



SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday December 9, 2025
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341 Atlanta, Georgia
9:00 a.m.

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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.

I. CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. In the absence of Chairman John Fervier, Vice Chair Johnston presided over the December 9 and December 10, 2025, State Election Board meeting. A quorum was present for all actions taken by the Board. Board Members present were Vice Chair Dr. Janice Johnston, Member Janelle King, and Member Rick Jeffares. Member Sara Tindall-Ghazal and Chairman John Fervier were absent.

The invocation was given by Member Janelle King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Rick Jeffares.

Administrative announcements

Chairperson Absence: Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston made an announcement to those in attendance, stating “The Chairman notified the Board by email 36 hours ago that he would not be able to attend the meeting due to personal reasons. We have been unable to reach him, and we’ll share with you information concerning Mr. Fervier as soon as we are able to make contact. Mr. Fervier did not plan the meeting agenda, did not plan or participate in pre-meeting reviews of cases for the meeting, and has not been in the State Election Board office for five months”.

The reading of the previous minutes was approved to be postponed until the next meeting.

II. ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Attorney Elizabeth Young presented the following cases to the Board.

CONSENT ORDERS

SEB2021-168

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to approve a consent agreement for a civil penalty fine of \$600 for Cathy Benton and a civil penalty fine of \$500 for her sister, Casandra Russell, a cease and desist, and Letter of Reprimand as recommended by the Attorney General’s Office.

FINAL ORDERS

SEB2022-336

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to approve the final order for a cease and desist, and a Letter of Reprimand to Angelica Angeles as recommended by the Attorney General’s Office.

SEB2022-285

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to approve the final order for a cease and desist, and a Letter of Reprimand for Marquerite Gant as recommended by the Attorney General's Office.

SEB2021-178

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to approve the final order for a cease and desist, and a Letter of Reprimand for Cheryl Chase as recommended by the Attorney General's Office.

SEB2024-092, SEB2024-022, and SEB2023-073

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to approve the final order for a cease and desist and a Letter of Reprimand for all three cases involving Henry County Elections and Registration Office, Ameika Banks, and Michael Winters as recommended by the Attorney General's Office.

SEB2024-164

Following the presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, a motion was passed by the Board to approve the final order for an administrative dismissal of Martin Polis as recommended by the Attorney General's Office. The respondent cannot be found, preventing the case from moving forward. The "without prejudice" status allows the case to be reinstated if the respondent is found in the future.

III. INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS

The investigation reports to be considered are listed below according to the disposition recommended by the Secretary of State's Office Investigation Staff. These recommendations are not binding on the board, which has sole discretion to act on complaints.

Cases Pulled for Discussion:

2022-325 - Cobb County

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

2024-245 - Cobb County

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

2022-338 - Fulton County

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case and requested that the SEB Investigators check the respondent's current voter registration status in Georgia.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston stated for the record that there are numerous reasons for the dismissal of cases, and such dismissal doesn't inherently mean there was no election law violation. These reasons can include: an individual not being found; no violation being found; the absence of an election statute pertaining to the complaint; the complainant providing no evidence of a violation or being unreachable for more information; the respondent not being found, contacted, or refusing an interview; the investigator being unable to obtain necessary documents; or the case becoming too old, potentially leading to the destruction of election documents, or the respondent having died. She emphasized that many factors are considered in these dismissals.

Following review of the cases listed below, a motion was passed by the Board to unanimously dismiss each case. (Cases SEB2024-039 to SEB2024-093)

SEB2024-039	Bibb County	Security of Election Equipment
SEB2022-123	Bibb County	Wrong Ballot Issued
SEB2022-283	Bibb County	Voting Equipment Issues
SEB2024-174	Bibb County	Non-Citizen Voting
SEB2022-128	Brooks County	Problem at Polling Place
SEB2022-303	Brooks County	Voters Not Required to Show ID
SEB2024-069	Brooks County	Illegal Campaigning
SEB2025-033	Stewart/City of Richland County	Candidate Qual. Issue (cont. case from previous meet)
SEB2022-097	Calhoun County	Failure to Open Polls on Time
SEB2024-204	Calhoun County	Poll Watcher Issues
SEB2021-050	Chatham County	Failed to get AB
SEB2024-110	Clayton County	Absentee Ballot Fraud
SEB2022-343	Cobb County	Improper Ballot Issue
SEB2024-040	Cobb County	Polling Location Change Issues 2024 PPP
SEB2024-041	Cobb County	Delay in Issuing Precinct Cards 2024 PPP
SEB2024-074	Cobb County	Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2024-148	Cobb County	Ineligible Candidate
SEB2024-181	Cobb County	Voter Intimidation
SEB2024-047	Decatur County	Absentee Ballot Issue
SEB2023-009	Dekalb County	Grant Fraud
SEB2025-020	Dekalb County	Photo Case
SEB2025-021	Dekalb County	Voter Disenfranchisement Issue continued case
SEB2022-101	Dougherty County	Omission of Candidates Name on the Ballot
SEB2022-276	Fulton Putnam County	Voter Registration Problems (moved up on the agenda)
SEB2022-062	Fulton County	Opening of the Polls
SEB2022-195	Fulton County	Poll Watcher Issue
SEB2022-212	Fulton County	The Georgia Voter Registration Project
SEB2022-261	Fulton County	Tabulation Issue
SEB2022-280	Fulton County	Fulton County Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-282	Fulton County	Ballots Cancelled or Issued
SEB2022-270	Fulton County	Absentee Ballot Fraud
SEB2022-324	Fulton County	Voter Discrepancy Issue <i>** pulled on May 10th for reconsideration**</i>
SEB2023-095	Fulton County	Parking Issue
SEB2024-042	Fulton County	ADA Issue
SEB2024-045	Fulton County	Alleged Voter Fraud
SEB2024-132	Fulton County	Polling Location Change Issue
SEB2024-195	Fulton County	Poll Watcher Issue
SEB2024-229	Fulton County	Vote Buying
SEB2024-207	Fulton County	Voters address improperly changed
SEB2025-006	Fulton County	Fraudulent Registration
SEB2023-068	Jefferson County	Voter Registration Issue
SEB2025-004	Jones County	Late Opening Precinct

SEB2024-073	Macon County	Voting Equipment Issues
SEB2022-199	Oconee County	Poll Watcher Issue
SEB2023-077	Oconee County	Voter Registration Issue
SEB2024-093	Pike County	Cell Service Issue

SEB2022-322 Multiple Counties – 33 Counties Failed Election Night Reporting

The complainant in this case was the Secretary of State. Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston asked if there was a representative from the Secretary of State’s Office that would like to speak. No representative from the Secretary of State’s Office was present.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss the case against Gwinnett, Dawson, Quitman, Screven, Baker, Madison, Chatham, and Clayton counties.

Simultaneously, there was sufficient evidence that Bibb, Brooks, Calhoun, Candler, Clay, Clayton, Crawford, Dougherty, Elbert, Franklin, Jones, McIntosh, Murray, Newton, Pickens, Stewart, Sumter, Taliaferro, Tattnall, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Upson, Webster, White, and Wilkinson counties violated O.C.G.A §21-2-421, SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(c)(1)(c), and SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(d). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to each county.

SEB2024-232 Multiple Counties – Election Night Results Reporting Delays – 2024 GE

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston called on the respondents to speak and the complainant, Secretary of State. No representative from the Secretary of State’s Office was present.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss the case against Fannin, Quitman, Fulton, Carroll, and Chatham counties.

In addition, there is sufficient evidence to suggest Atkinson, Brooks, Jones, Mitchell, Pierce, Screven, and Toombs counties violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-421 and SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12(c)(1)(c). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to each county.

The Board recommended that all counties take screenshots of the submission screen, note the time, and place it in the official records for future elections as proof of timely submission due to recurring issues with the online reporting portal (SurveyMonkey), which often failed to provide confirmation of submission or accurately track submission times.

