

Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 3:30:27 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Attachments: Outlook-5nfss1cn.png, Outlook-uvx4jyqo.png, Outlook-e4ggk00e.png, Outlook-pxgmz2s3.png, Outlook-vws33psj.png, Outlook-lcroasle.png, Outlook-oo1txzbk.png, Outlook-blu5kfsh.png, Outlook-gn1fcocd.png, Outlook-mz413113.png, 24-85 pt 1 (1).pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Attached is the first part to the production for your open records request. Due to the large file size, I have to send the production in multiple email parts. The redactions are emails, phone numbers, and addresses. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience.

Best regards,



ALEXANDRA HARDIN
Paralegal
Georgia State Election Board

404-927-0177
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Suite 802, West Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

From: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 5:19 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)

Good afternoon,

I am reaching out to provide an update on the status of this outstanding ORR. We have finished gathering the materials responsive to this request. All I need to do is compile the records and review them for any exemptions or redactions. I hope to get the final production to you within two weeks.

Thank you,



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From: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:43 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your prompt response and for agreeing to narrow the search parameters. The terms that you agreed to remove have greatly reduced the amount of "hits", so I do not believe any further narrowing will be necessary. I will forward the request to the relevant Board members, and hope to get the responsive materials to you within 4-5 weeks.

Best regards,



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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 9:40 AM
To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)

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Hello Ms. Hardin,

Thank you for your response. We are interested in narrowing the search parameters for part 2 of this request. Please remove the following key terms from part 2:

1. Certify
2. Certification
3. Certified
4. Monitor
5. "Fulton County"

Please let me know if you require additional narrowing or have any questions. Thank you once again.

Best,
Julia

Julia Waddles | srie/ner
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PRR: GA-SEB-24-2282

From: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 at 3:49 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Due to the anticipation of a large amount of records to be produced and time to be spent, we are respectfully requesting that you consider reducing the search parameters. That would enable us to conduct the search much more efficiently. If you are unable to do so, I will need to discuss requesting payment for production efforts with the Board.

Thank you in advance,



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From: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2024 12:38 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: Re: Open Records Request (GA-SEB-24-2282)

Good morning,

We are in receipt of your Open Records Request.

Thank you,



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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 12:23 PM
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Dear Open Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Georgia's Open Records Laws.

Sincerely,

Mariuxi Pintado | She/Her
Senior Paralegal | American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

ORR: GA-SEB-24-2282

SEB Complaints from Appling County

3 messages

Kandiss Taylor [REDACTED] >

Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 10:51 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>

Georgia State Election Board Members,
Please find the attachment with 20+ requests for investigation regarding the Appling County Election Office and specifically the Election Supervisor, Shonda Carter. Most of these have been submitted at least two months ago through the SOS Website, but it is my understanding that the SOS never forwarded them to you. July 25, 2024 was the first response from the SOS Office via Alexandra Hardin that she would follow up and get back with us, which has yet to happen.

The google link has ORR evidence for you to review as well to submit the investigation.

There is an active lawsuit on some of these issues that will be heard in September.

We urgently request your review and action. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Kandiss Taylor
GAGOP 1st District Chair
[REDACTED]

Jessica Dubberly Carver
Candidate for School Board Appling County District 4
[REDACTED]

Ryan Taylor
Candidate for Probate Judge Appling County
[REDACTED]

Wayne Canady
Appling County Poll Watcher/Trainer
[REDACTED]

Thank you for all your help,
Kandiss

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1v1Htq4vWvJ4It3MzVsG45ECI3TtVqAK?usp=sharing>

 **SEB Documents.pdf**
937K

Kandiss Taylor [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 6:05 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>

Here are a couple of more requests to investigate that I forgot to do yesterday. Please use the Google link provided in the last email to access the corresponding records for evidence.

Thanks for all your hard work,
Kandiss Taylor
GAGOP 1st District Chair

On Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 10:51 PM Kandiss Taylor [REDACTED] wrote:

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Thank you for all your help,
Kandiss

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1v1Htq4vWvJ4It3MzVsG45ECI3TttVqAK?usp=sharing>

5 attachments



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1K



Kandiss Taylor Digital Slog refused Submitted 8062024.docx
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Kandiss Taylor Email re digital slog refusal.docx
22K



~\$ndiss Taylor Digital Slog refused Submitted 8062024.docx
1K



Ryan Taylor Switched Tab on May 8 Submitted 8062024.docx
14K

GA-SEB-24-2282-B-000002

Complaint from Kandiss Taylor

Submitted 8/6/24

Please indicate the following in your description:

- Identify individuals involved in complaint (by name or other identifying information).
- Indicate the date on which the complaint occurred.
- Indicate the location of the complaint.
- Describe facts of the complaint in detail

Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

July 12-15, 2024

Appling County Board of Election Office in Baxley, GA

I requested a digital slog file via ORR from Shonda Carter, Elections Supervisor. She has blatantly refused to give it, stating that state law forces this to ONLY be available in a print version. Yet, she has failed to provide said state law. Multiple entities have received digital slog files all over the state of Georgia. I'm including the email chain.



