



MINUTES

STATE ELECTION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday December 10, 2025

Georgia State Capitol, Room 341 Atlanta, Georgia 9:00 a.m.

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CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., in the absence of Chairman John Fervier, Vice Chair Johnston presided over the December 10, 2025, State Election Board meeting. A quorum was present for all actions taken by the Board.

Board Members present in person were Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, Mrs. Janelle King, and Mr. Rick Jeffares. Member Ghazal was not physically present; however, she participated telephonically for the limited purpose of voting on the proposed rule petition, Rule 183-12-.02, and did not participate in any other matters before the Board.

Administrative announcements

Chairperson Absence: Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston served as acting chair. Chairperson John Fervier was absent without explanation; it was noted he did not plan the meeting agenda, did not plan or participate in pre-meeting reviews of the cases for the meeting, and has not been in the State Election Board Office for 5 months, raising governance concerns.

Staff Commendations: The Board recognized and expressed appreciation for the dedicated work of staff and thanked them for their continued professionalism and dedication.

Autumn Miller, Administrative Assistant – Paralegal was commended for significantly improving the agency's open records request process. She was recognized for her attention to detail, professionalism, and willingness to navigate the complexities of open records while simultaneously taking on additional paralegal responsibilities.

Jesse Patton and Ann Delhmas, SEB Investigators were acknowledged for their teamwork and diligence. Following the delivery of approximately 250 complete cases from the Secretary of State's office two months ago, they immediately began reviewing the cases for completeness and consistency. They have worked collaboratively with the Secretary of State's investigators and are in the process of adding these cases to the agency's new case management software system.

Hope Coan, Executive Administrative Assistant, was recognized for managing the labor-intensive and complex responsibilities involved in planning and preparing the State Election Board meetings. The Board noted her initiative and technical expertise in developing a digital case binder, which provides flexibility, increases efficiency, and significantly reduces the need for paper summaries. The Board expressed appreciation for her service and contributions to the State Election Board.

James Mills, Executive Director, was recognized as the head of the agency's management team. His leadership encompasses budgeting and accounting, serving as liaison for the agency, overseeing development and long-range planning, and advocating for election integrity across the state. The Board expressed appreciation for his service as Executive Director.

The invocation was given by Member Janelle King.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Rick Jeffares.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 183-1-15.02, DEFINITIONS:

This portion of public comment is reserved for anyone who wishes to speak regarding the upcoming rule petition proposing an amendment to Rule 183-1-12.02, Definitions.

Public comments were made by the following individuals: Janet Grant opposing the rule, Michael Beach opposing the rule, Elizabeth Hendrickson opposing the rule, Rachael Glover opposing the rule, Lana Goitia-Paz opposing the rule, Ralph O'Connor opposing the rule, Nicole Wessel opposing the rule, Joy Wasson supporting the rule, Victoria Cruz supporting the rule, and Marily Marks supporting the rule.

PROCEDURE MATTERS

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston pauses the proceedings to ensure that Member Ghazal can be connected remotely to participate in the presentation and subsequent vote.

Discussion of proposed rule petition

Petitioner Salleigh Grubbs highlighted that the rule proposal is a bipartisan effort with Democrat counterparts, aimed at ensuring free and fair elections. She argued that a clear definition for “impossible and impactable” is necessary, citing a past hurricane in South Georgia where voters used paper ballots without objection when machines were unavailable. Ms. Grubbs asserted that the SEB would face lawsuits regardless of its decision; failing to pass the rule could lead to a lawsuit, if a situation arises where it is needed. Ms. Grubbs claimed the current voting system is already illegal under statute 21-2-300(a)(2), which requires electronic ballot markers to produce paper ballots readable by the elector, arguing this is not being met. She concluded by urging the Board to pass the rule, stating that the threat of a lawsuit does not abdicate them of their duty. Ms. Grubbs cited the “Eternal Vigilance” ruling as granting the SEB authority to pass rules that implement the existing election code, if they do not contradict it.

