



GEORGIA STATE ELECTION BOARD

State of Georgia

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Proceedings and Action Record

REGULAR MEETING — DAY TWO OF TWO

JUNE 4, 2026

Lanier Technical College — Forsyth Conference Center
3410 Ronald Reagan Boulevard, Cumming, Georgia 30041





Meeting at a Glance

Key figures from Day 2 of the June 3-4, 2026 meeting of the Georgia State Election Board. Day 1 (June 3, 2026) statistics are reflected in a separate minutes document.

Item	Summary
Meeting Date	June 4, 2026 (Day 2 of 2)
Meeting Type	Regular Meeting — continuation from recess of the June 3, 2026 session
Duration	9:00 a.m. – 3:41 p.m.
Motions Considered	23
Motions Adopted	21
Motions Failed	0
Motions Withdrawn	2
Rulemaking Procedures Initiated	2 (definition of a vote, Rule 183-1-15-.02(2); tabulation/election-night transparency, Rule 183-1-12-.12)
Resolutions Adopted	1 (emergency hand-marked paper ballot contingency resolution)
Cases Heard	14
Cases Resulting in Consent/Final Order	4
Letters of Instruction / Reprimand	7
Cases Continued	3
Cases Dismissed	1
AG Referrals	2
Board Leadership Change	Vice Chair Dr. Jane Johnston announced her resignation from the Board, effective at the conclusion of this meeting
Next Meeting	Not set at this session (previously scheduled June 17 and July 15, 2026 dates were dispensed with on Day 1, subject to a special meeting being called)



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MINUTES

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9:00 a.m.

https://www.youtube.com/live/SIMYiD_RNxU

Record Note: This transcript reflects Day 2 of the Board's two-day June 3–4, 2026 Regular Meeting. The Board reconvened from recess of the June 3, 2026 session (reflected in a separate minutes document) rather than opening with a new call to order; no invocation or Pledge of Allegiance was repeated, consistent with the Board's practice of conducting those items once per multi-day meeting.

CALL TO ORDER INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Chairman John Fervier called the Board back to order from recess at the start of Day 2 of the Regular Meeting. Vice Chair Dr. Jane Johnston delivered the invocation. Chairman Fervier noted that the day's agenda would begin with the Attorney General's Report and violation cases, followed by remaining Old and New Business carried over from Day 1.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

No prior meeting minutes were presented for approval at this session; the Board reconvened from recess of the June 3, 2026 session of this same meeting.

ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT

Attorney Elizabeth Young of the Attorney General's Office presented the following cases for disposition.

CONSENT ORDERS

SEB2021-079, Gwinnett County — Improper Vote Credit

A poll worker mistakenly credited Tyler A. Morris with a ballot cast by a different voter, Tyler R. Morris, during the 2020 general election. Gwinnett County agreed to a \$600 fine, cease and desist, and reprimand.

Motion: Member King moved to accept the consent order as presented.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2022-208, Cook/Tift Counties — Double Voting

Respondent Gail Kember voted in both Cook and Tift Counties during the 2018 general primary while dividing her time between the two counties. The Attorney General's Office recommended a \$200 fine payable over time in light of Ms. Kember's disability and limited income.

Motion: Member King moved to accept the consent order, including the fine.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (4-0)

FINAL ORDERS

SEB2022-041, Murray County — Pre-Filled Absentee Ballot Applications

Organizations Push Black and Civitech distributed absentee ballot applications lacking statutorily required identifying language. The Attorney General's Office recommended a reprimand, consistent with the Board's prior treatment of a similar case involving America's PAC. The Board discussed at length whether a fine was more appropriate than a reprimand, given concerns raised by Member Grubbs and Member King about consistency and deterrence, but the Attorney General's Office advised that departing from the prior reprimand precedent without distinguishing facts could create legal exposure.

Motion: Vice Chair Johnston moved to accept the Attorney General's recommendation for a final order of cease and desist and reprimand.