Kandiss Taylor

Jul 12, 2024,
4:25 PM

to Shonda, Al, bcc: Jessica, bcc: Wayne

Shonda,
I paid for SLOG Files for Primary Election 2024. You gave me hard copies. I need the digital file too. I thought I received that on my USB, but I did not. I need this Monday morning. Ryan will come pick it up.

Thanks,
Kandiss



Shonda Carter

Jul 15, 2024,
8:21 AM

to me

Per State Law SLOG files have to be printed

Shonda Carter
Supervisor of Elections
Appling County
State of Georgia
912 367-8113



Dr. Kandi Taylor

Jul 15, 2024,
10:18 AM

to ameadows, Shonda, bcc: wayne, bcc: healthqueen

"All files are public record unless specifically excluded by ocga 51 18 72"

Please explain to me how digital Slog excluded.

We've received these from many counties across the state.

Ryan will come by to pick them up today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2024, at 7:21 AM, Shonda Carter <shonda@applingco.com> wrote:



Shonda Carter

Jul 15, 2024,
12:07 PM

to me

Per the S.O.S SLOG files are to be printed. That's the information that is provided to me

Shonda Carter
Supervisor of Elections
Appling County
State of Georgia
912 367-8113



Dr. Kandi Taylor

Jul 15, 2024,
12:40 PM

to ameadows, Shonda, bcc: wayne, bcc: healthqueen

The SOS does not write GA Code. The GA Legislators write the law, and this is totally allowable and done all over the state by other BOEs. The SOS is to follow the law to the letter.

Please send me when the SOS gave you the direction not to give me digital SLOG files. I'll handle it with his office myself or with the courts.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2024, at 11:07 AM, Shonda Carter <shonda@applingco.com> wrote:



Shonda Carter

Jul 15, 2024,
1:12 PM

to me

See my previous response to this O.R.R.

4 October 2024



Cheri Hobson-Matthews
County Manager

Kevin C. Johnson
Deputy County Manager

To the Honorable Judge Amero,

Last Thursday, September 26th, I received an email from the Locust Grove City Manager, Tim Young, regarding issues with the City of Locust Grove's referendum for annexation as approved by Senate Bill 397 of the Georgia General Assembly on March 19, 2024 (See enclosed). Subsequently, I forwarded this email to you on Thursday, September 26th at 10:21 AM.

As of today, I have received no acknowledgment or follow up from your office regarding this gross negligence, which could have been eliminated had the Elections Supervisor reviewed and acted upon the notification provided by the Secretary of State's office in March 2024.

The Elections Department is the most sacred and essential function of our government and based upon actions from the Elections Supervisor, she is not performing in her role at the necessary level of diligence or competency. The actions of the Elections Supervisor, continues to create a negative light on Henry County Government.

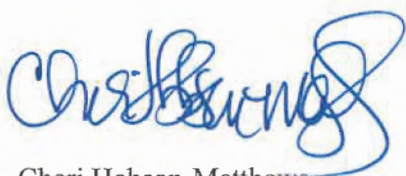
Upon thorough review of the information, I am requesting that you review a timeline of other issues that have been identified under the Elections Supervisor's purview. I am also requesting that this letter act as a formal filing to you as the Chief Superior Court Judge of the Flint Judicial Circuit to call for notice and hearing to terminate the Elections Supervisor as outlined in House Bill 1043 (HB 1043) of the Georgia General Assembly in 2014.

As you are aware, this is not the first instance, in which there has been an issue with a ballot within days of active voting. Furthermore, HB 1043 in

section 15, subsection (b) outlines that “The election supervisor shall be subject to removal from office by the senior judge of the superior court of the Flint Judicial Circuit upon cause, after notice and hearing.”

Actions not taken by the Elections Supervisor has created concerns regarding the integrity of our local election’s office. As you are aware, the Elections Supervisor does not report to the County Manager, Henry County Board of Elections and Vote Registration, or Board of Commissioners and we have no oversight or ability to discipline, reprimand, or provide cause for termination. The gross negligence by the Elections Supervisor continues to create an environment of mistrust and doubt regarding the election process. Please note that this correspondence is also being sent to the Governor, Secretary of State, the State Board of Elections, and our State Delegation.

Sincerely,



Cheri Hobson-Matthews

County Manager



Kevin C. Johnson

Deputy County Manager

Timeline of gross negligence

September 27, 2024:

Received noticed from State in or around March 2024 regarding the need for a referendum for annexation into the City of Locust Grove. Elections failed to read and comply with the Act. The specific Act and other relevant information can be provided.

August 7, 2024:

Failure to follow up and provide response to SOS. Refers to Attorney. (Special Election- D4)

May 16, 2024:

Inability to address the seriousness of the absentee ballots being mailed in a timely matter to the Postmaster. Lack of communication with peers (other Elections Directors in the state) regarding issues with the electionmail.org address.