BREAK - A motion was passed by the Board to take a break at 10:07 a.m. and resumed at 10:22 a.m.

SEB2024-221 Chatham County – Election Night Results

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case to the State Election Board meeting on January 21, 2026, and requested Chatham County Board of Elections and Registration provide all opening and closing tabulator tapes for early voting to the Board during that time.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston presented an example of proper tabulator tapes to illustrate the correct process, showing that the opening “Zero tape” and the closing tape should be compared at the close of polls, both displaying the same machine serial number to confirm the same tabulator was used.

Election Officials should carefully examine the opening “zero tape” and the closing tape from each tabulator, ensuring both display the same serial number to confirm the same machine was used for both processes. The OPENING TAPE must show ZERO VOTES, indicating a clean start, while the closing tape should reflect the final vote count with the protective counter incrementally increased by the exact number of votes cast. This method is crucial for all 159 county superintendents to verify every vote from every tabulator.

SEB2021-105 Fulton County (2), Chatham (2), Dekalb County, Harris County, Dougherty County, Mitchell, Walker – Double Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence that Chatham County Elections and Registration and Donald Alvis Quann violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-73 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to refer Chatham County Elections and Registration and Donald Alvis Quann to the Attorney General with a request to issue a \$2,000 civil penalty, and to dismiss the related cases against Dekalb, Dougherty, Fulton, Harris, Mitchell, and Walker counties.

SEB2022-093 Mitchell County – Did Not Open Polls on Time

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss both allegations.

SEB2022-005 Dekalb county (2), Floyd County (2), Hall County (2), and Chatham County Dual Registration / Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue the case to allow time for further investigation.

SEB2023-014 Dougherty County – Registration Fraud

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest respondent Emonica Johnson violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-562(a)(1). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-162 Jefferson County, Lowndes County, Richmond County ERIC - Washington Double Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest respondent Thomas Williams violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

In addition, a motion was passed by the Board to refer Paul Brangers and Carl Lansford to the Attorney General for violation of O.C.G.A. §21-2-572 and send a notification letter to the Department of Justice regarding possible cross-state double voting.

SEB2022-364 Troup County – Residency Issue

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston recused herself from this case.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest respondent Congressman Ferguson violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a)(1) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-562(a)(1). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2024-205 Fulton County – Photo Case/Unruly Voter (continued case)

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

SEB2022-068 Fulton County – Double voter

Mr. Frazier, the complainant, highlighted systemic issues with double voting and voter registration in Georgia. He presented documents showing:

People registered at the exact same address in two different counties.

Approximately 360 people with birth years between 1800 and 1910, suggesting data entry errors that could lead to duplicate registrations.

Around 1,000 people currently registered more than once in Fulton County, some even three times, based on December 1, 2025, voter roll.

He argued that duplicate registrations make it easy for individuals to inadvertently vote twice, especially if one vote is absentee and they check their status under a different ID number.

He also mentioned finding 30,000 people who moved to Florida, registered there, but remained registered in Georgia, allowing for

potential two-state voting.

He emphasized that the onus should be on the county to prevent these issues, not the individual, and suggested that the problem might be a Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) violation due to the lack of robust process for finding double registrations.

Fulton County's Response: Fulton County's representative, Ann Bumbraugh acknowledged the existence of duplicate voter ID numbers but stated that their GIS system performs monthly scrubs for duplicates and that new technology (GARVIS) and enhanced procedures allow them to better manage voter files and identify issues. They noted that the 1,000 duplicates identified by Mr. Frazier might be older cases, and the voter list he's presenting was likely pulled before their monthly scrub. Member Janelle King inquired as to how current Mr. Frazier's voter list was. Mr. Frazier stated that the list had been updated as recently as December 1, 2025.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss the case against Ms. Susan Elizabeth Gumbellot, Mr. Daniel Henry Bauer Jr, and Mr. Paul Yurfest.

In addition, the Board approved a motion to continue this case with the remaining respondents for possible violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-572 until January 21, 2026, State Election Board meeting and to add the Fulton County Board of Elections as a respondent to the list of possible violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-572, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-562 neglect or refusal to deliver documents and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-73 preservation of primary and election records.

SEB2022-066 Bibb County – Wrong Ballot

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Mr. Tom Gillon and Bibb County Board of Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-73. A motion was passed by the Board to refer Mr. Tom Gillon and Bibb County Board of Elections and Registration to the Attorney General with a request to issue a civil penalty. *** During the December 10, 2025, meeting, following additional discussion and consideration of information not addressed in the investigative summary, Member King moved to reduce the proposed penalty to a Letter of Instruction. After further discussion, Member King subsequently moved to dismiss the case, and the motion passed unanimously.*

SEB2022-284 Brooks County – Failure to Post L&A Testing Five Days Prior to Testing

Complaint 1

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Brooks County Board of Elections and Registration and Charles Dave, elections supervisor, violated § 21-2-379.25(c). A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General with a request to issue a civil penalty regarding allegation #1 - Brooks County Elections Supervisor failed to publish at least five (5) days prior in the legal organ the commencement of the logic and accuracy testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners for use during the November 8, 2022, General Election.

Complaint 2

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegation #2.

SEB2022-183 Macon County – Missing Absentee Ballots

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Macon County Board of Elections and Registration, Election Supervisor Patsy Johnson-Cannon, and election office employee Kiara McCants violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-6(c). A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegations 1, 2, and 4, and refer Allegation #3 to the Attorney General with a request to issue a civil penalty.

SEB2022-263 Macon County Absentee Ballot Drop Box Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Macon County Board of Elections and Registration and Election Supervisor, Tarshea Riley violated O.C.G.A 21-2-382 (c)(1). A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General with the request to issue a civil penalty.

LUNCH - A motion was passed by the Board to recess for lunch at 12:27 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

SEB2023-021 Multiple Counties – Cross State Double Voter Fraud Nov 2022 GE – Florida

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston asked if there was a member of the Secretary of State present as a complainant. No representation from the Secretary of State's Office was present.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that respondents Steven Gordon Belk (Dougherty County), Jack Edward Bryan (Ware County), Robert John Denson (Fulton County), Victoria J. Denson (Fulton County), Mary Iggulden Mann (Forsyth County), Marvin Wesley Nolan III (Gwinnett County), Jennifer Bartlett Rockhill (DeKalb County), and Roger F. Schilf (Glynn County) violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General, appropriate County District Attorney, and to communicate by letter to the Department of Justice regarding possible cross-state double voters and violation of O.C.G.A. §21-2-572.

SEB2024-178 DeKalb County – Non-Citizen Voting

Respondent, Jaenae Vernon was present and represented by attorney Dwight Thomas. DeKalb County was represented by attorney Brent Herron. Attorney Dwight Thomas argued that Ms. Vernon honestly disclosed her non-citizen status on her voter registration application by checking "no" to the citizenship question. Despite this, DeKalb County officials registered her to vote and informed her she could do so. Mr. Thomas argued that Ms. Vernon relied on this "official assurance" from the government. He noted that on two separate occasions when called for jury duty, she informed the court of her non-citizen status and was dismissed.

Brent Herron, representing DeKalb County, confirmed the county's error. He explained that in 2017, a temporary worker incorrectly registered Ms. Vernon.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-226 and Jaenae K. Vernon violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216, and O.C.G.A. §21-2-571. A motion was passed by the Board to refer respondents Ms. Vernon and DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections to the Attorney General.

Board member King requested to amend the motion to also refer the case to the local District Attorney and send a letter to the Department of Justice, citing the non-citizen voting. The amended motion was passed by the Board to refer the respondents to the District Attorney, Attorney General, and notify the Department of Justice.