Second: Member Grubbs

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2024-159, America's PAC — Related Matter

A related complaint concerning the same America's PAC mailing activity, raised by a different individual voter. The Attorney General's Office recommended treating this as a final order consistent with the Board's prior resolution of the related matter.

Motion: Member King moved to accept the consent order.

Second: Member Grubbs

Vote: Passed (4-0)

Record Note: The motion to resolve this matter was made and seconded as a “consent order,” but the presiding officer's restatement immediately before the vote referred to it as a “final order.” Reported here as presented under Final Orders, consistent with the presiding officer's characterization at the time the vote was called; the terminology discrepancy is noted rather than resolved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by the following individuals: Elizabeth Hendrickson, Max Clavigo, Sam Carnline, Cindy Battles, Debbie Fisher, Debbie Staire, Garland Favarito, Julie Adams, Mandy Schultz, Marla Tepper, Richard Jordan, Rick Schroeder, Victoria Cruz, and Dr. Rick Richards.

Record Note: Comments principally addressed the Board's pending consideration of the emergency hand-marked paper ballot contingency resolution, the definition-of-a-vote rulemaking, and general election-security concerns; the substance of related remarks is reflected within those items under New Business, below.

Record Note: The transcript's speaker designation for one commenter reads “Veronica Cruz,” while the Executive Director called the speaker as “Victoria Cruz” and the speaker identified herself as “Victoria Cruz.” Reported here as “Victoria Cruz,” consistent with both the call of the speaker and her own statement of her name.

V. VIOLATION CASES

SEB2025-105, Lamar County — Illegal Campaigning

Respondent Tim Turner, a candidate for tax commissioner, placed a campaign sign in his own yard within 150 feet of an active polling place (a public library) during the November 2025 special election. Mr. Turner did not appear; a written statement was read into the record explaining he was unaware of the restriction and had not been informed by the polling location.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a letter of instruction.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2025-028, Henry County / City of Hampton — Qualifying Fee Publication

The City of Hampton self-reported that it failed to publish candidate qualifying fees by the February 1, 2025 statutory deadline, publishing them on June 4, 2025 instead, ahead of the qualifying period. The lapse occurred during a personnel transition in the City Clerk's office; no candidate complaints were received.

Motion: Member Ghazal moved to issue a letter of instruction (amended from an initial motion for a letter of reprimand).

Second: Member King

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2023-084, Houston County / City of Warner Robins — Illegal Campaigning

Respondent Charlie Bibb, a city council candidate, entered the Mossy Creek Middle School polling precinct approximately 10 minutes before poll closing on election night, in violation of restrictions on campaign activity. Mr. Bibb's written statement, read into the record in his absence, stated he entered to collect signs and obtain results and did not interact with voters.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a letter of instruction.

Second: Member Grubbs

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2025-024, Burke County / City of Vidette — Failure to Hold Election

The City of Vidette (population approximately 103) failed to conduct its required November 2023 municipal election due to a lack of qualifying candidates and an insufficient functioning city council. Counsel advised there is no statute requiring an election to be conducted when no candidate qualifies for office.

Motion: Member King moved to dismiss the case.

Second: Member Ghazal

Vote: Passed (4-0)

Record Note: The complaint as read into the record concerned the failure of both the City of Keysville and the City of Vidette to conduct the required November 2023 election. Vice Chair Johnston noted that the Keysville matter had already been resolved under SEB2023-054, and the Board's consideration proceeded as to the City of Vidette only. The caption is stated here accordingly.

SEB2025-104, Irwin County / City of Ocilla — Alleged Vote Buying

Respondent Courtney Austin, a city council candidate, offered food to residents on election day, which two complainants alleged was intended to induce voting. Ms. Austin, appearing by phone, stated the food was offered to all community members regardless of voting status and denied requesting proof of voting in exchange for food.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a letter of instruction.

Second: Member Ghazal

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2023-089, Sumter County poll worker issues, remained a continued matter from a prior session; no further action was taken at this meeting.