Petitioner Jeanne Dufort argued that the SEB has the clear authority and responsibility to define “impossible and impracticable” to ensure uniform and legal elections. Ms. Dufort argued that the Legislature intentionally leaves terms like “impossible or impracticable” and “for any other reason” vague, delegating the function to providing specificity to the SEB through rulemaking. She states that the federal court’s previous ruling, which called the SEB’s arguments of no-authority “meritless,” is heavily emphasized. The court affirmed that the SEB has a responsibility to uphold the legality of the voting system, just as it does for all other election laws. Ms. Dufort expressed confidence in the ability of well-prepared Election Directors to handle the transitions to paper ballots, citing a recent successful instance in Morgan County. Ms. Dufort suggested that after passing this definition rule, the Board should create corresponding operational rules, like the existing “emergency balloting” rule. She proposed the rule is presented as a necessary guardrail that will create more uniformity than the current undefined terms. Ms. Dufort concludes by urging the Board to pass the rule promptly to prepare for future elections and fulfill its legal obligation regarding ballot secrecy and voter-verifiability.

Vice Chair, Janice Johnston asked Board member Ghazal, who was attending remotely for this portion of the meeting, if she had any questions. Member Ghazal declined to ask questions, citing prior collaboration on the rule’s language. She commented she worked with the presenting team for many hours to develop the rule’s language and understands its intent.

Member King deliberated on the decision, weighing the risk of lawsuits against the need for action. Member Jeffares noted the Legislative process is “crazy” and unpredictable, involving changes between the House and Senate and uncertainty over the Governor’s signature, which would likely prevent the change from being effective for the primary. He noted he was “torn,” but will “take a chance on it” and vote to pass the rule, while also committing to work with the Senators on a Legislative solution. Member King decided to support the rule, citing the Board’s duty to provide uniformity and guidance to counties. Member King stated that Member Jeffares’ comments helped her decide, as passing the rule provides a defined framework for Legislators to build upon. Uniformity is a key component to the duties of the SEB. Board member Ghazal and Executive Director Mills expressed opposition to the rule, citing legal risks and procedural caution. Member Ghazal argued this rule is not the appropriate vehicle to support hand-marked paper ballots. She warned the rule violates the non-delegation doctrine established in the Internal Vigilance Case, as it grants determination authority to the Board, which is beyond what the statute allows. Vice Chair, Johnston argued the Board should defer to the Legislature on this issue and concluded that defining these terms is the duty of the Legislature, and the Board should pressure them to act rather than adopting the rule itself. The Presenters rebut the argument for deferral, reasserting the Board’s duty to provide guidance to counties.

The Board voted on the motion to pass the rule, resulting in a tie and the motion’s failure. Member King made a formal motion to pass the rule. She stated, “she believes the Board can assist Legislators, support counties, and protect them from lawsuits - she states the rule does not break the law or change the election process.” She argued that if the Legislature later acts, the rule will become null and void, but if they fail to act, the Board will wish they had passed it.

Motion: Member King moved to pass the rule

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote to Pass: Member King and Member Jeffares

Opposition: Member Ghazal and Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston

The vote was tied 2-2, and the motion to pass the rule petition fails.

Member Ghazal ended the zoom call and the remaining portion of the meeting for the day.

Vice Chair, Janice Johnston announced she will arrange a meeting with the State Senate Ethics Committee and General Assembly as soon as possible.



BREAK - A motion was passed by the Board to take a break at 10:25 a.m. and resumed at 10:39 a.m.

The following two cases were called for reconsideration:

SEB2022-066 **Bibb County – Wrong Ballot** *(amended from decision on 12.09.25)*

Member King proposed amending a prior decision for SEB2022-066 against Macon-Bibb County. The original vote was to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office. After further research into aspects not considered in the summary, Member King proposed reducing the penalty to a Letter of Instruction. Grace Martin, Attorney for the Macon-Bibb County Board of Elections, addressed the Board regarding the reconsideration. Discrepancies were noted on the Secretary of State Investigative Summary and materials given to the Board.

