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State Election Board Member Carolyn Roddy Reaffirms Board Authorization for Executive Director James Mills' Outreach to DOJ and DHS

ATLANTA, GA — Georgia State Election Board Member Carolyn Roddy, sponsor of the resolution adopted by a majority of the Board on September 28, 2026, issued a memorandum today addressing criticism of Executive Director James Mills' October 1, 2026, correspondence with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

In her memorandum, Roddy states:

“I am compelled to clarify that the letters Mr. Mills submitted pursuant to the Resolution directive were processed and developed as directed and any criticism of them is unfounded.”

Roddy explains that the adopted resolution did not require prior editorial approval from Board members. She states that Mills provided drafts of the letters more than four hours before mailing and received no edits or complaints.

Addressing allegations that the letters exceeded the scope of the resolution, Roddy writes:

“These letters were entirely consistent with the expectations of the Resolution.”

Roddy further cites language authorizing the Executive Director:

“to do any act or thing that may be necessary or, in his judgment, desirable, to carry out the foregoing Resolution.”

In her memorandum, Roddy commends Mills for his promptness, thoroughness, and staff leadership.

The complete October 15, 2026, memorandum from Member Roddy is available for review.

TO: Members of State Election Board

FROM: State Election Board Member Carolyn Tatum Roddy

RE: Response to Executive Director James Mills' Letter of October 1, 2026

DATE: October 15, 2026

I am the sponsor of the Resolution adopted by a majority of the members of the Georgia State Election Board (SEB) on September 28, 2026, which directed SEB Executive Director James Mills to communicate with the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the US Department of Justice (DOJ) concerning current state election processes. As such, I am compelled to clarify that the letters Mr. Mills submitted pursuant to the Resolution directive were processed and developed as directed and any criticism of them is unfounded.

First, certain Board members have complained that they were not provided editorial privileges before the letters were sent. The Resolution imposed no such requirement on the Executive Director. He was merely directed to “immediately copy the Board on any communications” which he did. In fact, Board members were provided with a copy of the Resolution well in advance of the vote with this clear language, and Mr. Mills provided a draft of the letters more than four hours before they were mailed and received no edits or complaints. By design, the Resolution entrusted the development of the letters to the Executive Director alone and, in my view, he fully complied with the Resolution. I commend him for his promptness and thoroughness. The SEB has benefited greatly from his staff leadership.

Secondly, critics allege that the letters sent by Mr. Mills went beyond the authorized scope of the adopted Resolution. I disagree. The letters, in a succinct manner, highlighted the Secretary of State's failure to update the statewide Dominion System to protect against voting system vulnerabilities, and to support the investigation of the use of QR codes in tabulation and the relationship between the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and through them the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR). The Executive Director also provided information concerning other relevant problems with the Dominion Voting System as necessary background for federal engagement and included a section outlining Specific Relief Requested. These letters were entirely consistent with the expectations of the Resolution.

It should be noted that the Resolution gave the Executive Director the authority to do what he thought was necessary in the letters. It specifically directed him "to do any act or thing that may be necessary or, in his judgment, desirable, to carry out the foregoing Resolution." The Resolution also stated that "all actions taken and transactions entered by the Board and the Executive Director in connection herewith be, and they hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects."

RESOLUTION

Dominion Update Coordination

Presented by SEB Board Member Carolyn Roddy

Adopted by the Georgia State Election Board on September 28, 2026

WHEREAS, the Georgia State Election Board is aware that Georgia has not updated the software of the Dominion Voting System (which now calls itself Liberty Voting Systems, LLC, hereinafter "Dominion") to mitigate security patch concerns, DVSystem problems, and other vulnerabilities that threaten the security of the voting system and the ballot secrecy guaranteed to Georgia's voters;

WHEREAS, the Board has considered that the "patch" is readily available, has been certified for use, that Dominion has agreed to update its software at no charge, and that software updates in 2020 were implemented statewide quickly and conveniently;

WHEREAS, the Federal government has deemed the voting systems to be "critical infrastructure" and the Dominion systems are "protected computers" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e) such that the knowing transmission of information over a Dominion system that is compromised could impair the integrity of data or information, causing damage within the meaning of federal laws, and that the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has made available funding for the updating of critical infrastructure systems, including the Dominion system, and Federal funding may be available for any necessary expenditures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Georgia Secretary of State is urged to commence implementation of recommended updates on the Dominion Voting systems, and to make and retain forensic images of their server (EMS) hard drives and all ICC hard drives prior to installation of any updates or modifications so that the original data is preserved prior to said update;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of the server hard drives and ICC hard drives made before updates or modifications be provided to the State Election Board, DHS and the US Department of Justice (DOJ), and such other relevant agencies for examination, review, or investigation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the State Election Board Executive Director is directed and empowered to immediately seek assistance from any quarter and identify such additional resources as may be necessary or available to provide information to the Board regarding the failure to update the Dominion software, including seeking assistance from the DOJ and the DHS, and such other agencies as may be available to assist and that the Executive Director use best efforts to encourage and secure such assistance, and to do any act or thing that may be necessary or, in his judgment, desirable, to carry out the foregoing resolution and shall immediately copy the Board on any communications with respect thereto;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board immediately undertake such other and further actions, including research, conduct of public hearings, and consultations with voting system experts to evaluate the requirements and efficacy of the system updates;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all actions taken and transactions entered by the Board and the Executive Director in connection herewith be, and they hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects and

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director is directed and empowered to assist the DHS and the DOJ pursuant to their letter of September 2, 2026, in their examination of the use of QR Codes in Georgia elections as a potential violation of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), and in their investigation of the sharing of Georgia motor vehicle data and voter registration information with the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and the Center for Election Innovation and Research (CEIR) to determine whether the arrangement violated the Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) and the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).