



MINUTES
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 19, 2024
9:00 A.M.
Virtually, via Microsoft Teams

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman John Fervier called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 delivered the invocation and Mrs. Tindall Ghazal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Johnston requested to amend the agenda by adding to Old Business the discussion of her previously proposed “U.S. Citizens Only” signage in the polling places and adding the discussion of the next Board meeting date.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals participated in public comment: Kathleen Hamill, Jennifer Moore, Marisa Pyle, Betsy Shackelford, Cindy Battles, Linda Brooks Cooper, Rachel Lastinger, Donald Sherman, Kristin Davis, Wanda Mosley, Anita Tucker, Joseph Kirk, Lynn Durham, Rebecca Anglin, Diedre Holden, Travis Doss, Tonnie Adams, Konrad Hayashi, Pamela Reardon, Beth Hendrickson, Allison Prendergast, Pam Woodley, Michael Beach, Kathleen Kneeland, Matt Rowenczack, Matt Weiss, Garland Favorito, Tamara Favorito, Greg Davis, Larry LeSueur.

The Board broke for recess at 10:25 A.M., and returned at 10:35 A.M.

III. PROCEDURE MATTERS

A. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12

After presentation and discussion of the proposed rule, Dr. Johnston moved to adopt the proposed rule, Mrs. King seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mr. Fervier voted nay, passed 3-2.

B. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5)

After presentation and discussion of the proposed rule, Mrs. King moved to table the discussion, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 4-0. Upon later returning to the discussion, Sharlene Alexander withdrew her initial petition and rule proposal. Mrs. King presented

an amendment to the original rule proposal, Dr. Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, Mr. Jeffares seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Mrs. King abstained from voting, passed 2-1.

The Board broke for lunch at 1:15 P.M., and returned at 2:06 P.M.

C. Discussion and voting on proposed rule amendment to SEB Rule 1831-12-.12(e)

After presentation and discussion of the proposed rule, Gail Lee withdrew her initial petition and rule proposal. Mrs. King presented an amendment to the original rule proposal and moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

D. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule 183-1-12-.11, presented by Debbie Dooley

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to reject the petition, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 4-0.

E. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a), presented by Lucia Frazier

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Dr. Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, Mrs. King seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Mr. Jeffares voted aye, Mr. Fervier voted nay, passed 3-2.

F. Petition for promulgation of new State Election Board Rule, presented by Lucia Frazier

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Dr. Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures, then amended her motion to table the discussion of the petition to the September meeting, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0.

The Board broke for recess at 4:22 P.M. and returned at 4:30 P.M.

G. Petition for amendment of State Election Board Rule 183-1-12-.11, presented by Marilyn Marks

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

Discussion of Next State Election Board Meeting: The Board concluded that the next meeting would be on September 20, 2024, in our usual meeting room at the State Capitol.

H. Petition for promulgation of new State Election Board Rules, presented by Erik Christensen

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mr. Jeffares moved to reject the petition, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal seconded, passed 4-0.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Petition for promulgation of new State Election Board Rule, presented by Lucia Frazier

After presentation and discussion of the petition, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal moved to reject the petition, withdrew her motion, then moved to table the petition for future consideration, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 4-0.

B. Discussion of Fulton County monitor proposal

Chairman Fervier announced that he had a meeting scheduled with the new chair of the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections, Sherri Allen, to discuss the monitor proposals.

C. Discussion of signage in polling places

After presentation and discussion, Dr. Johnston moved to reconsider the previously passed motion to authorize and recommend the optional "U.S. Citizens Only" signage in all polling locations, Mr. Jeffares seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Mrs. King voted aye, passed 3-1. Dr. Johnston moved to mandate the presented signage in all polling locations, Mr. Jeffares seconded, Mrs. Tindall Ghazal voted nay, Mrs. King voted aye, passed 3-1.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. King moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Johnston seconded, passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.