SEB2025-100, Stewart County — Ballot Drop Box Placement

An investigator found an absentee ballot drop box positioned in the public lobby of the Richland Parks Memorial Public Library, outside the enclosed polling area, during election-day monitoring. Stewart County did not appear or respond to notice.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a letter of reprimand; on discussion, Member King amended the motion to instead refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office.

Second: Chairman Fervier seconded the original motion; Member Grubbs and Vice Chair Johnston each seconded the amendment.

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2024-038, Wilkinson County — Ballot Printing / LNA Testing

A voter complaint alleging his printed ballot displayed only a QR code was found unsubstantiated; the underlying issue was a memory-card configuration error affecting one precinct, traced to incomplete logic and accuracy (LNA) testing procedures. Election Supervisor Kelly Chapman, appearing by video, testified the issue was corrected immediately, a standard LNA checklist has since been implemented, and no similar issue has recurred.

Motion: Member Ghazal moved to issue a letter of instruction regarding logic and accuracy testing.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (4-0)

SEB2025-038, Fulton County — Disability Access Issue

A voter's request to use the audio-tactile interface (ATI) for accessible voting was not properly processed due to a card-programming/family-dynamic mix-up during check-in; a poll worker ultimately assisted the voter directly, and her ballot was cast. Fulton County representatives Karen Bashuda, Nadine Williams, and Ms. Mahone appeared and described the sequence of events.

Motion: Member King moved to issue a letter of instruction.

Second: Member Grubbs

Vote: Passed (4-0)

The Board moved to recess for a brief break at 10:32 a.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 10:43 a.m.

SEB2022-107, Henry County — Redistricting Error

During the May 2022 Board of Education District 4 primary, 140 voters redistricted from District 3 to District 4 were mistakenly issued District 3 ballots; the affected candidate lost by 93 votes and a subsequent Superior Court election contest was dismissed as untimely. The Board noted this investigation took over three years to reach a hearing and expressed strong frustration with the delay in case processing.

Motion: Member Ghazal moved to refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office.

Second: Member Grubbs

Vote: Passed (4-0)

Record Note: Member Ghazal separately recommended the Board consider requesting the General Assembly extend the five-day statutory window for challenging certified

election results, citing its impracticality for candidates seeking legal counsel; the matter was referred to the Board's informal list of legislative recommendations under New Business, below.

**SEB2022-363, Henry County – Deceased Voter / Multi-State Registration
(Two Complaints)**

Complaint One concerned a ballot cast in the name of a deceased voter approximately six weeks after her death; the county properly identified and rejected the ballot, but investigators could not identify who submitted it or match the signature to a family member.

Motion (Complaint One): Member King moved to continue the complaint to allow further investigation to identify additional family members who had not yet been reached.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (4-0)

Complaint Two concerned Respondent Phoebe Robinson, who maintains residences in both Georgia and Florida and voted in Georgia in multiple election cycles, including an apparent double vote in the 2020 presidential preference primary in both states, while continuing to hold a Florida driver's license and homestead exemption. Ms. Robinson testified she believed in good faith she was eligible to vote in Georgia based on guidance from Henry County election staff, who were aware of her dual-residency situation according to the investigative file. Vice Chair Johnston first moved to continue the case and add Henry County as a respondent, then withdrew that motion so Member King could restate a single combined motion covering both the continuance/respondent addition and a disposition as to Ms. Robinson.

Motion (Complaint Two): Member King moved to continue the case, add Henry County as a respondent, and issue a letter of reprimand to Ms. Robinson.

Second: Member Ghazal

Vote: Passed (3-1)

Record Note: In restating this motion immediately before the vote, the presiding officer described the addition of Henry County as a respondent as pertaining to "Complaint Number One," though the motion as made plainly concerned Complaint Two (Ms. Robinson's case); Complaint One had already been separately continued above. Reported here under Complaint Two, consistent with the substance of the motion as made.

