



SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Friday, September 20, 2024
9:00 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 9:09 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.

Dr. Johnston requested to amend the agenda to add the discussion of a petition for rule amendment previously submitted by Salleigh Grubbs, Chairman Fervier denied the request, Dr. Johnston moved to appeal the decision of the Chair, Mrs. King seconded, Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Chairman Fervier voted nay, motion passed 3-2.

Dr. Johnston requested that under new business, the item of “discussion of voter challenges complaints”, be addressed after the Board returns from lunch. After discussion, Dr. Johnston withdrew her request.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 6 & 7, 2024, with the amendment of adding the rule citations to the rule proposals and petitions heard.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 19, 2024, with the amendment of adding the rule citations to the rule proposals and petitions heard.

Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment: Mason Hill, Natalie Crawford, Brook Schreiner, Barbara Gooby, Larry LeSueur, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Tate Fall, Valerie Kennedy, Marisa Pyle, Ellen Apte, Jacqueline Isaacson, Marci McCarthy, Jane Branscomb, Sam Collier, Akiva Freidlin, Mary Belle Hodges, Michael Beach, Travis Doss, Tonnie Adams, Kevin Muldowney, Kathleen Hamil, Matt Rowenczak, Milton Kidd, Joseph Kirk, Julie Adams, Ethan Compton, Sandy Schoepke, Richard Schroeder, Kristin Nabers, Saira Draper, Salleigh Grubbs, Earl Ferguson, Tracy Moore, George Balbona, Joey McKimon, Michael Kincaid.

Procedure Matters

- A. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results). Subject of Rule: Hand Counting. Presentation from Sharlene Alexander and Janelle King.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.
- B. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-14-.02 (Advance Voting). Subject of Rule: Absentee Ballot Hand Counting. Presentation from Sharlene Alexander.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to table the rule for discussion after the November General Election.
- C. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.01 (Conduct of Elections). Subject of Rule: Absentee Ballot Distinction. Presentation from David Cross.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to table the rule for discussion after the November General Election.
- D. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-14-.11 (Mailing and Issuance of Ballots). Subject of Rule: Chain of Custody. Presentation from David Cross.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to table the rule for discussion after the November General Election.
- E. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results). Subject of Rule: Reconciliation Reports. Presentation from Gail Lee and Janelle King.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.
- F. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.19 (Preparation of the Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book). Subject of Rule: Voter Lists. Presentation from Lucia Frazier.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to reject the proposed rule.
- G. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.21 (County Participation and Totals Reporting). Subject of Rule: Daily Reporting. Presentation from Rick Jeffares.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.
- H. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-13-.05 (Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center). Subject of Rule: Poll Watchers in Tabulating Center. Presentation from Julie Adams.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.
- I. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.13 (Storage of Returns). Subject of Rule: Storage of Returns. Presentation from Garland Favorito.**
After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to table the rule for discussion after the 2025 Legislative Session.

J. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-14-.02 (Advance Voting). Subject of Rule: Reconciliation. Presentation from Garland Favorito.

After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.

K. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (Tabulating Results). Subject of Rule: Reconciliation. Presentation from Garland Favorito.

After presentation and discussion of the proposal, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule.

The Board voted continue the Old Business and New Business items on the agenda to Monday.

The Board heard the remaining individuals who signed up for public comment.

Recess

The Board voted to enter recess at 4:50 P.M., and continue business at 9:30 A.M. on the following Monday.



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New Business

A. Petition for amendment of SEB Rule 183-1-12-.13

Presented by Salleigh Grubbs

After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking procedures.

Old Business

A. Petition for promulgation of new State Election Board Rule

Presented by Lucia Frazier

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. Frazier withdrew her petition.

B. Petition for amendment of SEB Rule 183-1-12-.19

Presented by Lucia Frazier

After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to reject the petition.

C. Petition for amendment of SEB Rule 183-1-15-.03

Presented by Marilyn Marks

After presentation and discussion of the petition, the Board voted to reject the petition.

New Business, Continued

B. Discussion of voter challenges complaints

After presentation from Ms. Marci McCarthy and discussion amongst the Board, the Board voted to request that Executive Director Mike Coan investigate the voter challenge complaints received. The Board also voted to invite county election board members to attend the October 8 SEB meeting to provide information and answer questions regarding their voter challenge policies.

C. Report on the Monitor Team for Fulton County 2024 General Election

Chairman Fervier provided an update on the status of the monitorship. Chairman Fervier and Dr. Johnston agreed to meet with Ryan Germany and the Fulton BOE Chair to discuss the monitorship further.

The Chair announced without dissent that the remaining business items would be continued to the October 8 meeting.

Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 P.M.