Motion: Member King moved to amend her original motion after learning about the discrepancies and moved to dismiss the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-015 **Fulton County – Tabulation issue** *(amended from decision on 12.09.25)*

Member King proposed amending a motion for SEB2022-015. The original motion, which passed, was to refer the case to the Attorney General to seek the missing tapes and a request to issue a fine of \$5,000 each for the unsigned tabulator tapes that were provided as evidence.

Member King's proposed amendment is to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office and request a fine of \$5,000 per infraction and notify the Department of Justice, citing alignment between the issues and the DOJ's purview.

The Board reaffirms its decision on this case by adding a notification to the DOJ, due to concerns over missing tabulator tapes and unsecured memory cards. Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston commented that election law requires three copies of tabulator tapes: one posted on the polling place door, one retained by the County Superintendent, and one retained by the Clerk of the Court. Therefore, two copies should always be available for review. She states that a review of the evidence showed many missing tapes from Fulton County, and there was a "stalemate" in discussions about the County's ability to produce them. Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston highlighted the risk associated with removing the memory cards from the tabulators before the poll is closed, as the data is not yet encrypted and is vulnerable to alteration. It was understood that memory cards in this case were removed and closed on different scanners, putting them at risk.

The severity of missing records and procedural risks warranted broader notification to authorities. The motion to add notifying the Department of Justice to the existing referral and fine requesting \$5,000 per infraction was made by Member King.

Motion: Member King moved to amend her original motion and to add notifying the Department of Justice to the existing referral and fine requesting \$5,000 per infraction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

IV. INVESTIGATION REPORTS

The investigation reports to be considered are listed below according to the disposition recommended by the Secretary of State's Office Investigation Staff. These recommendations are not binding on the Board, which has sole discretion to act on complaints. The Board pulled the following cases from the potential dismissal list

SEB2024-246 **Appling County – L&A Testing Issue**

The Board pulled this case from the dismissal list, at the request of the Complainant, who stated this case was directly related to a future case, SEB2024-143, which involves a multitude of alleged violations and misconduct by the same Election Supervisor during the 2024 primary. She alleged the Supervisor failed to remain present for the first hour of testing, refused to answer questions live, instructing citizens to write them down for a later response, and tabulators were not visible for observation, preventing citizens from viewing the process. The Complainant requested the Board to not dismiss the case, suggesting it be tabled until case 2024-143 is heard. After hearing the Complainant's testimony, the Board motioned and passed to continue the case.

Motion: Member King moved continue the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares



SEB2024-129 Franklin County – Discarded Ballot

The Board pulled this case to hear from the Complainant's counsel, Ryan Marks, who was available via zoom. The Complainant stated that over 100 ballots were allegedly found in a dumpster and that key investigative steps were not taken by the Secretary of State Investigators.

The primary reason for the dismissal recommendation is that the sole witness to the incident no longer wishes to communicate with the investigators or discuss the incident, bringing the investigation to a standstill. The Board concluded that without a willing witness, referral to the Attorney General's Office would be fruitless, and thus agreed with the dismissal recommendation.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

Following review of the cases listed below, a motion was passed by the Board to unanimously dismiss each case from SEB2022-302 to SEB2022-233.

SEB2022-302	Appling County – Double State Registration
SEB2024-091	Bullock County – Voting Equipment Issues
SEB2022-220	Burke County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-111	Butts County – Districting Issues
SEB2022-192	Camacho County – VA Double Voter
SEB2022-193	Camden County – Candidate Qualifying Issue
SEB2024-011	Coweta County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-246	Emanuel County – Voter Registration Fraud
SEB2022-244	Hancock County – Voter Not Allowed to Observe the Voting Process
SEB2022-180	Henry County – ERIC - Alaska Double Voter
SEB2024-059	Lamar County – Polling Place Notification
SEB2024-106	Lamar County – Electioneering Issue
SEB2022-060	Liberty County – Double Voting Allegation
SEB2024-155	Rockdale County – Fraudulent Voter Registration
SEB2022-130	Talbot County – Poll Worker Issue
SEB2024-090	Tattnall County – Campaigning Within 150 ft.
SEB2024-072	Terrell County – Deceased Voter
SEB2023-018	Treutlen County – Security of Election Equipment
SEB2023-007	Troup County – Voter Registered in Two States - Voter Deceased
SEB2023-086	Putnam/Eatonton – Problem at Polling Place
SEB2023-065	Upson County – Handicap Parking Issue
SEB2025-039	Wheeler County – Candidate Unaware of Winning Office
SEB2022-314	Whitfield County – Deceased Voter
SEB2025-002	Whitfield County – Late Opening Precinct
SEB2023-052	Wilkinson County/City of Gordon – Candidate's Name Left Off Online Sample Ballot
SEB2023-087	Athens Clarke County – Ballot Destruction by Voter
SEB2025-029	Athens Clarke County – Potential Use of Photographic Equipment While Voting
SEB2022-308	Athens Clarke County – Ballot Issue
SEB2022-233	N/A – Absentee Ballot Fraud/Facebook post

