



MINUTES
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 9, 2024
8:30 A.M.
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman John Fervier called the meeting to order at 8:43 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, Dr. Janice Johnston, Mr. Rick Jeffares, and Mrs. Janelle King.

Mr. Jeffares delivered the invocation and Dr. Johnston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Johnston moved to amend the agenda to add new business concerning SEB2023-025, and that the Board provide complainants in the case an opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Jeffares seconded the motion.

Chairman Fervier ruled the motion out of order. Dr. Johnston moved to appeal the decision of the Chair, Mrs. King seconded the motion. Chairman Fervier offered an intervening motion to retire to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation regarding SEB2023-025. Mrs. Tindall Ghazal seconded the motion. Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted aye, Chairman Fervier voted aye, Dr. Johnston voted nay, Mrs. King voted nay, motion passed 3-2.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50 A.M., and returned to regular session at 9:57 A.M.

Dr. Johnston moved to allow the complainants in SEB2023-025 to each have an additional fifteen minutes to speak during public comment, Mrs. King seconded, passed 4-0.

Dr. Johnston moved to amend the agenda to add new business, and that the Board consider additional research concerning SEB2023-025, Mrs. King seconded. Mr. Jeffares offered an amended motion to defer the original motion to the August SEB meeting, Dr. Johnston seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted aye, Mrs. King voted nay, passed 3-1.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in public comment: Rachel Lastinger, Marisa Pyle, David Sumrall, William Ware Bush, Sam Carnline, Kim Brooks, Michael Opitz, Bob Coovert, Lucia Frazier, Earl Ferguson, Jason Frazier, Sandra Burchartt, Liz Throop, Leo Smith, Kristin Navers, Joseph Kirk, Michael Gordon, David Ross, Matt Rowenczak, Brian Dunn, Cliff Hobbs,

Garland Favorito, Harry W. MacDougald, Phillip Davis, Clay Parikh, Barbara Hartman, Ginger Bradshaw, Kathleen Hamil, Stefan Bartelski, Bill Henderson, Pamela Eckhardt, Maria Gaudio, Jennifer Gray, Janet Grant, David Cross, Tom Talbot, Tim Wesselman. Holly Kesler, Sharyn Dowd, Dorothy Kirkley, Bob Edwards, and Tate Fall.

Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to break for a lunch period, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0. The Board broke for lunch at 12:45 P.M., and returned to regular session at 1:15 P.M.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT, Continued

Public comment continued with Sarah Thompson, Lisa Rutherford, Vivian Thomas, and Rebecca Anglin.

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

Mrs. King moved to accept the minutes from the May 8, 2024 meeting, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

VI. PROCEDURE MATTERS

A. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rules, presented by Salleigh Grubbs

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Dr. Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, Mrs. King seconded the motion. Dr. Johnston voted aye, Mrs. King voted aye, Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, passed 3-1.

B. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rules, presented by Sharlene Alexander

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Dr. Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, Mr. Jeffares seconded the motion. Dr. Johnston voted aye, Mrs. King voted aye, Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, passed 3-1.

Mr. Jeffares moved to break for recess, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 4-0. The Board broke for recess at 3:20 P.M., and returned at 3:40 P.M.

Dr. Johnston left the meeting early.

C. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rules, presented by David Cross

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to reject the petition, Mrs. King seconded, passed 3-0.

Dr. Johnston called in via telephone.

D. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rules, presented by Peter Simmons

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to accept the petition, then withdrew her motion. Chairman Fervier moved to table the petition for further review and research, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

E. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rules, presented by Gail Lee

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. King moved to accept the petition, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

**Mr. Jeffares moved to break for recess, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal seconded, passed 4-0.
The Board recessed for the day at 4:51 P.M.**



MINUTES
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 30, 2024
3:00 P.M.
Virtually, Via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman John Fervier called the meeting to order at 3:08 P.M. A quorum was present for each Board action taken. The following Board members attended the meeting: Mr. John Fervier, Mrs. Sara Tindall Ghazal, Dr. Janice Johnston, Mr. Rick Jeffares, and Mrs. Janelle King.

Dr. Johnston delivered the invocation and Mrs. King led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Fervier and Dr. Johnston provided opening remarks.

II. PROCEDURE MATTERS

After discussion, Dr. Johnston moved to ratify the actions taken by the Board during the July 9, 2024 meeting, and continue all remaining business to the August 6, 2024, Mr. Jeffares seconded the motion, passed 4-0.

III. ADJOURNMENT