VI. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director James Mills reported that the Board's exploration of expanded absentee ballot drop-location procedures ("drop bags") in certain counties, including Fulton County, was discontinued after it was determined that necessary background-check procedures for volunteer couriers had not been completed; Member Ghazal separately reported that Fulton County had independently paused its program after reports of election workers' license plates being recorded.

Director Mills reported three new staff additions: part-time investigators Larry Duckworth and Jason Frazier, and full-time employee Jennifer Sanders, who began June 1, 2026 and will lead development of a new case-tracking system for Board complaints. Director Mills stated that Fulton and Cobb County post-election document requests (tabulation tapes and related records) were made following the May 2026 primary; Cobb County was reported as cooperative, while Fulton County's response remained pending through its open records process. Director Mills also noted that Fulton County's voter roll had been substantially cleaned of anomalous centenarian birthdate entries following informal Board inquiry.

Director Mills committed that a pending complaint regarding ballot-scanner error and misfeed rates (see New Business, below) would be investigated, and noted the Board's continuing difficulty obtaining timely case referrals from the Secretary of State's office.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rulemaking — Tabulation and Election Night Reporting Transparency (Rule 183-1-12-.12)

Member Grubbs proposed amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.12, subparagraphs 8(b)(3) and 8(b)(5)(c)–(d), to require that tabulation, consolidation, and state-level review of election results be conducted in public with meaningful, contemporaneous poll watcher and observer access, in light of ongoing litigation and Board members' continued exclusion from election night reporting operations. Member Ghazal stated she was not comfortable initiating rulemaking on a matter that may be resolved by pending litigation regarding the Board's legal right of access.

Motion: Vice Chair Johnston moved to initiate rulemaking procedures for Rule 183-1-12-.12.

Second: Member King

Vote: Passed (3-1)

Opposed: Member Ghazal

B. Request for Board Attendance at Congressional District 13 Runoff Election Night Reporting

Executive Director Mills requested that the Chairman and Vice Chair renew the Board's request to the Secretary of State's office for in-person Board attendance at election night reporting for the upcoming runoff election. Chairman Fervier and Member King agreed to send a joint request. No motion was made.

C. Records Retention — Former SEB Employee Device Data

The Board revisited an unresolved request for text messages from a government-issued phone used by a former SEB employee, Alexander Hardin, that was reset and reissued upon her departure without message retention. The Chairman reported that agency policy does not preserve device data upon reassignment. Member Grubbs recommended the item be removed from the agenda given the lack of further avenues to pursue it. No motion was made.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Hand-Marked Paper Ballot Contingency Resolution

Member Janelle King presented a resolution authorizing all 159 county election offices to implement emergency hand-marked paper ballot procedures for non-ADA voters in the event the legal extension permitting QR-code ballot tabulation is not renewed by the General Assembly's special session (convening June 17, 2026) prior to expiration on July 1, 2026, or for any election held after that date if the matter remains unresolved. The resolution cited O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-310, 21-2-311, 21-2-33.1(a)(1), 21-2-334, 21-2-281, and related statutes and SEB rules governing paper ballot procedures, chain of custody, and public notice.

Member Grubbs expressed support for the resolution's intent but raised concerns that it did not adequately address ADA-accessible voting provisions and that certain language presupposed a legislative extension would be granted; she offered her previously circulated draft interim guidance to counties as a companion document. Following a lunch recess, Member King incorporated ADA-related clarifying language, and the resolution was presented jointly by Members King and Grubbs, together with Member Grubbs's interim guidance document as an attached addendum, to be transmitted to all 159 counties ahead of the special legislative session. Vice Chair Johnston initially moved to support the resolution in its original form, with Member Ghazal seconding, but withdrew that motion at the Executive Director's suggestion to allow the members time over lunch to reach agreement on revised language.

The Board moved to recess for lunch at 12:40 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 1:20 p.m. On returning from recess, the Board resumed consideration of the resolution as revised.