May 5, 2024:

Sheriff Reginald B. Scandrett emailed Director Banks a letter outlining his frustrations with the qualifying process and his personal experience. A copy of the correspondence can be made available. Director Banks responded to his email stating, "Sheriff Scandrett your correspondence has been received. I am making this aware to the Board of Elections and to the Secretary of State's Office. Your suggestions are being taken into consideration based on the processes outlined by the Secretary of State."

Director Banks had changed the process requiring the parties to qualify candidates instead of them qualifying at the Elections Office. She stated that the parties were responsible for ensuring they had qualified volunteers assisting those interested in qualifying and that the parties were eligible to attend state training.

April 2024:

Notified of the Elections Department's failure to properly review applications to ensure qualifications of candidates.

- Karen Prince completed an application based on the pauper affidavit. Prince's application did not contain the minimum required number of active voters' signatures to qualify her for candidacy. The Elections Office failed to review the requirements for paupers to confirm Prince's eligibility prior to developing or verifying the ballot. Prince's name was on the May 21, 2024 ballot as a candidate for County Commission District 2 due to the department's failure to review. Documentation on the matter is available and can be provided.
- Loletha Hale did not submit full payment of the qualifying fee. As a result, she was disqualified. It took time for the Finance Department to confirm the insufficient funds for the department to proceed with the disqualifying hearing. Hale had submitted an application for candidacy for State Court Judge in opposition of Judge Stephen Knights. Hale's name was on the May 21, 2024 Primary ballot.

- Walter J. Woolfolk had to be disqualified for failing to follow the instructions for qualifying for Sheriff. The Elections Office failed to review the list of qualified candidates as provided by Probate Court Judge, Kelley Powell on March 14, 2024. Woolfolk's name was on the May 21, 2024 ballot as a candidate for Sheriff due to the department's failure to review candidacy eligibility prior to developing or verifying the ballot. Documentation on the matter is available.

In each case Hearings were held for the Board of Elections & Voter Registration to hear and consider the evidence and appropriate laws and requirements.

https://www.henryherald.com/news/two-candidates-disqualified-from-primary-election/article_ff6afe6c-02fa-11ef-ab55-071a6eae9f4e.html

January – March 2024:

- Unable to determine qualifying fees. Errors in what was published. Required that the BOC approved fees on 4 different occasions (1/16/2024, 2/6/2024, 3/5/2024, 3/19/2024) to correct errors which started in Elections. The specific board resolutions and/or meeting minutes can be provided.
- Errors in ballot for May 21, 2024 Primary Election:
 - Chair's race was not included on the sample ballot
 - Once added to the ballot the department failed to mark the incumbent status of Chair Carlotta Harrell
 - Department failed to mark the incumbent status of Solicitor Pamela Bettis

November 2023:

Human Resources Director, Holly LaFontaine contacted Director Banks regarding several HR concerns for the Elections Department. These concerns highlight the lack of overall management in the Elections Department.

- Several Poll Workers were working outside of their season (during early voting and on election day)
- Part-time personnel routinely working overtime; poor scheduling of staff

<https://www.11alive.com/article/news/politics/elections/mcdonough-mayor-concerns-ballot-problems-henry-county/85-940d1300-6890-4ecb-9ea0-edd2cfbaadaf>

October 31, 2023:

- Department was notified that sample ballots are not showing on the GA MVP. Director Banks emailed SOS to inquire about corrective actions.
- Lake Haven McDonough and Lake Haven Stockbridge municipal voters cannot be split, per SOS. Lake Haven McDonough voters were initially supposed to go to Heritage Park for election day and Lake Haven Stockbridge voters were to go to their original precinct.

October 26, 2023:

Guidance/assistance provided by outside coaching, Tony Lucadamo.

October 25, 2023:

- City of Hampton candidate Victoria Hill submitted termination statement (pulled from race). Documentation is available.
- Received notice that Red Oak combo 552 & 553 and Stockbridge Central combo 554 were not in the GARViS system. Department reported the issue and it was corrected by the State.

October 23, 2023:

City of McDonough sent SOS written correspondence requesting immediate action to “protect voter interest”. A copy of the letter can be provided.

October 16 - 24, 2023:

Notified by City of Hampton of errors on election ballot. Ballot only allowed constituents to vote for (1) City Council Member when it should have allowed each voter to vote for up to (3) City Council Members. This means voters will have to vote provisionally until the error can be fixed. Department contacted SOS requesting a fix. Fix was made on October 19.

The SOS's efforts to correct the errors with the City of Hampton's ballot created new issues for the City of Stockbridge. The updates to the polling pads separated the City of Stockbridge Municipal ballot from the Henry County District II Commissioner ballot. As of October 20th, at 7:00 am, Stockbridge voters will vote for Henry County's District II Commissioner, on a Ballot Marking Device (“BMD”) and will vote for the municipal election on the provisional ballot.

Polling Pad issues continuing, impacting Combo code 505, McDonough Central and Combo code 503, McDonough. When the issue was resolved with 505 the issues began with 503.

- 505 Combo Code issue - was only populating on the ICX with an At-Large race. It should have had At-Large race AND District 3 race.
- 503 Combo Code issue - began showing only the At-Large race, when it should have also showed the At-Large AND District 3 race.

