



## MINUTES

### STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

3:00 P.M

Via Zoom, Streaming on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@GASateElectionBoard/streams>

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman John Fervier called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. A quorum was present for each Board action taken. The following Board members were present at the start of the zoom meeting. Mr. John Fervier – via zoom, Mrs. Sara Tindall Ghazal – via zoom, Dr. Janice Johnston – via zoom, Mr. Jeffares – by call in to Chairman’s phone. Member King was having technical difficulties.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston requested that the Board move to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, but to wait for the Member King to attend, per Member King’s request.

3:10 p.m. Member King joined via zoom, resulting in a full Board attendance.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston, moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Member king seconded the motion. Passed 4-0 with no opposition.

#### II. 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.

#### III. POST EXECUTIVE SESSION

4: 04 pm. The Board reconvened from the Executive Session to regular session. All Board members were present, resulting in a full board.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston moved that the Board approve to delegate to the Executive Director the authority to employ and fix compensation of personnel as determined necessary to assist the Executive Director in his duties and that we approve the Executive Director’s request to hire Hope Coan as Executive Assistant as a replacement for Alex Hardin and hire Autumn Miller as a temporary and part-time employee to replace Addison Brooks for administrative assistant support. Member King and Member Jeffares seconded the motion.

Chairman John Fervier voiced opposition to the hiring of a particular individual. Executive Director Mills called Chairman John Fervier out of order. Member King called Chairman Fervier out of order and cautioned the Chairman not to discuss personnel matters, particularly anything that would make anyone identifiable during a public meeting and cautioned him not to put the Board in legal jeopardy.

Member Jeffares moved the previous question. The Chair called for a vote. Passed 3-0 with no opposition. Member Ghazal abstained from voting.

Motion passed to hire Hope Coan as a full-time Executive Administrative Assistant and Autumn Miller as a part-time employee.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Member King moved to adjourn, Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

The Board adjourned at 4:07 P.M.