



**MINUTES**  
**STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
<https://www.youtube.com/@merceruniversity/live>  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**  
**Mercer University School of Medicine Auditorium**  
**Macon, Georgia**  
**9:00 A.M.**

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

Judge Duffey called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. Mrs. Ghazal delivered the invocation. Dr. Johnston led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Duffey made opening remarks.

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

State Election Board Meeting and Hearings – December 3, 2022

Ghazal moved to approve minutes as amended. Johnston seconded. Passed 5-0.

State Election Board Meeting and Hearings – December 13, 2022

Dr. Johnston moved approve minutes. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0.

**III. REPORT ON THE FULTON COUNTY PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

Mr. Ryan Germany presented the report, along with Stephen Day and Ricky Kittle.

Break at 11:05 A.M., returned at 11:15 A.M.

**IV. INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS**

The investigation reports to be considered are listed below according to the disposition recommended by the investigation staff.

**Cases Continued – SEB2020-225, SEB2021-106, SEB2022-013**

**Cases Recommended to be Dismissed**

Case No. 2020-037 Lamar County (Elections Miscellaneous)

Case No. 2020-071 Burke County (Voter Fraud)

Case No. 2020-125 Screven County (Alleged Absentee Ballot Fraud)

~~Case No. 2020-211 Richmond County (Absentee Ballot Issues)~~

**Case No. 2020-225 Henry County (Public Viewing) \*Case Continued\***

Case No. 2020-228 Fulton County (Updating Voting Records)

Case No. 2020-271 Fulton County (Vote Buying) \*Case Continued\*

Case No. 2021-057 Lowndes County (Voter Registration Fraud)

**Case No. 2021-106 DeKalb County (Excess Voting) \*Case Continued\***

Case No. 2021-124 Deceased Voters

Case No. 2021-141 Fulton County (Illegal Shredding) \*Case Continued\*

Case No. 2021-149 City of Jesup (Giving or Receiving Gifts or Money)

Case No. 2021-151 Fulton County (Absentee Ballot Processing) write letter

Case No. 2021-166 Fulton County (Handicap Accessibility)

Case No. 2021-173 Chatham County (Double Voting)

Case No. 2021-177 City of Marshville (Election Irregularities)

**Case No. 2022-013 Fulton County (Ballot Harvesting) \*Case Continued\***

Case No. 2022-027 Newton County (Voter Registration)

Case No. 2022-029 Bibb County (Voter Registration)

Case No. 2022-037 Colquitt County (Voter Registration Fraud)

Case No. 2022-041 Fulton (Absentee Ballot Processing)

Ghazal moved to dismiss. Mashburn seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Lindsey moved to send letter to Fulton County; case dismissed. Mashburn seconded. Motion as amended passed 5-0.

### **Violation Cases Not Recommended for Referral to the Attorney General's Office**

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| Case No. 2018-084 Macon-Bibb County (Tabulation)   | 24 |
| Ghazal moved to accept recommendation. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0.  |    |
| Case No. 2020-152 Rockdale County (Polling Place Change)   | 25 |
| Lindsey moved to approve recommendation. Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0.  |    |
| Case No. 2020-201 Screven County (Problem at the Polls)  | 26 |
| Ghazal moved to continue. Lindsey seconded. Passed 5-0.  |    |
| Case No. 2021-157 Stephens County (Acceptance Test)  | 27 |
| Lindsey moved to accept. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0.  |    |
| Case No. 2022-028 Richmond County (New GA Project)   |    |
| Lindsey moved to dismiss, with intention of sending a letter of best practice. Mashburn seconded motion. Passed 5-0. |    |

Break for lunch at 12:07 P.M. Meeting returned to order at 1:02 P.M.

### **Violation Cases Recommended for Referral to the Attorney General's Office**

Case No. 2020-104 Decatur County (Wrong Absentee Ballot) Lindsey moved. Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0.	29
Case No. 2020-108 Charlton County (Unauthorized Voter Registration) Allegation 1: Ghazal moved, Lindsey seconded. Passed 5-0.	30
Case No. 2020-122 Dougherty County (Illegal Campaigning) Sara Webster was recognized to speak to the case. Bryan sells was recognized to speak to the case. City Councilman Demetrius Young was recognized to speak to the case. Allegation 3 referred to the Attorney General. Mashburn moved, Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0. Ghazal moved to dismiss other allegations, Lindsey seconded. Passed 5-0.	31
Case No. 2020-190 Colquitt County (Polling Place Issue) Probate Judge Wes Lewis was recognized to speak to the case. Mashburn moved to send letter. Ghazal amended motion to send letter to Merrtis. Lindsey seconded. Passed 5-0.	32
Case No. 2021-120 Houston County (Excess Voting) Lindsey moved to accept recommendation, Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0.	33
Case No. 2021-126 City of Sumner (Qualification Notice) Jay Crow spoke to the case. Lindsey moved to send a letter. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0.	34
Case No. 2021-128 City of Meigs (Qualifying Issue) Lindsey moved to send letter. Ghazal seconded. Mashburn opposed. Passed 4-1.	

**V. ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT**

Lindsey moved to accept. Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0.

<b><u>Consent Orders</u></b>	36
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SEB 2020-112	Henry County
SEB 2020-221	Worth County
SEB 2021-098	Troup County

<b><u>Final Orders</u></b>	37
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SEB 2021-098	Troup County
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**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Erick Christensen, Elaine Lucas, Brenda Williams, Karen Carlyle, Jennifer Lee, Ciara Franklin, Vicki Moody, Gwen Westbrook

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Ghazal moved to adjourn, Johnston seconded. Adjourned at 3:21 P.M. Passed 5-0.