

**SUMMARY**  
**STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 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 9:02 A.M. The following Board members attended the meeting: Chair William S. Duffey, Jr., Matthew Mashburn, Sara Tindall-Ghazal, Edward Lindsey, Dr. Janice Johnston.

The Board discussed a motion to reconsider the determinations made on June 20, 2023 regarding SEB 2020-001 respondent Denise Cobb. The Board voted to continue the case.

The Board also discussed the Beta update from the Dominion voting machines. Ms. McGowan discussed various legal considerations and prohibitions against disclosure of technical information. Mr. Blake Evans and Mr. Michael Barnes discussed the nature of the Dominion software update, and answered questions from the Board members.

**Petition for Amendment of Rule 183-1-12**

Ms. Marilyn Marks and Ms. Jeanne Dufort each spoke about their petitions for amendment of Rule 183-1-12. Charlene McGowan, General Counsel for the Secretary of State’s office spoke on their request for the Board to deny the petition and why the petition should be dismissed. The Board asked the presenters questions. After each party’s presentation and discussion from the Board, the Board voted to deny the petition.

The Board voted to create a committee of five representatives, as determined by the Chair, that would propose rules about reporting breaches and system vulnerabilities, and to make recommendations for the next legislative session to the general assembly regarding possible legislation to address exploitation of vulnerabilities or security. The committee will be comprised of two members of the Board, one Democrat and one Republican, and three representatives from county election offices – one large sized, one medium sized, and one small sized.

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

Case No. 2020-086 Floyd County (August 11, 2020 Runoff Election)

Case No. 2020-234 DeKalb County (Absentee Ballot Processing)

**Continuation of Investigations Reports**

***\*\*Case No. 2019-043 Paulding County (Enclosed Space Violation)\*\****

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to dismiss the allegations against all respondents.

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

### **Case No. 2020-147 Paulding County (Absentee Ballots)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue Respondents Paulding County Board of Elections and Brenda Mitchell a Letter of Instruction. As to respondent Audrey Taylor, the Board voted to dismiss the allegations.

### **Case No. 2020-183 Jackson County (Unlawful Assistance)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue Respondent Jacob Sherman a Letter of Instruction regarding providing false statements, but dismiss all other allegations in the matter.

### **Case No. 2020-280 Morgan County (Pictures in Polling Places)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to issue to Respondents Rosslyn Blalock Haynemayer and Luther Daniel "Luke" Wilkins a Letter of Instruction.

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

### **Case No. 2020-089 Fulton County (Photography 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. 2020-120 Fulton County (Poll Watcher Issue)**

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

### **Case No. 2020-147 Paulding County (Absentee Ballots)**

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

### **Case No. 2020-179 Numerous Counties (Deceased Voters)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer the Respondent Jeffrey Laws to the Attorney General's Office and the appropriate District Attorney's office. The Board also requested that an investigation be opened against the counties involved.

### **Case No. 2020-280 Morgan County (Pictures in Polling Places)**

After presentation and discussion of the investigative findings, the Board voted to refer Respondent Lori Michelle Frost to the Attorney General's Office.

## **Attorney General Report**

The Board voted to approve the action recommended by the Attorney General in the following cases:

### **Consent Orders**

SEB2020-034	Montgomery County
SEB2016-110	Long County
SEB2021-181	Fulton County

### **Final Orders**

SEB2017-081	City of Sparta
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## **Public Comment**

The following thirteen individuals made public comments: Judy Sophioropoulos, Joy Wasson, Liz Throop, Aileen Nakamura, Sylvia Albea, Kristin Nabers, Kelli Persons, Greg Landon, Frank Shneider, Erik Christensen, Julie Adams, Gail Lee, Elena Merina

## **Adjournment**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 P.M.