SEB2022-089 Wayne County – Provisional Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Susan Nash of Wayne County Board of Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-385(d)(1)(A)(B). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-351 Wayne County – Photo Case

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Warner Adams violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-413(e). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-051 Long County – Wrong Ballot/Redistricting issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that the Long County Board of Elections and Registration and Cersha Snell violated SEB Rule 183-1-12.11(2)(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-304 Long County – Interference with an Election

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

Motion: Member King moved continue the case to the next meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-058 Screven County – Closed Scanner Early

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Screven County Board of Elections and Registration, Hannah Derriso, Dorothy Glisson, and Greg Smith violated Election Board Rule 183-1-14-.02 (9). A motion was passed by the Board to send a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-271 Screven County – Absentee Ballot Application Issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Dorothy Glisson violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-384(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-320 Screven County – Districting Issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Dorothy Glisson, former Chief Registrar of Screven County, violated OCGA §21-2-226(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-151 Toombs County – Voter Registration Problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Laron Stevie Salter, II violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-218 (a). A motion was passed by the Board to refer the case to the Attorney General for further review.

Motion: Member King moved to refer the case to the Attorney General

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-229**Mitchell County – Voter Registration Fraud**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Canvasser, Frantasia Williams violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-562. A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General and respective County District Attorney for further investigation.

Motion: Member King moved to refer the case to the Attorney General and respective County District Attorney for further investigation

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-122**Jeff Davis County – Unqualified Elector**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Shanta Mumford violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-590(2). A motion was passed by the Board to issue Shanta Mumford a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

In addition, there is sufficient evidence to suggest Anthony Gaven Cravey violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-562(a)(2). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-121**Candler County – Unqualified Voter**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Chief Registrar, Gary Howard, Deputy Chief Registrar & Clerk of Elections, Kristin Harris, and Poll Worker, Robert Watson, were all in violation of O.C.G.A. 21-2-152(c). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-147**Candler County – Voter Registration Problems**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that David Gordon Alden Jr. violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(a)(1) and O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(f). A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General and County District Attorney for further investigation.

Motion: Member King moved to refer the case to the Attorney General and County District Attorney for further investigation

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-265**Candler County – Open Records Request Voter List Contained DOBs**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Tony Thompson violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-225(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2023-015**Ben Hill County – Poll Worker Issue**

Attorney Nick Kinsley called in on Zoom to represent Ben Hill County Board of Elections and Registration. The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Ben Hill County Board of Elections and Registration and Cindi Dunlap violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-92 (a)(2). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)



In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-346 Wheeler County – Voting by Unqualified Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Wheeler County Board of Elections and Registration and Shelia Cheek violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-590(2). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to all Respondents.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction to all Respondents

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-321 Clay County – Voter Registration Problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Clay County Board of Registration and Charlotte Shivers violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-228(d). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2023-024 Richmond County – Residency Issue Case

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

Motion: Member King moved to continue the case to the next meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2024-014 Emanuel County – Absentee Ballot Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Sharon Boston violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-381(a)(1)(C)(ii). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-269 Wilcox County – Issue with Voting for Write-In Candidates

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

LUNCH - A motion was passed by the Board to recess for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Motion: Member King moved to recess for lunch

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:10 p.m.