Motion: Member Grubbs moved to accept the resolution as amended, together with the draft interim guidance.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (3-1)

Opposed: Member Ghazal

B. Rulemaking — Definition of a Vote (Rule 183-1-15-.02(2))

Member Grubbs proposed amending Rule 183-1-15-.02, paragraph 2, governing optical scan voting systems, to provide that a vote cast on an optical scan ballot shall be detected and tabulated directly from the original paper ballot and not an electronic copy or image of the ballot exported from the certified voting system. Member Ghazal raised technical concerns as to whether the language accurately reflected how scanner tabulation functions, cautioning that overly literal wording could be read to require full hand tabulation of all ballots. Member Grubbs withdrew the remainder of a broader 26-part rule petition package presented on Day 1, requesting a vote on this single paragraph only, with the balance suspended for possible future presentation.

Motion: Member King moved to initiate rulemaking procedures on the amended definition of a vote, paragraph 2.

Second: Vice Chair Johnston

Vote: Passed (3-1)

Opposed: Member Ghazal

C. Complaint Presentation — Ballot Scanner Error and Misfeed Rates (VoterGA)

Phil Searcy and Charlene Alexander, representing complainants from seven counties, requested to present findings alleging ballot scanner error and misfeed rates far exceeding federal and state standards across the 2024 general election. The Chairman declined to hear substantive testimony on the record, noting that a formal complaint had already been filed and assigned for investigation, and that hearing the complainant's evidence before an investigation and the respondent's opportunity to be heard would be procedurally improper and set an unfavorable precedent. Mr. Searcy requested the investigation be prioritized; the Executive Director agreed to ensure the presentation materials were provided to the assigned investigator. No motion was made.

D. Draft Legislative Recommendations for Special Session

Member Grubbs presented a previously circulated list of draft legislative recommendations for the General Assembly's special session, including funding for 2026 hand-marked paper ballot printing costs and related county reimbursement provisions. Member King proposed adding a recommendation, raised earlier by Member Ghazal during the Henry County redistricting case, to extend the statutory window for contesting certified election results from five to ten days. Members agreed informally to compile additional individual recommendations by email for transmission to the House Governmental Affairs Committee and Senate Ethics Committee. No motion was made or vote taken.

E. Board Leadership — Resignation of Vice Chair Dr. Jane Johnston

Vice Chair Dr. Jane Johnston announced her resignation from the Board, effective at the conclusion of the meeting, citing family and personal responsibilities. She thanked board members, staff, legislators, and citizens for their support over her approximately four years of service and stated her commitment to election integrity would continue outside the Board. Chairman Fervier, Member King, and Member Grubbs each offered remarks thanking Vice Chair Johnston for her service and dedication. No motion was made; the resignation was accepted as announced.

Record Note: This transcript's appearances page lists the Vice Chair as "Dr. Jane Johnston," consistent with the June 3, 2026 (Day 1) minutes; the presiding officer at the May 14, 2026 Special Called Meeting is separately identified in that meeting's own transcript as "Vice Chairman Dr. Janice Johnston." Both are reported here exactly as captioned in their respective source transcripts.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fervier turned the gavel over to Vice Chair Dr. Jane Johnston to close her final meeting, and Vice Chair Johnston called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Member King moved to adjourn.

Second: Chairman Fervier

Vote: No vote was called; Vice Chair Johnston declared the meeting adjourned following the motion and second.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that these Minutes were prepared from the official verbatim stenographic record produced during Day 2 of the Georgia State Election Board's Regular Meeting of June 3–4, 2026, conducted on June 4, 2026. This record reflects only Day 2 of the Board's two-day meeting; Day 1 (June 3, 2026) proceedings are reflected in a separate minutes document. This publication accurately reflects the actions taken by the Georgia State Election Board on June 4, 2026 and summarizes the proceedings in accordance with the official transcript maintained by On the Record, LLC.

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