

SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Virtually, via Zoom

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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 9:05 A.M. A quorum was present for each Board action taken. The following Board members were present: Mr. John Fervier, Mrs. Sara Tindall-Ghazal, Dr. Janice Johnston, Mr. Rick Jeffares, and Mrs. Janelle King.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of Board meeting held on: November 18, 2024; December 11, 2024; January 13, 2025; January 31, 2025.

Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment: Betsy Shackelford, Marissa Pyle, Ralph O'Connor, Loren Collins, Marilyn Marks, Beverly Rice, Donnie Perry, Natalie Crawford, Robbie Huff, Dr. Konrad Hayashi, Matt Rowenczak, Shannon Ferguson, Tamara Favorito.

Investigations Reports

A. Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

The Board voted to dismiss the following cases:

SEB2020-209 – Chatham County – Composition of Review Panel / Misc
SEB2022-057 – Chatham County – Campaigning at the Poll
SEB2022-305 – Chatham County – Emergency Bin not Used after Scanner Failed
SEB2024-035 – Chatham County – Voter Privacy Issues
SEB2022-201 – Bryan County – Residency Issue
SEB2022-245 – Glynn County – Wording on No Cell Phone Signs
SEB2024-116 – Glynn County – Voter Attempted to Vote More than Once
SEB2022-259 – Grady County – Giving a \$100 Gift Card to Register to Vote
SEB2022-266 – Lowndes County – Lost Voter Access Card
SEB2022-274 – Lowndes County – Buying Votes
SEB2023-075 – Lowndes County – Districting Issue Voter not Allowed to Vote
SEB2021-174 – Berrien County – Ray City Illegal Campaigning
SEB2022-232 – Berrien County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2021-143 – Effingham County – Photographed Ballot
SEB2024-153 – Effingham County – Pre-filled AB Application
SEB2024-036 – Effingham County – Illegal Campaigning

The following cases were pulled for presentation and discussion:

SEB2020-296 – Henry County – Multiple AB

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

SEB2022-298 – Muscogee County – Rides to the poll

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

SEB2022-099 – Bryan County – Problems at the Polling Place

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

SEB2022-141 – Lowndes County – Absentee Ballot Fraud

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss with a Letter of Instruction to Mrs. Yvette Council-Waters.

B. Cases Recommended for Letters of Instruction or Referral to the Attorney General's Office

SEB2020-042 – Appling County Absentee Ballot Application

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

SEB2022-240 – Appling County Repeat Voter

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

SEB2021-164 – Henry County Poll Issues

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

SEB2023-061 – Henry County – City of McDonough Election Issues

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

SEB2022-046 – McIntosh County – Elections Miscellaneous

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

SEB2022-202 – McIntosh County – Miscellaneous

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

SEB2022-285 – Ware County Double Voting

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the allegations against Ms. Gant to the Attorney General’s office, and issue a Letter of Instruction to Ms. King and the Ware County Board of Elections and Registration.

SEB2023-083 – Ware County – City of Waycross Districting Issue

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

SEB2024-067 – Ware County Use of Cell Phone at the Polling Place

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

SEB2022-035 – Glynn County – Voter Registration Fraud

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

SEB2022-120 – Glynn County – Voter Video at Polls

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

SEB2022-142 – Glynn County – Candidate Entered Poll Place During Voting

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

**Dr. Johnston moved to break for recess for the day, Mr. Jeffares seconded, passed 4-0
The Board broke for recess at 4:53 P.M.**

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Call to Order

Mr. John Fervier, as Chairman, called the State Election Board (the “Board”) meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. A quorum was present for each Board action taken. The following Board members were present: Mr. John Fervier, Mrs. Sara Tindall-Ghazal, Dr. Janice Johnston, Mr. Rick Jeffares, and Mrs. Janelle King.

Investigations Reports, continued

SEB2022-103 – Chatham County – Failure to Open Polls at 7

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction as to Complaint #1. The Board voted to continue the investigation as to Complaint #2.

SEB2022-144 – Chatham County – Voter Registration Fraud

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

SEB2022-145 – Chatham County – Double Voting

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

SEB2022-214 – Chatham County – Repeat Voting

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the allegations as to Bertha Lee Rutledge to the Attorney General’s office, to add Adrianna Boatwright as a respondent, to dismiss the allegations as to Kay Etheridge, to dismiss the allegations as to Andrew L. Chiver, and to add Patricia Colvin as a respondent.

SEB2022-307 – Chatham County – Photograph Taken of Voter’s Ballot

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

SEB2023-012 – Chatham County – Voter ID Issue

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

SEB2024-030 – Chatham County – Carry a Firearm within 150 Feet of a poll

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

SEB2024-089 – Camden County – Poll Manager allowed voter to vote prior to 7am
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-306 – Bryan County – Seal Broken on Ballot Box
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction, and to consider a violation as to Bryan County elections.

SEB2021-182 – Grady County – City of Cairo problems at Polling Place
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the allegations as to Dana Barfield, Grady County Board of Registrars, and Malinda Butler. The Board voted to refer the allegations as to Jeremiah Horne and Jennifer Horne to the Attorney General's office.

SEB2022-019 – Clinch County – Fargo Issue with Qualifying & Advance Voting Time
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-053 – Tift County – Photo Taken of Voter's BMD Ballot
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-208 – Tift and Cook County – Double Voting
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the case to the Attorney General's office.

SEB2022-272 – Charlton County – Absentee Ballot Oath Envelope Issue
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2024-019 – Berrien County – Deceased Voter
After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the case to the Attorney General's office.

Procedure Matters

B. Discussion and adoption vote on proposed amendments to SEB Rule 183-1-12-.13(a)(3)
After presentation and discussion of the proposed rule, the Board voted to table the adoption vote to a future meeting and request a formal opinion from the Attorney General's office.

Old Business

A. Discussion of True the Vote litigation
After discussion, the Board voted to withdraw the subpoena, file a dismissal with prejudice, withdraw the investigative complaint submitted by True the Vote, and dismiss the investigation in case SEB2022-003.

B. Discussion of complainants speaking to cases

New Business

A. Discussion of Enhanced Voting invoicing

Public Comment, continued

Garland Favorito provided public comment.

Executive Session

The Board entered executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2).

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 4:02 PM