KNOWINK was contacted, they changed the Combo Codes to update the incorrect information and make both Combo Codes show the same information. Combo Codes 505 and 503 should have mirrored one another.

Director Banks issued public statement on October 27. A copy can be provided.

Outside Coaching:

Tony Lucadamo met with Ameika on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 discussed the need for a PowerPoint and greater pre-planning around her board presentations. Talked about removing inaccessible jargon and privileged info from her remarks -- as well as re-formatting to push Q&A to the end. Plus, a focus on following up with board members offline. Had a broader conversation around things like time management and its effect on her mental health + work performance, ways in which she can cultivate leaders within her org so that she gets less overwhelmed, and a few other items that have more to do with her day-to-day.

April 5, 2023:

BOEVR shared Director Pitts' personnel evaluation and performance management plan with Judge Amero (letter to Amero from BOEVR dated 3/22/2023). A copy can be provided.

Senate Bill 397

By: Senators Williams of the 25th, Strickland of the 17th and Jones of the 10th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend an Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the
2 county of Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, to change the
3 corporate limits of such city; to provide descriptions; to provide for a referendum, effective
4 dates, automatic repeal, mandatory execution of election, and judicial remedies regarding
5 failure to comply; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act to create a new Charter for the City of Locust Grove, Georgia, in the county of
9 Henry, approved April 7, 1976 (Ga. L. 1976, p. 4426), as amended, is amended by adding
10 a new subsection to Section 1.11 to read as follows:

11 "(d) In addition to all other territory included within the corporate limits of said city, the
12 corporate limits shall specifically include the following described property:

13 (1)(A) County Henry GA

14 VTD GROVE PARK

15 Block 070412

16 2005 2006

17 VTD LOCUST GROVE

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Block 070411

1022 1028 1030 1032 1033 2000 2001 2002 2024

Block 070412

1007 1014 1015 1018 3002 3003

VTD LOWES

Block 070411

3013 3015 3019 3020 3029 3032

VTD UNITY GROVE

Block 070411

3012

(B) For the purposes of the description provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the State of Georgia.

(2) All that tract or parcel of land consisting of 48.43 acres lying and being in Henry County, Georgia, as described at deed book 3557, page 254, recorded in the real property records of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Henry County."

SECTION 2.

Said Act is further amended by adding a new subsection to Section 1.11 to read as follows:

"(e)(1) In addition to all other territory included within the corporate limits of said city, the corporate limits shall specifically include the following described property:

County Henry GA

VTD GROVE PARK

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44 Block 070406

45 1006 1009 1010 1012 1013 1014 1019 1020 1022 1023 1031 1032

46 1037 2000 2010 2011 2012 2015

47 Block 070412

48 2000 2001 2003 2008 2009 2011 2013 2014

49 VTD LOCUST GROVE

50 Block 070411

51 1019 1020 1021 2012 2013

52 Block 070412

53 1000 1001 1002 1003 1005 1009 1013 3007 3010 4005 4006 4007

54 4008 4009 4010 4011 4012 4013 4015

55 (2) For the purposes of the description provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
56 term 'VTD' shall mean and describe the same geographical boundaries as provided in the
57 report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census of 2020 for the
58 State of Georgia. The separate numeric designations in a district description which are
59 underneath a 'VTD' heading shall mean and describe individual blocks within a VTD as
60 provided in the report of the Bureau of the Census for the United States decennial census
61 of 2020 for the State of Georgia."

62 SECTION 3.

63 The election superintendent of Henry County shall call and conduct a special election as
64 provided in this section for the purpose of submitting the annexation provided for in
65 Section 2 of this Act to the electors of the territory sought to be annexed into the City of
66 Locus Grove under this Act for approval or rejection. The election superintendent shall
67 conduct such election on any permissible special election date under Code Section 21-2-540
68 of the O.C.G.A., but not later than the Tuesday next following the first Monday in
69 November, 2024, and shall issue the call and conduct such election as provided by general

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law. The election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Henry County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the provisions of the Act which annexes certain land into the City of
() NO Locust Grove be approved?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the annexation shall vote "Yes," and all persons desiring to vote for rejection of the annexation shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the annexation, then Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on December 31, 2024. If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for rejection of the annexation, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed on the first day of July immediately following such election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Locust Grove. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State. The provisions of this section shall be mandatory upon the election superintendent and are not intended as directory. If the election superintendent fails or refuses to comply with this section, any resident of the City of Locust Grove or an elector of the territory described in Section 2 of this Act may apply for a writ of mandamus to compel the election superintendent to perform his or her duties under this section. If the court finds that the election superintendent has not complied with this section, the court shall fashion appropriate relief requiring the election superintendent to call and conduct such election on the date required by this section or on the next date authorized for special elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-540 of the O.C.G.A.

SECTION 4.

(a) Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the month following the month in which it is approved by the Governor or becomes law without such approval.

(b) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective as provided for in Section 3 of this Act.