SEB2022-248 Fulton County – Illegal Campaigning

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Peggy Dave Gillen violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-414. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2024-175 Clayton County – Non-Citizen Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Melanie Pickett violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216 (a)(1), O.C.G.A. §21-2-561 (1)(2)(3), and O.C.G.A. §21-2-571. Voting by Unqualified Elector or Giving False Information. *Any person who votes or attempts to vote at any primary or election, knowing that such person does not possess all the qualifications of an elector at such primary or election, as required by law, or who votes or attempts to vote at any primary in violation of Code Section 21-2-223 or who knowingly gives false information to poll officers in an attempt to vote in any primary or election shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00, or both.* A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General, respective District Attorney's Office, and send a letter notifying the Department of Justice.

SEB2022-116 Oconee County Residency issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Ryan K. Chin and Charles E. Wallace violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-217 (a) (1) and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-216 (a) (4). A motion was passed by the Board to refer Mr. Chin and Mr. Wallace to the Attorney General for further investigation.

SEB2022-156 Oconee County Ballot harvesting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Julie Crowe, Eric Gisler, and Harold Thompson violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-563 (4) and Nara Pirkel, Cathy Moorehead, Stacey Purnell and Mathew Eady violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-563 (5). Ms. Crowe was represented by attorney Adam Sparks. Attorney Sparks began by clarifying that the case was not about "ballot harvesting" but concerned alleged irregularities in a grassroots petition drive for Oconee County School Board candidates in 2022. He stated there was no evidence of a "knowing and willful" violation as required by the cited statute (21-2-563), and any errors were mistakes, not acts with "bad purpose." A text message from Ms. Crowe was read, which stated, "and if your husband is okay with it, we've had several folks sign for spouses, FYI," followed by a zippered-mouth emoji. Member King interpreted this as evidence that Ms. Crowe knew allowing spouses to sign for each other was improper and that the emoji suggested an attempt to keep it secret. Mr. Sparks countered that the text message was a reference to rumors about what other circulators were doing ("we've had several folks sign"), not an admission of her own practice. He argued the emoji was "inartful" but not proof of intent to deceive.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to include all respondents and all petitioners to the Attorney General for further investigation.

A request was made and granted by the Board to continue the following Cobb County Cases to the January 21, 2026, SEB Meetings.

- SEB2024-075 Cobb County – Improper Absentee Ballot
- SEB2024-176 Cobb County – Non-Citizen Voting
- SEB2024-214 Cobb County – Ballot Issue
- SEB2022-256 Cobb County – Absentee Ballot Fraud
- SEB2022-299 Cobb County – Absentee Ballot Issue
- SEB2022-332 Cobb County – Memory card issue
- SEB2022-342 Cobb County – Voter left with ballot
- SEB2022-352 Cobb County – Absentee Ballot Issue

SEB2022-086 Cobb County – Voter Fraud

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Mathew Kelley Dollar violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-571 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-431. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

BREAK - A motion was passed by the Board to take a break at 2:48 p.m. and resumed at 2:59 p.m.

SEB2024-003 Douglas County – Double Voting

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston stated the complainant in this case was the Secretary of State's Office and asked if there was a member that would like to speak on the case. It was noted that no representative from the Secretary of State was present.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to send the case to the Department of Justice to review cross state voter registration and possible cross state double voting and act on if they find sufficient evidence between Michigan and Georgia voting by the same individual for potential violation of O.C.G.A. §21-2-572.

SEB2022-158 Fulton County / Douglas County – ERIC - Pennsylvania Double Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General's office for further investigation, the respective County District Attorney, and send a letter to the Department of Justice concerning cross-state double voting since additional states are involved.

SEB2022-067

Fulton County – Double voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest James Junior Love III violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General for further investigation.

SEB2022-076

Fulton County – Double Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Beauty Faye Jackson violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to send a Letter of Instruction for attempted double voting.

SEB2022-015

Fulton County – Tabulation issue

The complainant, David Cross, filed in March 2022, documented systemic violations of Georgia law in Fulton County's handling of advanced voting in 2020. Specifically, the complaint alleged that Fulton County failed to produce legally certified tabulator tapes (vote totals) for early voting, as required by *SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12* and in his original complaint filed, he alleged that Fulton County failed to produce legally certified tabulator tapes on election day violating *SEB Rule 183-1-14*.

Mr. Cross asserted that Fulton County produced tabulator tapes with zero signatures, with every signature block left blank. Because the tapes were not legally certified, the complainant argued that Fulton County lacked lawful authority to certify its advanced voting results. Nevertheless, Fulton County certified the results, and Secretary of State, Brad Raffensperger, accepted and incorporated those uncertified figures into Georgia's official election totals.

The complainant further stated that his organization submitted an open records request, for which it paid approximately \$15,800, and received 77 megabytes of records and tabulator tapes representing approximately 315,000 early-voting ballots. None of the tapes provided were signed. Fulton County's attorney, Ann Bumbraugh, acknowledged during the meeting that the tabulator tapes representing approximately 315,000 early-voting ballots from the 2020 election were not signed and confirmed that this constituted a rule violation.

In addition, the complainant alleged that the review of election records revealed identical protective counter numbers appearing across multiple polling locations; polling places that were reported as opening several days late; polling locations that allegedly remained open during implausible hours, including 2:09 a.m.; and poll closing times that did not correspond with the times reflected on the associated tabulator tapes. The complaint further alleged that duplicated scanner serial numbers were identified, indicating that memory devices were removed from one scanner and used to generate tapes on a different scanner.

SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 requires that three tabulator tapes be printed and signed at the close of each day of advanced voting to legally certify the results. Vice Chair Dr. Janice Johnston noted that the evidence presented was woefully incomplete, as it lacked the corresponding opening and closing tapes for each tabulator, which are necessary to verify vote totals and preserve the chain of custody.

Member Janelle King stated that without a zero tape at the start of voting, it is impossible to determine whether ballots from a prior election were present on a tabulator's memory device. Member King noted that, under current Georgia law, certification is required even when required tapes are missing or when the underlying data may be incomplete or inaccurate. She referenced situations in which election officials have expressed concerns about certification but are nonetheless required by law to certify the results.

Member King further stated, several years after the election issue, multiple tabulator tapes remain missing and that election data was certified despite the absence of required signatures. She expressed concern that, at minimum, such circumstances reflect poor administrative practices and, at worst, could constitute serious irregularities with the potential to affect an election. Member King characterized the situation as deeply troubling.

Attorney, Ann Bumbraugh, addressed corrective actions that Fulton County is now following since the 2020 election and outlined improvements. During the discussion, Vice Chair Dr. Johnston asked Fulton County Elections Director Nadine Williams whether Fulton County would provide the opening and closing tapes side by side for board review during canvassing if requested. Fulton County responded that such tapes would be provided if requested by a Board member.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston stated that she expects every election director and supervisor to provide opening and closing tapes for every scanner to their board of elections on election night and to use a checklist to ensure all tabulators are accounted for. She emphasized that the protective counter on a tabulator records the total number of ballots processed and is essential for verifying the chain of custody.

Mr. Cross stated that his open records request encompassed all tabulator tapes, including zero tapes, and expressed frustration that Fulton County continues to resist producing complete documentation. Member Janelle King asked why all tapes were not produced if requested. Mr. Cross responded that no explanation was provided, though the county's attorney, Steven Rosenberg, executed an affidavit attesting that all responsive records had been provided. Mr. Cross asserted that this representation was inaccurate, as ten tabulator tapes were missing, and questioned why the additional tapes could not be requested when his open records request sought all such records.

Ms. Bumbraugh clarified that, in the Rossi – Moncla Case SEB2023-025, ten tabulator tapes from ten scanners were never recovered. She stated that those missing tapes relate to Case SEB2023-025 and not the present case, SEB2022-015, which concerns unsigned tapes that were produced.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston, stated that this raised the possibility that additional unsigned tabulator tapes may still exist, noting that approximately 700 boxes of records are available, but that only an estimated 200 boxes were searched by the Secretary of State's Office leaving 500 boxes that were not searched for tabulator tapes.