SEB2022-004 Twiggs County/City of Jefferson – Candidate Qualifying Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Debbie Denise Hill (AKA Debbie Denise Fleming) violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-8. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)





In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-296 **Laurens County – Voter Assistance Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Cynthia Walters violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409

(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-361 **Randolph County – Illegal Possession of AB**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Nellie Bell Sheppard violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-568(b). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #1 and to dismiss allegation #2.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #1 and to dismiss allegation #2

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-297 **Crisp County – Absentee Ballot Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Crisp County Board of Elections and Registration and Becky Perkins violated SEB Rule 183-1-14-.11. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-239 **Washington County – Illegal Assistance to Voters**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Crystal Reeves violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Sheyanne Guyton violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-409(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-330 **Pulaski County – Absentee Ballot Issue**

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Kenzie Mashburn and the Pulaski County Board of Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-386(a)(1)(F). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Pulaski County Board of Elections and Registration.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Kenzie Mashburn.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares





SEB2022-017

Dooly County – Voter L/Security of Ballots

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Gloria Royal violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-70.1(b). A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegations #1, #2, and #4.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss allegations #1, #2, and #4

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to the City of Lilly and Gloria Royal for allegation #3.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-319

Wilkinson County – Requested AB But Never Received It

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registration and Kelly Chatman violated SEB Rule 183-1-14-11. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Wilkinson County Board of Elections and Registration and Kelly Chapman.

Motion: Member King moved to issue Letters of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-022

Hancock County – Candidate Qualifying Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Hancock County Board of Elections and Supervisor, Barbara Usenbor, violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-6. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction to Hancock County and Barabara Usenbor.

Motion: Member King moved to issue Letters of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-104

Stephens County – Numerous issues

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that a motion was passed by the Board to dismiss allegations #1 #2, #5.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss allegations #1, #2, and #5

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

A motion was passed to issue a Letter of Reprimand to Stephens County Board of Registration and Elections for allegation #3 - violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.08 (c) Logic and Accuracy Testing & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.25 – Testing of electronic ballot marker; public notice of testing and allegation #4 for violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (a) Tabulating Results, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-483 (h) – Counting of ballots / public accessibility to precincts & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-420 – procedure for tabulation of ballots., and #6 for violating O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 – Meetings to be open to public, and SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (c) & O.C.G.A. § 21-2-421 – Posting of required information after closing of polls.

Motion: Member King moved to issue Letters of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

A motion was passed to issue a Letter of Reprimand for allegation #7 for Stephens County Board of Registration and Elections violating SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (b) (2) - Tabulating Results & O.C.G.A. § 20-2-93 – Oath of office for clerks.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Reprimand

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)





In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-277 Peach and Crawford Counties – Voter registration problems

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

Motion: Member King moved to continue the case to the next meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-311 Monroe County – Use of a Recording Device

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2024-186 Morgan County – Felony Voting

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence that Hamilton Wesley Veasley & Willie Franks Pitts Jr. violated Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A. 21-2-216(b)). A motion was passed by the Board to refer this case to the Attorney General, respective County District Attorney, for further review and investigation.

Motion: Member King moved to refer the case to the Attorney General and respective County District Attorney

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-016 Fayette County – Residency Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Jeffrey Todd Cameron, Trey Mitchell Cathey, Mae Frances M. Dawson, Breanna Cymone Menyweather, Rita Jean Knight, Karen Kersain, Tywandrea Diann English, Almata Beatrice Dockery, Keisha Tesia Deeble, Zsazsa Laree Mop, Anthony A. Myers, and Rriver Nyile violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence, and Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Tywandrea Diann English, Almata Beatrice Dockery and Rriver Nyile violated O.C.G.A. 21-2-216 (a) (4) Qualifications of Electors Generally.

The Board passed a motion to issue a Letter of Instruction to Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Jeffrey Todd Cameron, Trey Mitchell Cathey, Mae Frances M. Dawson, Breanna Cymone Menyweather, Rita Jean Knight, Karen Kersain, Keisha Tesia Deeble, Zsazsa Laree Mop, Anthony A. Myers for violating O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

The Board passed a motion to dismiss the complaint against Bernard Titus Caulder Jr.

