



MINUTES
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia
9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Judge Duffey called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Mr. Mashburn delivered the invocation. Ms. Ghazal 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 – February 7, 2023

Ghazal moved to approve minutes. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0.

III. RESPONSE TO THE FULTON COUNTY PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Mr. Michael Tyler spoke about the performance review on behalf of Fulton County, and discussed the written response to the questions from the Board. Ms. Cathy Woolard also spoke about the performance review.

Judge Duffey provided a statement on behalf of the Board about the performance review and Fulton County's response. Additional comments were made by Dr. Johnston, Mr. Mashburn, Ms. Ghazal, and Mr. Lindsey.

Ms. Ghazal moved to accept the recommendations of the performance review board. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 5-0.

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 –

Case No. 2022-236 Spalding County (Fraudulent Voting)

Case No. 2020-080 Fulton County (August 11, 2020 Runoff Election)

Case No. 2020-078 DeKalb County (Illegal Campaigning)
Case No. 2022-205 Fulton County (Vote Buying)

Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

Case No. 2020-059 Fulton County (Poll Worker Fraud)
Case No. 2020-203 Fulton County (Tabulation and Audit Issues)
Case No. 2020-225 Henry County (Election Public Viewing)
Case No. 2021-019 Organizations (Offering Gifts to Vote)
Case No. 2021-106 DeKalb County (Excess Voting)
Case No. 2022-218 Stephens County (Voter Registration Fraud)
Case No. 2022-236 Spalding County (Fraudulent Voting)
Case No. 2022-273 Fulton County (Phone Solicitation Vote Buying)
Case No. 2020-140 Fulton County (Wrong Ballot Style)

As to Case No. 2020-059, Ms. Ghazal moved to dismiss. Seconded by Mr. Lindsey. Passed 5-0. Mr. Lindsey recommended the board write a letter to the respondents in the case to inform them their case had been dismissed

As to Case No. 2020-203, Dr. Johnston moved to dismiss. Seconded by Ms. Ghazal. Passed 5-0.

As to Case No. 2020-225, Ms. Ghazal moved to dismiss. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 5-0. Mr. Lindsey requested to dismiss with a letter of instructions on proper procedures to avoid future occurrences.

As to Case No. 2021-019, Ms. Ghazal moved to dismiss. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 4-0. Mr. Lindsey recused from voting.

As to Case No. 2021-106, Ms. Ghazal moved to dismiss. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 4-0. Mr. Lindsey recused from voting. Dr. Johnston requested the Board write a letter to the voter's new county to confirm whether voter is registered in their new state.

As to Case No. 2022-218, Mr. Lindsey moved to dismiss. Dr. Johnston seconded. Passed 5-0.

As to Case No. 2022-236, Mr. Lindsey moved to continue the case for further investigation. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 5-0.

As to Case No. 2022-273, Ms. Ghazal moved to dismiss. Seconded by Dr. Johnston. Passed 5-0.

Case No. 2020-140, Ms. Ghazal moved to find a violation against Fulton County and issue a Letter of Instruction. Seconded by Mr. Mashburn. Passed 5-0.

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

Case No. 2020-001 Numerous Counties (Absentee Signature Irregularities)

Case No. 2020-201 Screven County (Problems at Polls)

Case No. 2020-271 Statewide (Vote Buying Contest)

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

Case No. 2022-010 Cobb County (Residency)

Case No. 2022-088 Gwinnett County (Out of State Voter)

Case No. 2022-216 City of Ranger (Certified Elections Results)

Case No. 2022-336 Whitefield County (Vote Buying)

As to Case No. 2020-001, regarding respondents Combs, Christian, Whitfield, Scurry, Corbin, Black, Bryant, Brooks-Roberts, and Howard, Mr. Lindsey moved to send Letters of Instruction. Seconded by Mashburn. Passed 5-0. Regarding respondents Cobb, Davis, Harris, Baylor, Wallace, Lupton, and Reid, the board voted to refer to the attorney general's office. Motion passed 5-0. Regarding Joan Blackman, Ms. Ghazal moved to open an investigation. Mr. Mashburn seconded. Passed 5-0. Regarding respondent Price, Mr. Mashburn moved to dismiss. Ms. Ghazal Seconded. Passed 5-0.

As to Case No. 2020-201, Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Ghazal seconded. Passed 5-0.

Mr. Lindsey recused himself from voting for the remainder of the meeting due to conflicts of interest.

As to Case No. 2020-271, regarding the first allegation, Mashburn moved to send a letter of instruction to the respondent. Ghazal seconded. Duffey moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Board voted 2-2 for Duffey's amendment. Board voted 2-2 for the original motion. Duffey moved to refer to the Attorney General, with recommendation of discussing with counsel entering a cease-and-desist order. Mashburn seconded. Passed 4-0. Regarding the second allegation, Ghazal moved to dismiss. Mashburn seconded. Passed 4-0.

As to Case No. 2021-141, Ghazal moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Mashburn seconded. Passed 4-0.

As to Case No. 2022-010, Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Johnston seconded. Passed 4-0.

As to Case No. 2022-088, Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Johnston seconded. Passed 4-0.

As to Case No. 2022-216, Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Johnston seconded. Passed 4-0.

As to Case No. 2022-336, Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office. Johnston seconded. Passed 4-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duffey called to adjourn at 2:58 P.M.