Executive Director James Mills stated that this case is among the most egregious matters he has encountered, noting that repeated breaks in the chain of custody undermine public confidence in election integrity. He emphasized the need for accountability to ensure fair elections.

SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 and SEB Rule 183-1-12-14 requires that three tabulator tapes be printed and signed at the close of each day of advanced voting to legally certify the results. Vice Chair Dr. Janice Johnston noted that the evidence presented was incomplete, which included unsigned early voting and election day tabulator tapes. Both early voting tabulator tapes and election day tabulator tapes lacked the corresponding opening and closing tapes for each tabulator, which are necessary to verify vote totals and preserve the chain of custody.

Fulton County's attorney, Ann Bumbraugh, acknowledged the tabulator tapes were not signed. Counsel stated that, although she had not personally reviewed the tapes, Fulton County did not dispute that the required signatures were missing. The absence of signatures constituted a violation of *SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 and SEB Rule 183-1-12-14 which requires three signed tabulator tapes at the close of each advance voting day for legal certification.*

During the discussion of this case, Board members stated that there was substantial evidence to suggest that Fulton County committed multiple violations beyond those included in the investigative report from the Secretary of State's Office.

Following review and discussion of the investigative findings, Member King moved to continue the case until the January State Election Board meeting to allow Fulton County additional time to search for and provide all requested tabulator tapes, consistent with the original request and the open records request. Counsel for Fulton County, Ann Bumbraugh, objected to the continuance and stated that the Board had sufficient information to render a decision.

Member Janelle King amended her motion to refer the case to the Attorney General with a request that the Attorney General seek the missing tapes and a request to issue a civil penalty fine of \$5,000 for the unsigned tabulator tapes that were produced as evidence. Member Rick Jeffares seconded the motion. Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, acting as Chair, participated in the vote. The Board approved the motion unanimously by a vote of 3-0. ***On December 10, 2025, Member Janelle King further amended the motion to include notification to the Department of Justice, citing an alignment between the issues identified and matters within the Department of Justice's jurisdiction, and to request a civil penalty of \$5,000 per infraction and per missing tabulator tape.* Member Rick Jeffares seconded the motion. Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, acting as Chair, participated in the vote. The Board approved the amended motion unanimously by a vote of 3-0.

SEB2022-337 **Fulton County – Tabulation Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration and Poll Manger, Mr. Terrance Olive violated O.C.G.A. § 183-1-12-.12 (2). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2023-017 **Fulton County – Scanner Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Poll Manager, Laurie Dunaway violated SEB Rule 183.1.14.02 (10). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #1 to and dismiss allegation #2.

BREAK - A motion was passed by the Board to take a break at 3:53 p.m. The Board resumed at 4:00 p.m.

SEB2024-027 **Fulton County – Provisional Ballot Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss the case for Fulton County and Robert David Cheeley.

SEB2024-109 **Fulton County – Voter Registration Challenge**

Earl Ferguson, a registered voter in Fulton County, stated he challenges voters who have moved out of state and registered elsewhere, a practice he has engaged in for several years with previous challenges being accepted. He indicated that his current challenges were turned down based on a document from the Secretary of State, which he believes misinterprets the NVRA (National Voter Registration Act). Ferguson asserted that the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division has a different interpretation of the issue, which he provided in documentation. He cited NVRA Section 8, Paragraph C, which mentions the National Change of Address (NCOA) system as a safe harbor for states to remove ineligible voters, contradicting the Secretary of State's document that suggests a two-federal-election-cycle waiting period for disqualification. Ferguson also noted that out of 1,800 challenges, only six replies were received, with four requesting removal and two stating they had returned to Georgia, leading him to withdraw those two challenges.

The Vice Chair questioned Mr. Ferguson about his sources of information for the 1,800 challenges, to which Ferguson replied he obtained the list from a contractor approved by the post office, using the NCOA list, Georgia voter rolls, and address lists from other states like North Carolina and Florida. Fulton County representative, Ann Bumbraugh, countered that Mr. Ferguson's challenges were submitted under 21-2-229, which does not have a probable cause threshold like 21-2-230, and that he provided only a spreadsheet, which is considered hearsay and not admissible evidence without certified documents or in-person testimony. She emphasized that Fulton County received "just a piece of paper with 1,800 names on it."

Mr. Ferguson argued that Georgia law (21-2-216 and 21-2-217) clearly states that if a voter loses residence, they are no longer eligible and should be removed immediately, and that leaving inactive but ineligible voters on the rolls allows them to vote in two federal elections. Ann Bumbraugh clarified that if a challenge is upheld based on change of address, the NVRA 8D-1 process is followed, involving sending a notice and waiting two federal election cycles for removal, or a response from the voter.

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston expressed concern that Fulton County's voter registration was at 114-115% of the citizen voting-age population, suggesting inaccuracies in the voter rolls. She questioned Fulton County's diligence in flagging individuals who no longer live in Georgia or have registered in other states.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue the case for further investigation.

SEB2022-132 **Fulton County – Improper Handling of Ballots**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-500(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-290 **Fulton County – Absentee Ballot fraud**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration violated SEB Rule 183-1-12-.11. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-267 **Fulton County – Voter Fraud**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is evidence to suggest Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration violated SEB Rule 183-1-12-.11. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-335 **Fulton County – Northside Library Voter Fraud**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration and Patrea Strow violated SEB Rule 183-1-12-.11. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-295 **Fulton County – Photo Case**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Mr. Yosef Goldberg violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-413(e) and O.C.G.A. §21-2-568.2 A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-329 **Fulton County – Voter Registration Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Maurice Colvard violated SEB rule 183-1-12-.11 (2)(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2024-001 **Fulton County – Voter Identification Theft (continued case)**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

SEB2022-313 **Fulton County – Residency Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest Mr. David Steinfeld violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-217 (a) (4.1) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-218(f). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2023-020 **Fulton County – Missing poll pads**

Fulton County Elections reported that it was unable to locate three state-issued poll pads, which were believed to have gone missing sometime between November 2020 and April 2023. Fulton County stated that its internal records indicated the devices were discovered missing between December 2020 and August 2021. At the time of the Investigative Report (12-19-2023), the missing Poll Pads still had not been located.

Fulton County and a former Fulton County election employee stated that prompt notification of missing poll pads was made to KNOWiNK so that quarantine and deactivation measures could be taken. However, no documentation was produced demonstrating that notification was made to the Secretary of State’s Office or to local law enforcement.

Both KNOWiNK and Fulton County reported that, at the time the poll pads went missing, the devices were used solely for training purposes and contained only training data. It was further stated that no sensitive voter information was stored on the devices. Fulton County indicated the missing devices were discovered immediately upon their scheduled return to the warehouse; however, Fulton County was unable to produce supporting documentation, including chain-of-custody records, equipment sign-out sheets or receipts.

During the meeting, Ann Bumbraugh, counsel for Fulton County, acknowledged that (3) state issued Poll Pad were missing and stated that Fulton County did not believe it failed to notify the Secretary of State’s Office. Counsel emphasized that the poll pads were used for training purposes and that KNOWiNK was notified immediately and was able to remotely wipe the devices, stating that no security issues resulted.

Member Janelle King asked whether Fulton County could provide a copy of the email notifying the Secretary of State's Office of the missing devices. Fulton County responded that the employee who would have sent such notification no longer works for the county and that Fulton County was unable to produce documentation demonstrating that notification to the Secretary of State's Office occurred.

Following review and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board approved a motion to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Fulton County Board of Elections and Registration for violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.06 involving missing testing poll pads.

SEB2022-252 Fulton County – Campaigning Within 150 Feet

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Vanessa Kay Brady violated O.C.G.A. § 21-2-414(a)1. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General requesting a civil penalty fine be issued.

SEB2025-015 Dekalb County – Double Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Yvonne Greene violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-572. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General, the appropriate County District Attorney, and send a letter notifying the Department of Justice of potential cross-state double voters.

