing of Advanced Polling Location
SEB2022-275 Fulton County Improper Campaign Sign Postings
SEB2022-368 Fulton County Prohibited Personnel Practices by Poll Officials
SEB2023-002 Morgan County Failure to Open Polls
SEB2023-047 Fulton County City of Milton Improper Polling Location Changes
SEB2023-093 Fulton County City of Roswell Johns Creek Water Treatment Plant Delayed Poll Opening

SEB2021-058 Multi-County Excess Voting

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

SEB2022-038 Gwinnett County Ballot Harvesting

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to continue the case as to Joyce Lynn Loftin and an unidentified female, and dismiss the remaining respondents.

SEB2023-010 Gwinnett County Ineligible Board Member

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the case with a letter of instruction.

B. Violation Cases Recommended for Letters of Instruction

SEB2021-156 Clayton County Failure to Record Assistance Information

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

SEB2022-042 Bacon County Intentional Interference with Election Duties

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

SEB2022-043 Fulton County Election Night Reporting May 3, 2022

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

SEB2022-090 Bibb County Early Voting Results Printed

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

SEB2022-112 McIntosh County Interference with performance of Election Duties

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

SEB2022-133 Washington County Districting Issue

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

SEB2022-136 Clayton County Tabulation Sheets

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

SEB2022-238 Ben Hill County Voter Using a Business Address to Register to Vote

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

SEB2022-318 Bibb County Child Not Allowed in the Voting Booth with Parent

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 issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-340 Cobb County Voter Privacy Issue

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

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.

SEB2023-041 Walker County Chickamauga Qualifying Fee Issue

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

SEB2024-016 Cobb County Improper Issuance of ABM

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

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

SEB2022-137 Fulton County Campaigning Within 150 Feet

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

SEB2023-025 Fulton County Tabulator Results 2020 General Election

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Reprimand and reach an agreement on a monitor for the 2024 General Election before the July hearing.

Attorney General Report

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

SEB2014-014 Douglas County

SEB2014-014 Terrell County

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 P.M.

SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
9:30 A.M.
Georgia State Capitol, Room 450
Atlanta, Georgia

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 9:31 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.

Investigations Reports Continued

SEB2022-344 Fayette County Ineligible Voter Nov 2022 GE

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

SEB2022-356 Fulton County Welcome All Rec Center Tabulation Issue

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

SEB2023-035 Fayette County Qualification Fee Issue

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

SEB2020-292 Richmond County Voter Registration

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer Allegations 1 & 3 to the Attorney General’s office, continue Allegation 2, and add The Outreach Team as a respondent in the case.

SEB2022-036 Clarke County False ID Card

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the case to the Attorney General’s office with a recommendation for the issuance of a cease and desist.

SEB2022-138 Chatham County Miscellaneous

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

SEB2022-186 Grady County Challenged Voters

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer Grady County Board of Registrars and Melinda Butler to the Attorney General's office, and issue a Letter of Instruction to Brandon Phillips.

SEB2022-211 Fulton County AB Fraud

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

Procedure Matters

- A. Petition for promulgation of State Election Board Rule, presented by Bridget Thorne**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to reject the proposed promulgation.
- B. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule, presented by Salleigh Grubbs**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking of proposed petition as amended.
- C. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule, presented by Julie Adams**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, Ms. Adams withdrew her petition.
- D. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule, presented by Marilyn Marks**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to reject the proposed amendment.
- E. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule, presented David Cross**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mr. Cross withdrew his petition
- F. Petition for promulgation of State Election Board Rule, presented by David Cross**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mr. Cross withdrew his petition.
- G. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule, presented by Michael Heekin**
After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to the Board voted to initiate rulemaking of proposed petition.

New Business

Mr. Jeffares moved to reconsider SEB2023-025 and refer the case to the Attorney General's office. Chairman Fervier ruled the motion out of order.

Dr. Johnston moved to reconsider SEB2023-025 and initiate an independent investigation into the matter. Chairman Fervier ruled the motion out of order.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 P.M.