Motion: Member King moved dismiss the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

The Board passed a motion to issue a Letter of Instruction to Deneen Lynette Arnold Brown, Tywandrea Diann English, Almata Beatrice Dockery and Rriver Nyile for violating O.C.G.A. 21-2-216 (a) (4) Qualifications of Electors Generally and O.C.G.A. 21-2-217 (a) (1) Rules for Determining Residence.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-100 Fayette County – Spoiled Ballot issue





The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Anita Carter was in violation of OCGA § 21-2-436. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a letter of Instruction to Anita Carter.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-247 Fayette County – Paper Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to dismiss this case.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss this case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-286 Fayette County – Illegal Assistance to Voter

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Fayette County Elections and Registration violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-390, when they failed to maintain an accounting of a rejected ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-390(a) and Carla Knobler violated O.C.G.A. §21-2-385(a). A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2024-234 Fayette County – Campaign Lit at Polling Location 2024 GE

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case until the SEB meeting on January 21, 2026.

Motion: Member King moved to continue the case

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2024-235 Fayette County - Unauthorized Handling of ABM 2024 GE

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed by the Board to continue this case to the January 21, 2026, SEB meeting.

Motion: Member King moved to continue the case to the next meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB2022-339 Newton County – Tabulation Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. There is sufficient evidence to suggest that Newton County Elections violated SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 (b) Tabulating Results and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386. A motion was passed by the Board to issue a Letter of Instruction.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a Letter of Instruction

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

The Board pulled a case that was in the mass dismissal list yesterday since the Complainant was able to join today by Zoom. A motion was passed by the Board to reconsider case SEB2022-324 - Fulton County Voter Discrepancy Issue.

SEB2022-324 Fulton County – Voter Discrepancy Issue

The Board reviewed and discussed the investigative findings. A motion was passed to continue this case to the January 21, 2026, meeting.

Motion: Member King moved to continue the case to the next meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares





PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by the following individuals: George Balbona, Ralph O'Connor, Garland Favorito, and Richard Schroeder

OLD BUSINESS

Tabled Business from November 12, 2025, meeting: SEB2023-025

This business was tabled and moved to January 21, 2026, State Election Board Meeting.

Social Media

Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston proposed a motion to set up a social media site for the State Election Board for factual posting of information. Member Janelle King moved the motion.

Motion: Member King moved to move forward with setting up social media sites for the State Election Board for factual posting of information

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

SEB Members and Staff sos.gov email account records: resolution of obtaining

At the last meeting, emails from former SEB members and SEB employees were requested to be turned over or provided to the State Election Board by the Secretary of State's Office, who currently has possession. Chairman Fervier was tasked with seeking and obtaining this information on behalf of the Board; Since he was absent from the meeting and has not communicated with Vice Chair, Dr. Johnston or other Board members, Member King motioned to table the discussion to the next SEB Board meeting.

Motion: Member King moved to table the discussion to the next SEB Board meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

NEW BUSINESS

Next SEB Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Historic Barrow County Courthouse 30 North Broad Street Winder, Georgia 30680

Discussions

Executive Director Mills commended Vice Chair, Dr. Janice Johnston, acting as Chairwoman, for her leadership and the Board's productivity. He stated that the Board acted on approximately 170 cases over the previous two days, which was a historic volume of cases for the State Election Board. He further noted that, despite approximately 36 hours' notice for her to assume the role of acting Chairwoman, the meeting and case hearings were conducted in a smooth and seamless manner and proceeded without issue. He also observed that, under her leadership, the Chairwoman elected to vote on every measure despite not being required to do so, and he expressed appreciation for her commitment as well as for the hard work of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:16 p.m., the Board adjourned the meeting.

Motion: Member King moved to adjourn the meeting

Second: Member Jeffares

Vote: Passed unanimously (3-0)

In Favor: Vice Chairman, as Chairman, Dr. Johnston, Member King, and Member Jeffares