SEB2024-046 Dekalb County – Observer Denied Right to Video Record (continued case)

The complaint, George Balbona, alleged that on the morning of May 28, 2022, during the Cobb County Commission District 2 recount, he was informed that, as a public observer, he was not permitted to video-record the recount. The complainant further alleged that members of the media were advised that they could record from across the room but were not permitted to zoom. According to Mr. Balbona, neither directive was supported by the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Mr. Balbona also alleged that he offered to show election officials a PDF copy of a federal court order on his phone striking down Senate Bill 202's Photography Rule 2 and that Federal Law supersedes State Law. He further stated that he offered to provide Senior Assistant County Attorney Shelly Momoh with a 39-page hard copy of the August 20, 2021, order issued by U.S. District Judge P. Boulee, with the relevant portion marked. The complainant alleged that despite these efforts, he was denied permission to video-record the recount.

Mr. Balbona detailed his efforts to inform election officials of the court order prior to the recount, including sending emails and hand-delivering information. He stated that Judge Boulee issued a federal court order prohibiting the enforcement of restrictions on photographing voted ballots.

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue the case and seek a legal opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the recording of voted ballots in this case.

SEB2025-021 Dekalb County – Voter Disenfranchisement Issue

This case was dismissed in the list of dismissals at the beginning of the meeting.

SEB2024-200 Dekalb County – Vote Buying Tucker Reid Library Polling Location (cont. case)

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

SEB2023-005 Decatur County – Voter Registered in Multiple States

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest respondent Annie Grace Hunter violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-573. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General for further review.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were made by the following individuals: Richard Schroeder, Sandra Burchardt, Don Hackney, Victoria Cruz, Stephen Heshire, Jason Frasier, Tom Talbot, Maria Gaudio and Ralph O'Connor.

V. RECESS

At 5:59 p.m., the Board recessed for the day and scheduled the continuation of the meeting for December 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.



SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Wednesday December 10, 2025
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341 Atlanta, Georgia
9:00 a.m.

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

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dr. Janice Johnston, Vice Chair, is chairing the meeting in the absence of Chairperson John Fervier. Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston called the State Election Board ("Board") meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was present for all actions taken by the Board. Board Members present in person were Vice Chair Dr. Janice Johnston, Mrs. Janelle King, and Mr. Rick Jeffares. Member Ghazal was not physically present; however, she participated telephonically for the limited purpose of voting on the proposed rule petition, Rule 183-12-.02, and did not participate in any other matters before the Board.

Administrative announcements

Chairperson Absence: Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston served as acting chair. Chairperson John Fervier was absent without explanation; it was noted he did not plan the meeting agenda, did not plan or participate in pre-meeting reviews of the cases for the meeting, and has not been in the State Election Board Office for 5 months, raising governance concerns.

Staff Commendations: The Board recognized and expressed appreciation for the dedicated work of staff and thanked them for their continued professionalism and dedication.

Autumn Miller, Administrative Assistant – Paralegal was commended for significantly improving the agency's open records request process. She was recognized for her attention to detail, professionalism, and willingness to navigate the complexities of open records while simultaneously taking on additional paralegal responsibilities.

Jesse Patton and Ann Delhmas, SEB Investigators were acknowledged for their teamwork and diligence. Following the delivery of approximately 250 complete cases from the Secretary of State's office two months ago, they immediately began reviewing the cases for completeness and consistency. They have worked collaboratively with the Secretary of State's investigators and are in the process of adding these cases to the agency's new case management software system.

Hope Coan, Executive Administrative Assistant, was recognized for managing the labor-intensive and complex responsibilities involved in planning and preparing the State Election Board meetings. The Board noted her initiative and technical expertise in developing a digital case binder, which provides flexibility, increases efficiency, and significantly reduces the need for paper summaries. The Board expressed appreciation for her service and contributions to the State Election Board.

James Mills, Executive Director, was recognized as the head of the agency's management team. His leadership encompasses budgeting and accounting, serving as liaison for the agency, overseeing development and long-range planning, and advocating for election integrity across the state. The Board expressed appreciation for his service as Executive Director.

The invocation was given by Member Janelle King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Rick Jeffares.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 183-1-15.02, DEFINITIONS:

This portion of public comment is reserved for anyone who wishes to speak regarding the upcoming rule

petition proposing an amendment to Rule 183-1-12.02, Definitions.

Public comments were made by Janet Grant opposing the rule, Michael Beach opposing the rule, Elizabeth Hendrickson opposing the rule, Rachael Glover opposing the rule, Lana Goitia-Paz opposing the rule, Ralph O'Connor opposing the rule, Nicole Wessel opposing the rule, Joy Wasson supporting the rule, Victoria Cruz supporting the rule, and Marily Marks supporting the rule.

III. PROCEDURE MATTERS

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston pauses the proceedings to ensure that Member Ghazal can be connected remotely to participate in the presentation and subsequent vote.

Discussion of proposed rule petition

Petitioner Salleigh Grubbs highlights that the rule proposal is a bipartisan effort with Democrat counterparts, aimed at ensuring free and fair elections. She argues that a clear definition for “impossible and impactable” is necessary, citing a past hurricane in South Georgia where voters used paper ballots without objection when machines were unavailable. Ms. Grubbs asserts that the SEB will face lawsuits regardless of its decision; failing to pass the rule could lead to a lawsuit if a situation arises where it is needed. Ms. Grubbs claims the current voting system is already illegal under statute 21-2-300(a)(2), which requires electronic ballot markers to produce paper ballots readable by the elector, arguing this is not being met. She concludes by urging the Board to pass the rule, stating that the threat of a lawsuit does not abdicate them of their duty. Ms. Grubbs cited The “Eternal Vigilance” ruling as granting the SEB authority to pass rules that implement the existing election code, as long as they do not contradict it.

Petitioner Jeanne Dufort argues that the SEB has the clear authority and responsibility to define “impossible and impracticable” to ensure uniform and legal elections. Ms. Dufort argues that the legislature intentionally leaves terms like “impossible or impracticable” and “for any other reason” vague, delegating the function to providing specificity to the SEB through rulemaking. She states that the federal court’s previous ruling, which called the SEB’s arguments of no-authority “meritless,” is heavily emphasized. The court affirmed that the SEB has a responsibility to uphold the legality of the voting system, just as it does for all other election laws. Ms. Dufort expresses confidence in the ability of well-prepared election directors to handle the transitions to paper ballots, citing a recent successful instance in Morgan County. Ms. Dufort suggests that after passing this definition rule, the Board should create corresponding operational rules, similar to the existing “emergency balloting” rule. She proposed the rule is presented as a necessary guardrail that will create more uniformity than the current undefined terms. Ms. Dufort concludes by urging the Board to pass the rule promptly to prepare for future elections and fulfill its legal obligation regarding ballot secrecy and voter-verifiability.

Vice Chair, Janice Johnston asked Board member Ghazal, who was on a remote for this portion of the meeting, if she had any questions. Member Ghazal declines to ask questions, citing prior collaboration on the rule’s language. She commented she worked with the presenting team for many hours to develop the rule’s language and understands its intent.

Member King deliberates on the decision, weighing the risk of lawsuits against the need for action. Member Jeffares notes the legislative process is “crazy” and unpredictable, involving changes between the House and Senate and uncertainty over the Governor’s signature, which would likely prevent the change from being effective for the primary. He noted he was “torn” but will “take a chance on it” and vote to pass the rule, while also committing to work with the senators on a legislative solution. Member King decided to support the rule, citing the Board’s duty to provide uniformity and guidance to counties. Member King stated that Member Jeffares’ comments helped her decide, as passing the rule provides a defined framework for legislators to build upon. Uniformity is a key component to the duties of the SEB. Board member Ghazal and Executive Director Mills express opposition to the rule, citing legal risks and procedural caution. Member Ghazal argues this rule is not the appropriate vehicle to supporting hand-marked paper ballots. She warns the rule violates the non-delegation doctrine established in the Internal Vigilance Case, as it grants determination authority to the board, which is beyond what the statute allows. Vice Chair, Janice Johnston argues the Board should defer to the legislature on this issue and concluded that defining these terms is the duty of the legislature, and the Board should pressure them to act rather than adopting the rule itself. The presenters rebut the argument for deferral, reasserting the Board’s duty to provide guidance to counties.

