



MINUTES
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia 9:00 A.M.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman Duffey called the meeting to order at 9:43 A.M. Chairman Duffey delivered the invocation. Mr. Mashburn led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Duffey made opening remarks.

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

State Election Board Meeting and Hearings – June 20 and 21, 2023

Mr. Mashburn moved to approve minutes as amended, Mr. Lindsey seconded, passed 5-0.

III. PROCEDURE MATTERS

a. The Board discussed a matter concerning the Board's consideration of Attorney General Office negotiation and recommendation of proposed Consent Order on SEB Cases 2021-181 and 2022-025 at the June 21, 2023 meeting. Chairman Duffey spoke about the facts of the matter, and made a determination that the Consent Order on SEB Cases 2021-181 and 2022-025 were final.

b. The Board discussed Petitioner Marilyn Marks' request for the Board to reconsider its dismissal of her petition to amend SEB Rule 183-1-12. Due to the Petitioner's inability to attend the meeting, her requests were not heard by the Board.

IV. INVESTIGATIONS REPORTS

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

Cases Continued – SEB2020-029, SEB2020-078, SEB2020-043, SEB2020-139

Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

SEB2022-188 DeKalb County (AB Fraud)

SEB2022-260 DeKalb County (Dunwoody Library Drop Box)

SEB2022-268 DeKalb County (Early Voting Hours)
SEB2022-281 DeKalb County (Deceased Voter Registration)
SEB2022-373 DeKalb County (Stone Mountain Voter Registration Fraud)

As to SEB2022-188, Mr. Mashburn moved to dismiss, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 4-1.

As to SEB2022-268 Chairman Duffey moved to send a Letter of Instruction without finding a violation, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2022-260, SEB2022-281, and SEB2022-373, Mr. Lindsey moved to dismiss, seconded by Dr. Johnston, passed 5-0.

Broke for recess at 10:45 A.M., returned at 11:06 A.M.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made public comments: Joseph Rossi, Ben Eskew, Kim Brooks, Kevin Muldowney, Lucia Frazier, Jason Frazier, Paul White, Ginger Hurmence, Field Searcy, Brad Barnes, Kevin Parker, Richard Schroeder, Sam Carnline, Michael Opitz, Sara Lain-Moneymaker, Tom Talbot, Beth Mercure, Dale Strickland, Amanda Prettyman, Stevie Prettyman, Dan Gasaway, Linda Menk, Tess Sharp, Mark Swanson, Cheryl Wall, Norma Reboredo, David Cross, Max Hess, Diane Vann, Sondra Martin, Julie Allen, Anna de Blanc, Andrew Bell, Cindy Battles, Lonnie Hollis, Gail Lee, Kelli Persons, Carolyn Garcia, Pamela Reardon, Gene Gabrell, Maria Gaudio, Michelle Cobb, Jim Boyd.

Broke for recess at 12:28 P.M., returned at 1:34 P.M.

Investigations Reports Continued

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

SEB2020-029 DeKalb County (Election Day Issues)
SEB2020-078 DeKalb County (Illegal Campaigning)
SEB2020-080 Fulton County (August 11th, 2020, Runoff)
SEB2020-086 Floyd County (August 11th, 2020, Runoff)
SEB2020-234 DeKalb County (Absentee Ballot Processing)
SEB2022-205 Fulton County (Vote Buying)
SEB2020-043 DeKalb County (Absentee Ballot Tabulation)
SEB2020-139 DeKalb County (Absentee Ballot Issue at Poll Location)
SEB2021-129 DeKalb County (Absentee Ballot Box Issues)
SEB2021-172 DeKalb County (Incorrect Precinct Assignment)
SEB2022-117 DeKalb County (Residency Issue UPS Store)
SEB2022-154 DeKalb County (Double Voter)
SEB2022-316 DeKalb County (Briarwood Scanner Issue)
SEB2022-328 DeKalb County (Voting Equipment Issue)

SEB2023-026 DeKalb County (Election Warehouse Theft April 2023)

As to SEB2020-029, Mrs. Ghazal moved to continue, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2020-078, Mrs. Ghazal moved to continue, seconded by Mr. Mashburn, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2020-080, Mr. Mashburn moved to refer the complaints from Rachel Quasebarth and Serenity Travis to the Attorney General's office, Mr. Lindsey seconded, passed 5-0. The motion to dismiss the remainder of the complaints passed 4-1.

As to SEB2022-205, Mrs. Ghazal moved to send a Letter of Instruction without finding a violation, seconded by Mr. Mashburn, passed 5-0.

Broke for recess at 4:19 P.M., returned at 4:35 P.M.

Investigations Reports Continued

As to SEB2020-234, Mrs. Ghazal moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mr. Mashburn, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2020-043, Mrs. Johnston moved to continue, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2020-139, Mrs. Ghazal moved to dismiss, seconded by Chairman Duffey, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2021-129, Mr. Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2021-172, Mr. Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2022-117, Chairman Duffey moved to dismiss, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2022-154, Mr. Lindsey moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mr. Mashburn, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2022-316, Mr. Lindsey moved to send a Letter of Instruction, seconded by Mr. Mashburn, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2022-328, Mr. Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2023-026, Mr. Mashburn moved to refer to the Attorney General's office, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

VI. ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Consent Orders

SEB2020-061	McIntosh County
SEB2020-271	Statewide

Final Orders

SEB2015-073	Hancock County
SEB2017-043	Hancock County
SEB2017-081	Hancock County

As to SEB2020-061, Mr. Mashburn moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2020-271, Mr. Lindsey recused himself from voting, Mr. Mashburn moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 3-1.

As to SEB2015-073 and SEB2017-043, Mr. Mashburn moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, passed 5-0.

As to SEB2017-081, Mr. Lindsey moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Ghazal, passed 5-0.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Duffey called to adjourn at 6:54 P.M.