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96 (c) This section and Sections 3 and 5 of this Act shall become effective upon its approval
97 by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

98 **SECTION 5.**

99 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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Complaint from Ryan Taylor

Submitted 8/6/24

Please indicate the following in your description:

- Identify individuals involved in complaint (by name or other identifying information).
- Indicate the date on which the complaint occurred.
- Indicate the location of the complaint.
- Describe facts of the complaint in detail

Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 7-8, 2024

Appling County Board of Election Office in Baxley, GA

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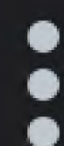
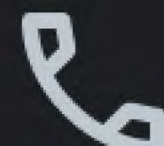
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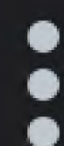
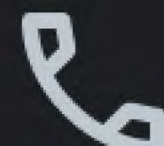
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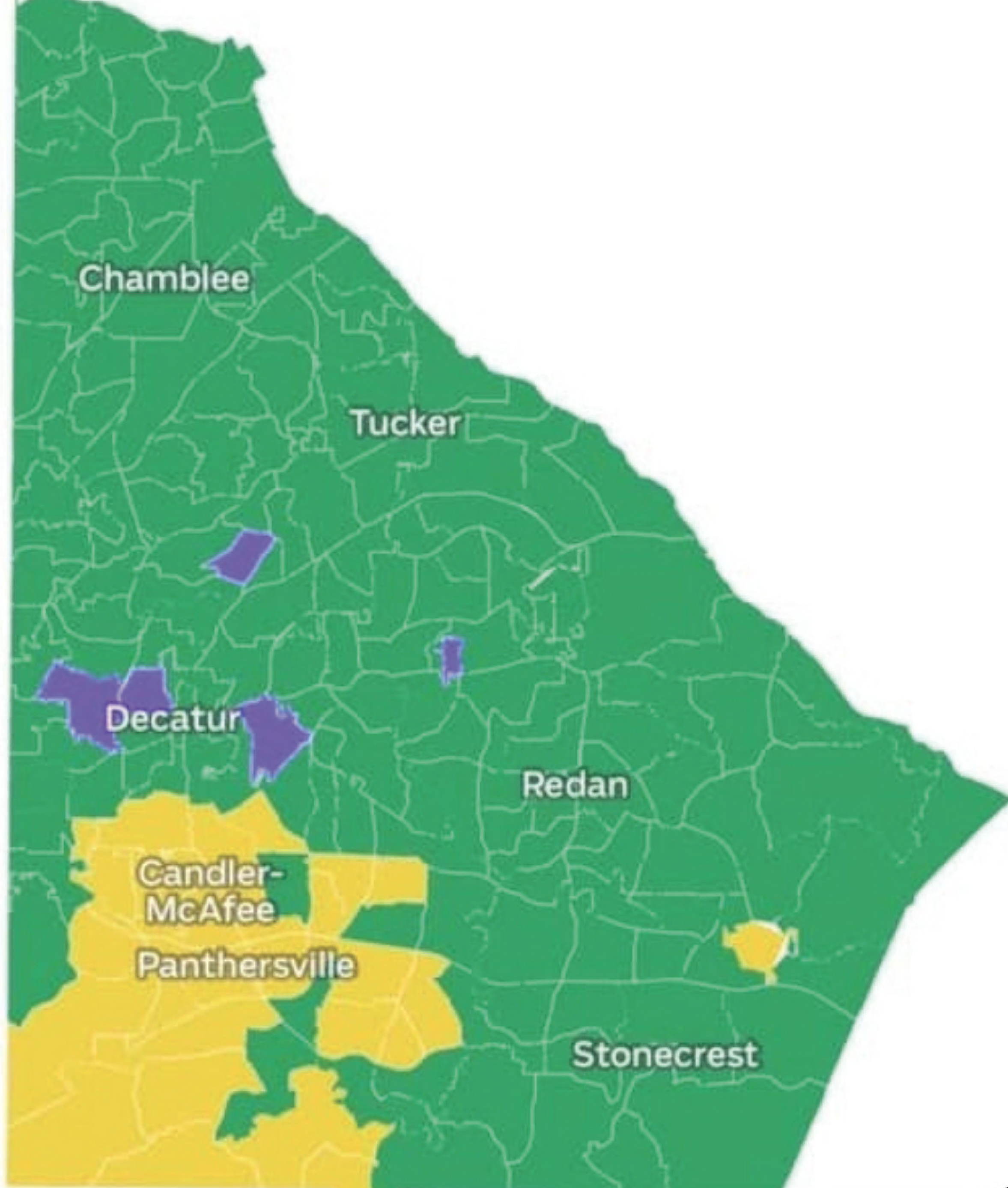