The Board votes on the motion to pass the rule, resulting in a tie and the motion’s failure. Member King makes a formal motion to pass the rule. She believes the board can assist legislators, support counties, and protect them from lawsuits. She states the rule does not break the law or change the election process. She argues that if the legislature later acts, the rule will become null and void, but if they

fail to act, the Board will wish they had passed it. The motion is seconded by Member Jeffares.

The Vote:

Member Ghazal: No

Member Jeffares: Yes

Member King: Yes

The Chair (Vice Chair, Janice Johnston): No

The vote was tied 2-2, and the motion to pass the rule petition fails.

Member Ghazal ended the zoom call and the remaining portion of the meeting for the day.

Vice Chair, Janice Johnston announced she will arrange a meeting with the State Senate Ethics Board and General Assembly as soon as possible.

BREAK - A motion was passed by the Board to take a break at 10:25 a.m. and resumed at 10:39 a.m.

The following two cases were called for reconsideration:

SEB2022-066 **Bibb County – Wrong Ballot (*amended from decision on 12.09.25*)**

Member Janelle King proposed amending a prior decision for SEB2022-066 against Macon-Bibb County. The original vote was to refer the case to the Attorney General’s Office. After further research into aspects not considered in the summary, Member King proposed reducing the penalty to a Letter of Instruction. Grace Martin, Attorney for the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections, addressed the Board regarding the reconsideration. Discrepancies were noted on the Secretary of State Investigative Summary and materials given to the Board. Because of the discrepancies Member King retracted her motion for a Letter of Instruction and motioned for the case to be dismissed, seconded by Member Jeffares, and it passed with a 3-0 vote.

SEB2022-015 **Fulton County – Tabulation issue (*amended from decision on 12.09.25*)**

Member Janelle King proposed amending a motion for SEB2022-015. The original motion, which passed, was to refer the case to the Attorney General to seek the missing tapes and a request to issue a fine of \$5,000 for the unsigned tabulator tapes that were provided as evidence. Member King’s proposed amendment is refer the case to the Attorney General’s Office and request a fine of \$5,000 per infraction and also notify the Department of Justice, citing alignment between the issues and the DOJ’s purview.

The Board reaffirms its decision on this case by adding a notification to the DOJ due to concerns over missing tabulator tapes and unsecured memory cards. Vice Chair, Janice Johnston commented that election law requires three copies of tabulator tapes: one posted on the polling place door, one retained by the county superintendent, and one retained by the Clerk of the Court. Therefore, two copies should always be available for review. She states that a review of the evidence showed many missing tapes from Fulton County, and there was a “stalemate” in discussions about the County’s ability to produce them. Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston highlighted the risk associated with removing the memory cards from the tabulators before the poll is closed, as the date is not yet encrypted and is vulnerable to alteration. It was understood that memory cards in this case were removed and closed on different scanners, putting them at risk.

The severity of missing records and procedural risks warranted broader notification to authorities. The motion to add notifying the Department of Justice to the existing referral and fine requesting \$5,000 per infraction was made by Member Janelle King, Member Rick Jeffares seconded the motion. Vice, Chair Dr. Johnston, as Chairwoman, voted. The amended motion passed unanimously 3-0.

IV. INVESTIGATION REPORTS

The investigation reports to be considered are listed below according to the disposition recommended by the Secretary of State’s Office Investigation Staff. These recommendations are not binding on the board, which has sole discretion to act on complaints.

The Board pulled the following cases from the potential dismissal list

SEB2024-246 Appling County – L&A Testing Issue

The Board pulled this case from the dismissal list at the request of the complainant who stated this case was directly related to a future case, SEB2024-143, which involves a multitude of alleged violations and misconduct by the same election supervisor during the 2024 primary. She alleges the supervisor failed to remain present for the first hour of testing, refused to answer question live, instructing citizens to write them down for a later response, and tabulators were not visible for observation, preventing citizens from viewing the process. The complainant requested the board not dismiss the case, suggesting it be tabled until case 2024-143 is heard. After hearing the complainant’s testimony, Member King motioned to continue the case, Member Jeffares seconded the motion. The motion passed to continue the case with a vote of 3-0.

SEB2024-129 Franklin County – Discarded Ballot

The Board pulled this case to hear from the complainant’s counsel, Ryan Marks, who was available via zoom. The complainant stated that over 100 ballots were allegedly found in a dumpster and that key investigative steps were not taken by the Secretary of State Investigators.

The primary reason for the dismissal recommendation is that the sole witness to the incident no longer wishes to communicate with the investigators or discuss the incident, bringing the investigation to a standstill. The Board concluded that without a willing witness, referral to the Attorney General’s Office would be fruitless, and thus agreed with the dismissal recommendation.

Member King motioned to dismiss the case based on a witness statement, asserting that the Board is not a court of law and must move forward, Member Jeffares seconded the motion. The motion to dismiss the case passed with a 3-0 vote.

Following review of the cases listed below, a motion was passed by the Board to unanimously dismiss each case from SEB2022-302 to SEB2022-233.

SEB2022-302	Appling County – Double State Registration
SEB2024-091	Bullock County – Voting Equipment Issues
SEB2022-220	Burke County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-111	Butts County – Districting Issues
SEB2022-192	Camacho County – VA Double Voter
SEB2022-193	Camden County – Candidate Qualifying Issue
SEB2024-011	Coweta County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-246	Emanuel County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-244	Hancock County – Voter Not Allowed to Observe the Voting Process
SEB2022-180	Henry County – ERIC - Alaska Double Voter
SEB2024-059	Lamar County – Polling Place Notification
SEB2024-106	Lamar County – Electioneering Issue
SEB2022-060	Liberty County – Double Voting Allegation
SEB2024-155	Rockdale County – Fraudulent Voter Registration
SEB2022-130	Talbot County – Poll Worker Issue
SEB2024-090	Tattnall County – Campaigning Within 150 ft.
SEB2024-072	Terrell County – Deceased Voter
SEB2023-018	Treutlen County – Security of Election Equipment
SEB2023-007	Troup County – Voter Registered in Two States - Voter Deceased
SEB2023-086	Putnam/Eatonton – Problem at Polling Place
SEB2023-065	Upson County – Handicap Parking Issue
SEB2025-039	Wheeler County – Candidate Unaware of Winning Office
SEB2022-314	Whitfield County – Deceased Voter
SEB2025-002	Whitfield County – Late Opening Precinct
SEB2023-052	Wilkinson County/City of Gordon – Candidate’s Name Left Off Online Sample Ballot

SEB2023-087 Athens Clarke County – Ballot Destruction by Voter

SEB2025-029 Athens Clarke County – Potential Use of Photographic Equipment While Voting

SEB2022-308 Athens Clarke County – Ballot Issue

SEB2022-233 N/A – Absentee Ballot Fraud/Facebook post

SEB2022-089 Wayne County – Provisional Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Susan Nash of Wayne County Board of Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)(B). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-351 Wayne County – Photo Case

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Warner Adams violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-413(e). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-051 Long County – Wrong Ballot/Redistricting issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Long County Board of Elections and Registration and Cersha Snell violated SEB Rule 183-1-12.11(2)(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-304 Long County – Interference with an Election

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

SEB2022-058 Screven County – Closed Scanner Early

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Screven County Board of Elections and Registration, Hannah Derriso, Dorothy Glisson, and Greg Smith violated Election Board Rule 183-1-14-.02 (9) Advanced Voting: when Poll Worker, Greg Smith closed the ballot scanner early and printed the tapes during advanced voting for May 24, 2022, General Primary. A motion was passed by the Board to send a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-271 Screven County – Absentee Ballot Application Issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Dorothy Glisson violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-384(b) Preparation and delivery of supplies; mailing of ballots; oath of absentee electors and person assisting absentee electors: master list of ballots sent; challenges; special absentee run-off ballots; electronic transmission of ballots when Dorothy Glisson failed to include yellow oath envelopes with 12 absentee ballots during the November 8, 2022, General Election. (12 Counts). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-320 Screven County – Districting Issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Dorothy Glisson, former Chief Registrar of Screven County, violated OCGA §21-2-226(b) Duties of County Board Determining Eligibility of Voters in that Ms. Glisson failed to correctly place electors in Screven County District 1 after redistricting caused them to be moved out of their former voting districts. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-151 Toombs County – Voter Registration Problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Laron Stevie Salter, II violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-218 (a) Cancellation of registration in former State or County, address changes and corrections when Mr. Salter registered to vote in Duval County Florida while he was still registered to vote in Toombs County Georgia. Mr. Salter failed to cancel his voter registration in Toombs County Georgia. A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General for further review.

