



## The Office of Secretary of State

### MINUTES STATE ELECTION BOARD <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8988933> Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 8:30 AM

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Matthew Mashburn, Acting Chair  
Sara Tindall Ghazal  
Dr. Janice Johnston  
Ed Lindsey

#### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ryan Germany, General Counsel  
Blake Evans, Elections Director  
Dr. Jesse Harris, Deputy Elections Director  
Charlene McGowan, Attorney General's Office  
Sara Koth, Deputy Chief Investigator  
Dana DeWeese, Investigator  
Meaghan Kelling, Legal Affairs Coordinator

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chair Mashburn called the State Election Board (“Board”) meeting to order at approximately 8:35 a.m. A quorum was established for each Board action with the following Board members in attendance: Acting Chair Matthew Mashburn, Sara Ghazal, Dr. Janice Johnston, and Ed Lindsey. Mrs. Ghazal prayed and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the State Election Board Meeting and Hearings held on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mrs. Ghazal made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Acting Chair Mashburn called for public comment as the next order of business. The following individuals provided public comment: Rebeekah Bennett, George Balbona, YG Nyghtstorm, Salleigh Grubbs, David Cross, Garland Favorito, and William T. Quinn.

#### **IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Acting Chair Mashburn called for Board Member comment as the next order of business. The members made comments in the following order: Dr. Johnston, Mr. Lindsey, Mrs. Ghazal, Acting Chair Mashburn.

#### **V. UPDATE ON TRUE THE VOTE COMPLAINT**

Secretary of State General Counsel Ryan Germany provided an update on the True the Vote complaint. Mr. Germany asked the Board to authorize the Attorney General's Office to take appropriate action regarding the enforcement of subpoenas. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **VI. UPDATE ON EARLY VOTING**

Secretary of State General Counsel Ryan Germany provided an update on Early Voting throughout the state.

#### **VII. INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS**

##### **SEB Case No. 2022-054 Gwinnett County – Ballot Harvesting**

Deputy Chief Investigator Sara Koth and Investigator Dana DeWeese presented the case and recommended that the case be dismissed. Acting Chair Mashburn made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss the case. Mrs. Ghazal and Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

##### **SEB Case No. 2022-055 Gwinnett County – Ballot Harvesting**

Deputy Chief Investigator Sara Koth and Investigator Dana DeWeese presented the case and recommended that the case be dismissed. Mr. Lindsey made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss the case. Mrs. Ghazal seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

##### **SEB Case No. 2022-056 Gwinnett County – Ballot Harvesting**

Deputy Chief Investigator Sara Koth and Investigator Dana DeWeese presented the case and recommended that the case be dismissed. Mrs. Ghazal made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss the case. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **VIII. ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT**

##### **Consolidated Consent Orders**

##### **2017-073; 2020-157 Spalding County**

Assistant Attorney General Charlene McGowan presented the Attorney General Report and recommended the Board approve the Consolidated Consent Orders. After discussion, Dr. Johnston made a motion to approve the Consolidated Consent Orders. Mr. Lindsey seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Ghazal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Dr. Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.