

SUMMARY
STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Georgia State Capitol, Room 341
Atlanta, Georgia

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.

Call to Order and Introductory Remarks

Chair William Duffey called the State Election Board “Board” meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. The following Board members attended the meeting: Chair William S. Duffey Jr., Matthew Mashburn, Sara Tindall-Ghazal, Edward Lindsey, Dr. Janice Johnston.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of State Election Board meetings held February 7, 2023.

Response to the Fulton County Performance Review

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

Chairman 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. The Board declined to seek removal of any Fulton County Election Official under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-33.2.

Investigations Reports

A. Cases Recommended to be Dismissed

****The Board continued the following cases:***

- 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)

****The Board voted to dismiss the following cases:***

- 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. 2022-273 Fulton County (Phone Solicitation Vote Buying)

B. Violation Cases Not Recommended for Referral to the Attorney General's Office

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted:

- As to respondents Combs, Christian, Whitfield, Scurry, Corbin, Black, Bryant, Brooks-Roberts, and Howard, to send Letters of Instruction.
- As to respondents Cobb, Davis, Harris, Baylor, Wallace, Lupton, and Reid, to refer the complaints against these respondents to the Attorney General's office.
- Regarding Joan Blackman, to open an investigation.
- Regarding respondent Price, to dismiss the complaints against them.

Case No. 2020-140 Fulton County (Wrong Ballot Style)

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to find a violation against Fulton County and issue a letter of instruction.

C. Violation Cases Recommended for Referral to the Attorney General's Office

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office.

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

Mr. Lindsey recused himself from participating in the consideration of the complaint. After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office regarding the first allegation, and voted to dismiss the second allegation.

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office.

Case No. 2022-010 Cobb County (Residency)

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office.

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office

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

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondents to the Attorney General's Office

D. Adjournment

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 P.M.