SEB2022-229 Mitchell County – Voter Registration Fraud

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Canvasser, Frantasia Williams violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-562. Fraudulent entries; unlawful alteration or destruction of entries; unlawful removal of documents; neglect or refusal to deliver documents. When Mrs. Williams turned in fraudulent voter applications to Mitchell County Election Office. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General and respective County District Attorney for further investigation.

SEB2022-122 Jeff Davis County – Unqualified Elector

Attorney Jeff Davis called in on Zoom to represent Jeff Davis County Elections. The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Shanta Mumford violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-590(2) Poll officer permitting unregistered or unqualified person to vote; refusing to permit registered and qualified persons to vote; unlawful rendering of assistance, when she allowed Anthony Wooten to vote during the June 21, 2022, Primary Runoff Election, which was a Democrat only ballot. Mr. Wooten was not eligible to participate in the runoff due to him voting a Republican ballot during the May 24, 2022, General Primary Election. A motion was passed by the Board to issue Shanta Mumford a Letter of Reprimand.

In addition, there is sufficient evidence to suggest Anthony Gaven Cravey violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-562(a)(2) Fraudulent entries; unlawful alteration or destruction of entries; unlawful removal of documents; neglect or refusal to deliver documents, when he intentionally changed Anthony Wooten's party selection for the May 24, 2022, General Primary from Republican to Democrat. This was done after Mr. Cravey discovered that Mr. Wooten had been allowed to participate in the June 21, 2022, Primary Runoff Election, even though he was not eligible to do so. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-121 Candler County – Unqualified Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Chief Registrar, Gary Howard, Deputy Chief Registrar & Clerk of Elections, Kristin Harris, and Poll Worker, Robert Watson were all in violation of O.C.G.A. 21-2-152(c) Conduct of primaries generally; Runoff primary when Mrs. Margie Faye Byrd West received a voter access card and was allowed to cast her ballot, for June 21, 2022, Democratic Runoff Election. Mrs. West had already voted on a Republican Ballot for the May 24th Primary Election. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-147 Candler County – Voter Registration Problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that David Gordon Alden Jr. violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(a)(1) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(f) Qualifications of electors generally; retention of qualification for standing as elector; Subsection (a)(1) of the statute states; No person shall vote in any primary or election held in this state unless such person shall be registered as an elector in the manner prescribed by law; Subsection (f) states; No person shall remain an elector longer than such person shall retain the qualifications under which such person registered.

According to the voter registration date, in ElectioNet, Mr. David Gordon Alden Jr. was legally registered to vote on May 1, 2018, in Candler County Georgia. At that time Mr. Alden Jr. was not a registered voter of Rosebud County, Forsyth Montana. When Mr. Alden Jr. voted in Candler County Georgia, by Absentee Ballot, on November 3, 2020, and January 5, 2021, in the General Election and General Election Runoff, respectively, he was listed as an active registered voter in Rosebud County, Forsyth Montana.

A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General and County District Attorney for further investigation.

SEB2022-265 Candler County Open Records Request Voter List Contained DOBs

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Tony Thompson violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-225(b) Confidentiality of original registration applications; limitations on registration data available for public inspection; data made available by Secretary of State; membership in non-governmental entity for purpose of sharing and exchanging information to improve accuracy and efficiency of voter registration system. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2023-015 Ben Hill County – Poll Worker Issue

Attorney Nick Kinsley called in on Zoom to represent Ben Hill County Board of Elections and Registration. The Board reviewed and

discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Ben Hill County Board of Elections and Registration and Cindi Dunlap violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-92 (a)(2) Qualifications of poll officers; service during municipal election or primary; Student Teen Election Participant (STEP) program; by hiring a poll worker from an adjoining county without the proper poll worker employment waiver signed. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction

SEB2022-346 Wheeler County – Voting by Unqualified Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Wheeler County Board of Elections and Registration and Shelia Cheek violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-590(2) Poll Officer Permitting Unregistered or Unqualified Person to Vote, when they allowed a registered voter of Telfair County, Olin Adams to vote in Wheeler County during the advanced voting period of December 6, 2022, Runoff Election. Mr. Adams was transferred to Telfair on November 14, 2022, with an updated DDS Application that was submitted on October 20, 2022.

There is sufficient evidence to suggest Wheeler County Board of Elections and Registration and Shelia Cheek violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-224(f) Official List of Electors, when they failed to prepare and use an updated electors list during December 6, 2022, Runoff Election.

There is sufficient evidence to suggest Olin Adams violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-571 Voting by Unqualified Elector, although believed to be unintentional Mr. Adams did vote in Wheeler County during the December 6, 2022, Runoff Election after being transferred and registered in Telfair County.

A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to all respondents.

SEB2022-321 Clay County – Voter Registration Problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Clay County Board of Registration and Charlotte Shivers violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-228(d) Examination of electors' qualifications; subpoenas; notice and hearing; right of appeal, when Mrs. Davis voter's registration was canceled without having a hearing. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2023-024 Richmond County – Residency Issue Case

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

SEB2024-014 Emanuel County – Absentee Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Sharon Boston violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-381(a)(1)(C)(ii) titled Making of Application for Absentee Ballot in that she assisted voters in filling out their absentee ballot applications without signing as assisting and mailed their completed applications for them. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

SEB2022-269 Wilcox County – Issue with Voting for Write-In Candidates

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

LUNCH - A motion was passed by the Board to recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m. The Board reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

SEB2022-004 Twiggs County/City of Jefferson – Candidate Qualifying Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Debbie Denise Hill (AKA Debbie Denise Fleming) violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-8 Eligibility for party nomination, public office, or performance of certain official acts of persons convicted and sentenced for certain crimes; illegally holding any public funds; effect of disqualification of superintendent, when she ran for and won a vacant city council seat during a Special

Election held on June 15, 2021, in the City of Jeffersonville. Ms. Hill was sentenced to 5 years of probation on May 19, 2009, for Identity Fraud and even though her probation was terminated early on October 22, 2013, she would not have been eligible to run for public office until October 22, 2023 (10 years after the completion of her sentence). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-296 Laurens County – Voter Assistance Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Cynthia Walters violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409 (a) Assisting electors who cannot read English or who have disabilities, When Cynthia Walters refused to sign her name as the person who assisted and signed her mother Eula Walters Tolbert’s name on the absentee ballot application when they went to vote on November 3, 2022, during early/advance voting. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-361 Randolph County – Illegal Possession of AB

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Nellie Bell Sheppard violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-568(b) Influencing Voter While Assisting, when she marked and voted her brother, Sammie Johnson’s absentee ballot without receiving any input from him. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #1 and Dismiss allegation #2.

SEB2022-297 Crisp County – Absentee Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Crisp County Board of Elections and Registration and Becky Perkins violated SEB Rule 183-1-14-.11. Mailing and Issuance of Ballots, when they failed to mail/issue Mary McGarr an absentee ballot within 3 business days of receiving her electronic absentee ballot request/absentee ballot application. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-239 Washington County – Illegal Assistance to Voters

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Crystal Reeves violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409(a) Assisting electors who cannot read English or who have disabilities; when she assisted her nephew, Danny Hooks Jr with voting simply because he did not know how to use the voting equipment. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Sheyanne Guyton violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409(a) Assisting electors who cannot read English or who have disabilities; when she assisted Jermaine Hamilton and Falcon Biggins with voting, even though he did not suffer from a literacy issue or physical disability that would prevent him from voting on his own. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2022-330 Pulaski County – Absentee Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Kenzie Mashburn and the Pulaski County Board of Elections and Registration, violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-386(a)(1)(F) Safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots; rejection of ballot; delivery of ballots to location designated by the superintendent; duties of superintendent and managers; precinct returns; report of returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast as soon as possible following the closing of the polls; notification of challenged elector; unlawful disclosure of tabulation results. When an absentee ballot for Sandra Summers White was accepted and counted on November 9, 2022, after the closing of the polls on Election Day, November 8, 2022, in Pulaski County. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Pulaski County Board of Elections and Registration. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Kenzie Mashburn.

SEB2022-017 Dooly County – Voter L/Security of Ballots

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Gloria Royal violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-70.1(b) Municipal superintendents; eligibility, when she acted as the election superintendent for the City of Lilly during November 2, 2021, Municipal Election. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegations #1, #2, and #4. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to the City of Lilly and Gloria Royal for allegation #3.

SEB2022-319 Wilkinson County – Requested AB But Never Received It

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registration and Kelly Chatman violated SEB Rule 183-1-14-.11. Mailing and Issuance of Ballots, and O.C.G.A. 21-2-500(a) Delivery of voting materials; preservation and destruction. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registration and Kelly Chapman.

SEB2022-022 Hancock County – Candidate Qualifying Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Hancock County Board of Elections and Supervisor Barbara Usenbor violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-6 Qualifications of electors generally (b) Qualifications of candidates for county and municipal office, determination of qualifications. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Hancock County and Barabara Usenbor.

SEB2022-104 Stephens County – Numerous issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegations #1 #2, #5.

A motion was passed to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Stephens County Board of Registration and Elections for allegations #3 for violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08 (c) Logic and Accuracy Testing & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 – Testing of electronic ballot marker; public notice of testing, #4 for violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (a) Tabulating Results, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-483 (h) – Counting of ballots / public accessibility to precincts & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-420 – procedure for tabulation of ballots., and #6 for violating O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 – Meetings to be open to public, and SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (c) & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421 – Posting of required information after closing of polls.

A motion was passed to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #7 for Stephens County Board of Registration and Elections violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (b) (2) - Tabulating Results & O.C.G.A. § 20-2-93 – Oath of office for clerks.

SEB2022-277 Peach and Crawford Counties – Voter registration problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

SEB2022-311 Monroe County – Use of a Recording Device

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

SEB2024-186 Morgan County – Felony Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence that Hamilton Wesley Veasley & Willie Franks Pitts Jr. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(b): *(b) In addition to the qualifications in subsection (a) of this Code section, no person who has been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude may register, remain registered, or vote except upon completion of the sentence and no person who has been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent may register, remain registered, or vote unless the disability has been removed.* A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General, respective County District Attorney, for further review and investigation.

SEB2022-016 Fayette County – Residency Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Jeffrey Todd Cameron, Trey Mitchell Cathey, Mae Frances M. Dawson, Breanna Cymone Menyweather, Rita Jean Knight, Karen Kersain, Tywandrea Diann English, Almeta Beatrice Dockery, Keisha Tesia Deeble, Zsazsa Laree Mop, Anthony A. Myers, Rriiver Nyile violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence, and Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Tywandrea Diann English, Almeta Beatrice Dockery and Rriiver Nyile violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-216 (a) (4) Qualifications of Electors Generally.

The Board passed a motion to issue a Letter of Instruction to Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Jeffrey Todd Cameron, Trey Mitchell Cathey, Mae Frances M. Dawson, Breanna Cymone Menyweather, Rita Jean Knight, Karen Kersain, Keisha Tesia Deeble, Zsazsa Laree Mop,

Anthony A. Myers for violating O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence.
The Board passed a motion to dismiss the complaint against Bernard Titus Caulder Jr.

The Board passed a motion to issue a Letter of Instruction to Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Tywandrea Diann English, Almeta Beatrice Dockery and Rriiver Nyile for violating O.C.G.A. 21-2-216 (a) (4) Qualifications of Electors Generally and O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence.

SEB2022-100 Fayette County – Spoiled Ballot issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Anita Carter was in violation of OCGA § 21-2-436 Duties of Poll Officers After the Close of the Polls and SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12, was substantiated. Anita Carter should have marked “SPOILED” across the front of the ballot and documented it on the Spoiled and Unaccompanied Ballot Recap Sheet (SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12). The spoiled ballot should have remained with the Ballot Recap Sheet, then returned at the close of the polls (OCGA § 21-2-436). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a letter of Instruction to Anita Carter.

SEB2022-247 Fayette County – Paper Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

SEB2022-286 Fayette County – Illegal Assistance to Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Lisa Simms violated OCGA § 21-2-413, OCGA § 21-2-574, and OCGA § 21-2-434. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

SEB2024-234 Fayette County – Campaign Lit at Polling Location 2024 GE

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

SEB2024-235 Fayette County Unauthorized Handling of ABM 2024 GE

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until January 21, 2026, SEB.

SEB2022-339 Newton County – Tabulation Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Newton County Elections violated SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (b) Tabulating Results and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386 - Safekeeping, certification, and validation of absentee ballots; rejection of ballot; delivery of ballots to location designated by superintendent; duties of superintendent and managers; precinct returns; report of returns of verified and accepted absentee ballots cast as soon as possible following closing of polls; notification of challenged elector; unlawful disclosure of tabulation results. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

The Board pulled a case that was in the mass dismissal list yesterday since the complainant was able to join today by Zoom. A motion was passed by the Board to reconsider case SEB2022-324 Fulton County Voter Discrepancy Issue.

SEB2022-324 Fulton County – Voter Discrepancy Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed to continue this case to the January 21, 2026, meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by the following individuals: George Balbona, Ralph O’Connor, Garland Favorito, and Richard Schroeder.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tabled Business from November 12, 2025, meeting: SEB2023-025

This business was tabled and moved to January 21, 2026, State Election Board Meeting.

B. Social Media

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston proposed a motion to set up a social media site for the State Election Board for factual posting of information. Member Janelle King moved the motion. Member Rick Jeffares seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Vice Chair, acting as Chair, voting.

C. SEB Members and Staff sos.gov email account records: resolution of obtaining

At the last meeting, emails from former SEB members and SEB employees were requested to be turned over or provided to the State Election Board by the Secretary of State's Office, who currently has possession. Chairman Fervier was tasked with seeking and obtaining this information on behalf of the board; Since he was absent from the meeting and has not communicated with Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston or other Board members, Member Janelle King motioned to table the discussion to the next SEB Board meeting. Member Rick Jeffares seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 with Vice Chair, acting as Chair, voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Next SEB Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Historic Barrow County Courthouse

30 North Broad Street

Winder, Georgia 30680

B. Discussions

Executive Director Mills commended Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, acting as Chairwoman, for her leadership and the Board's productivity. He stated that the Board took action on approximately 170 cases over the previous two days, which was as a historic volume of cases for the State Election Board. He further noted that, despite approximately 36 hours' notice for her to assume the role of acting Chairwoman, the meeting and case hearings were conducted in a smooth and seamless manner and proceeded without issue. He also observed that, under her leadership, the Chairwoman elected to vote on every measure despite not being required to do so, and he expressed appreciation for her commitment as well as for the hard work of the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:16 p.m., the Board adjourned the meeting.