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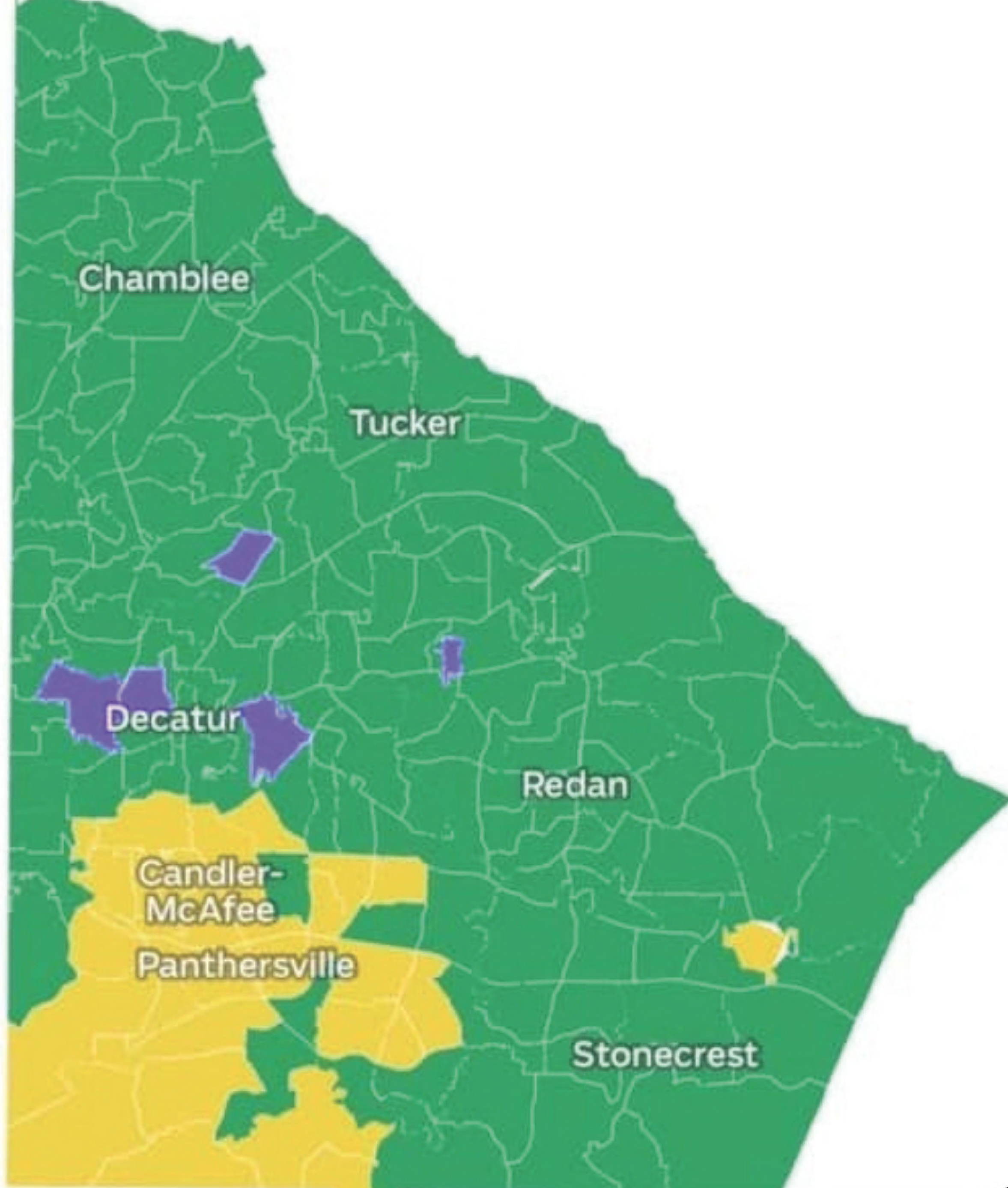
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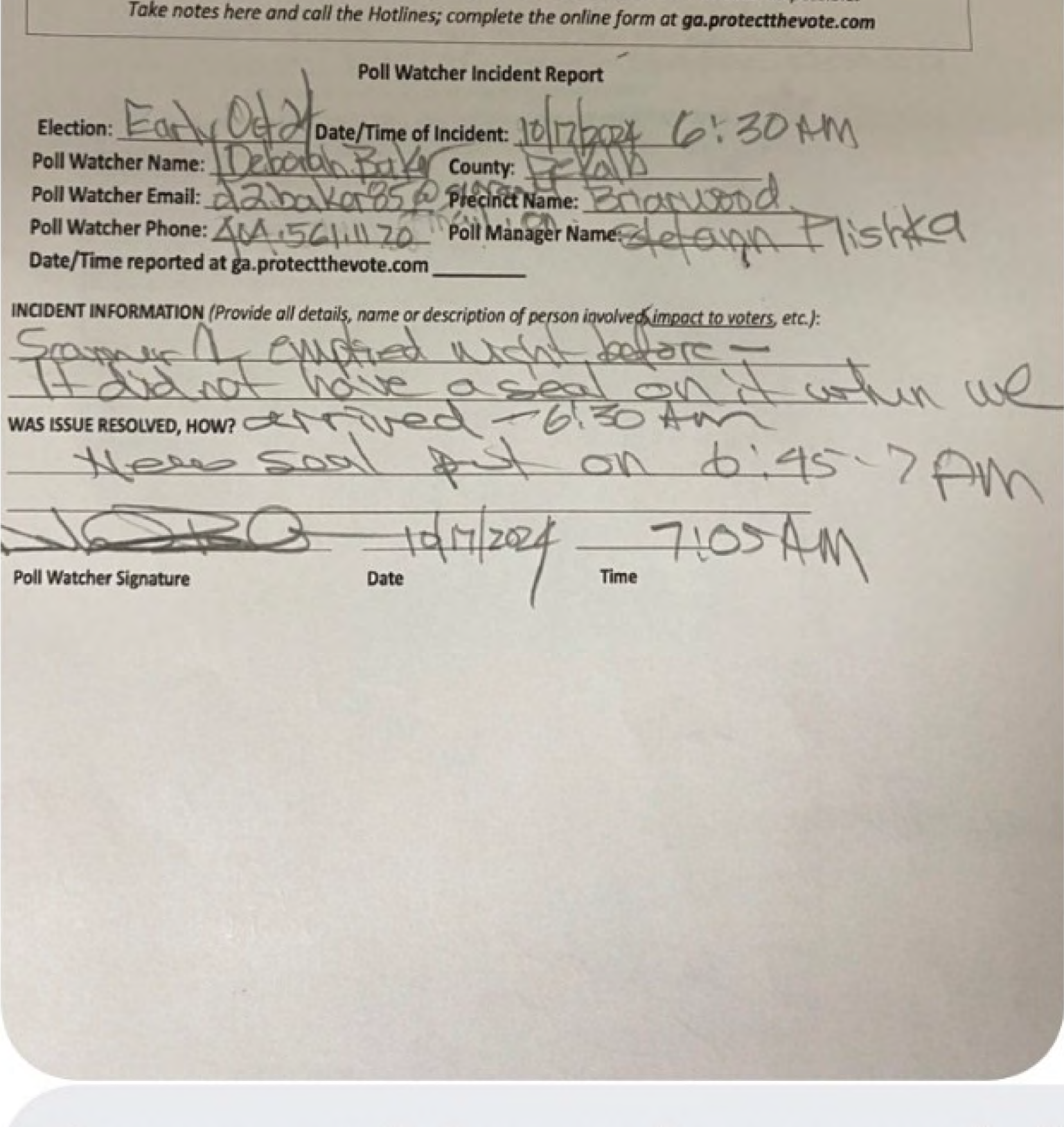
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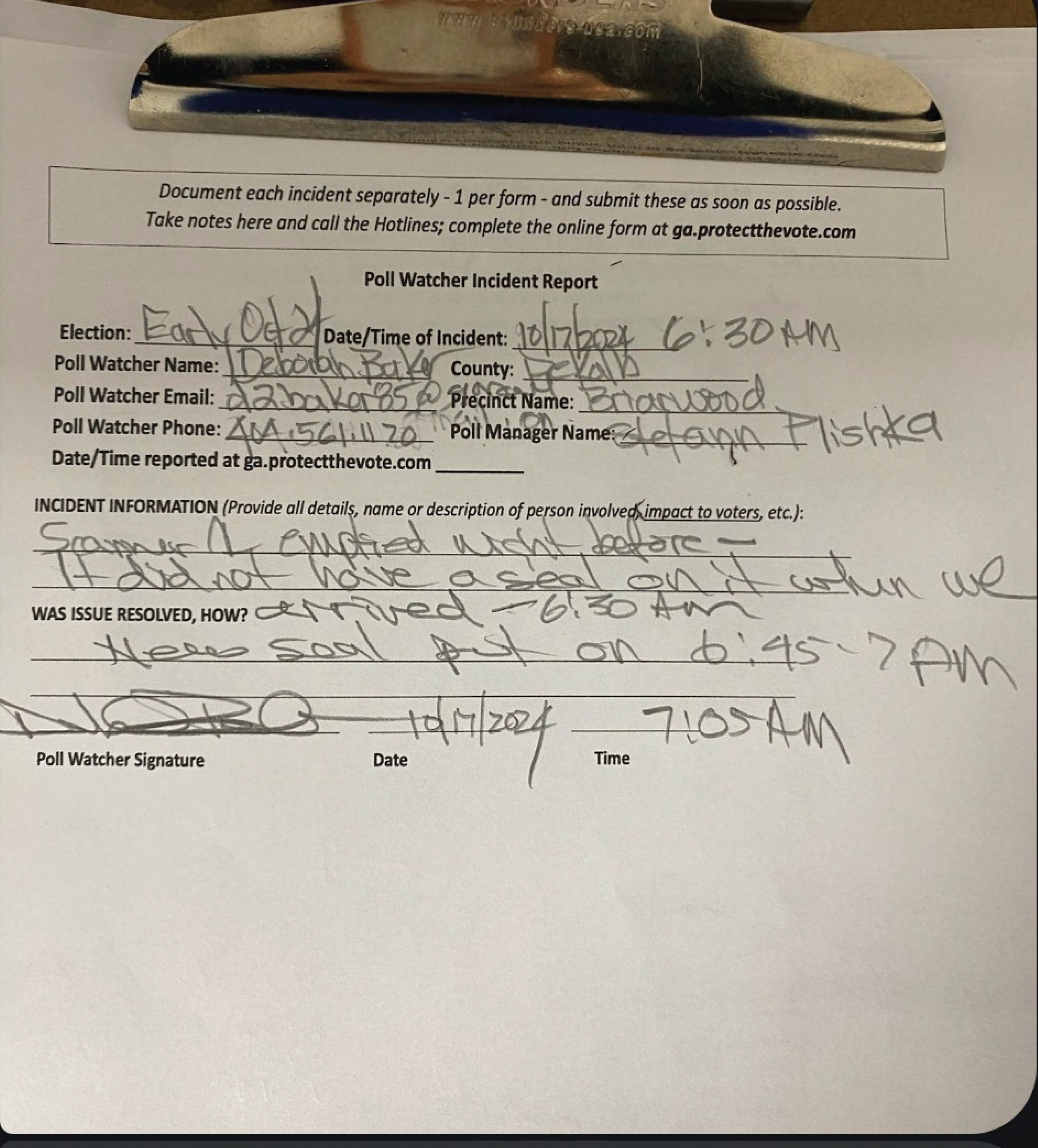
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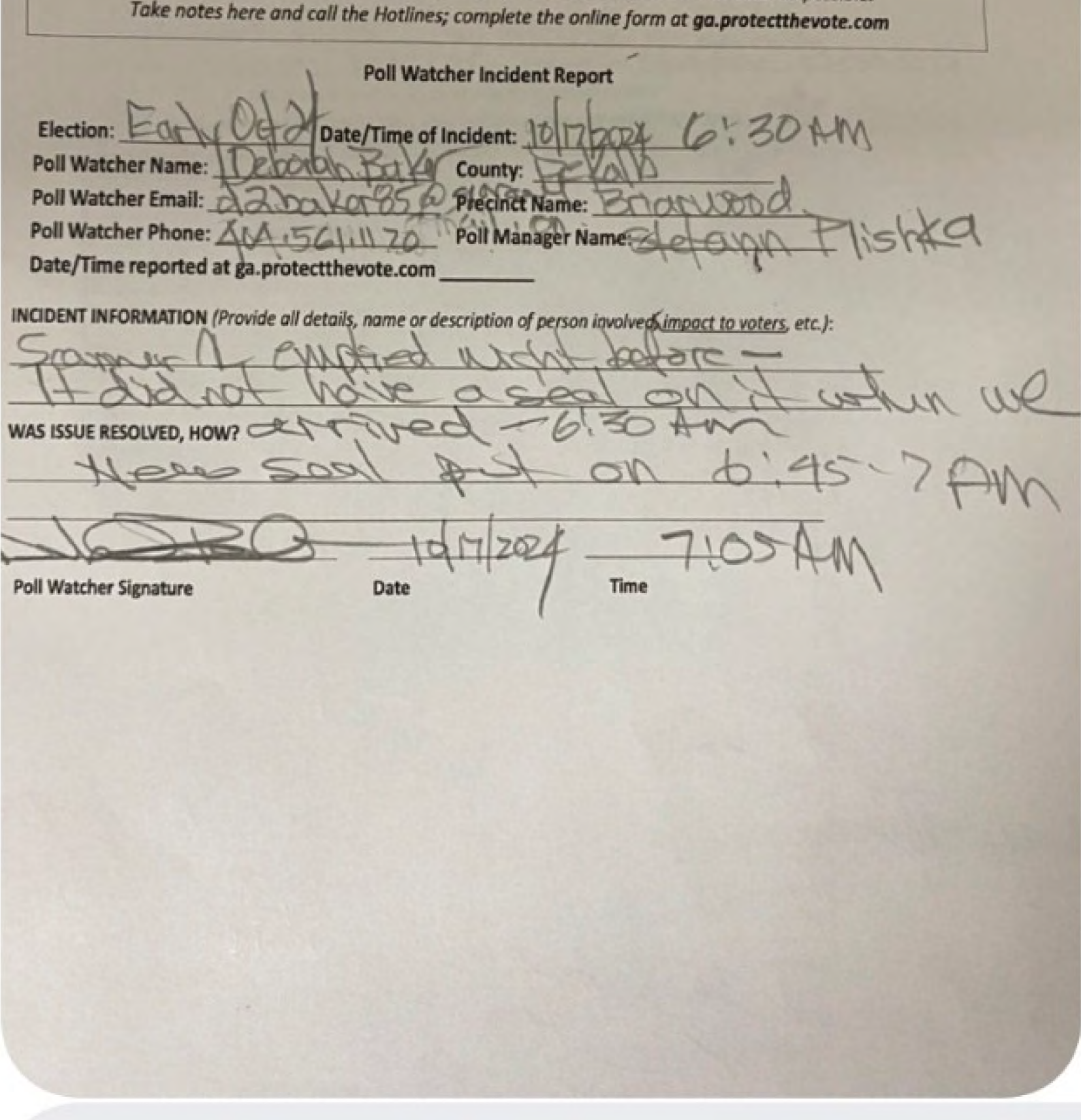
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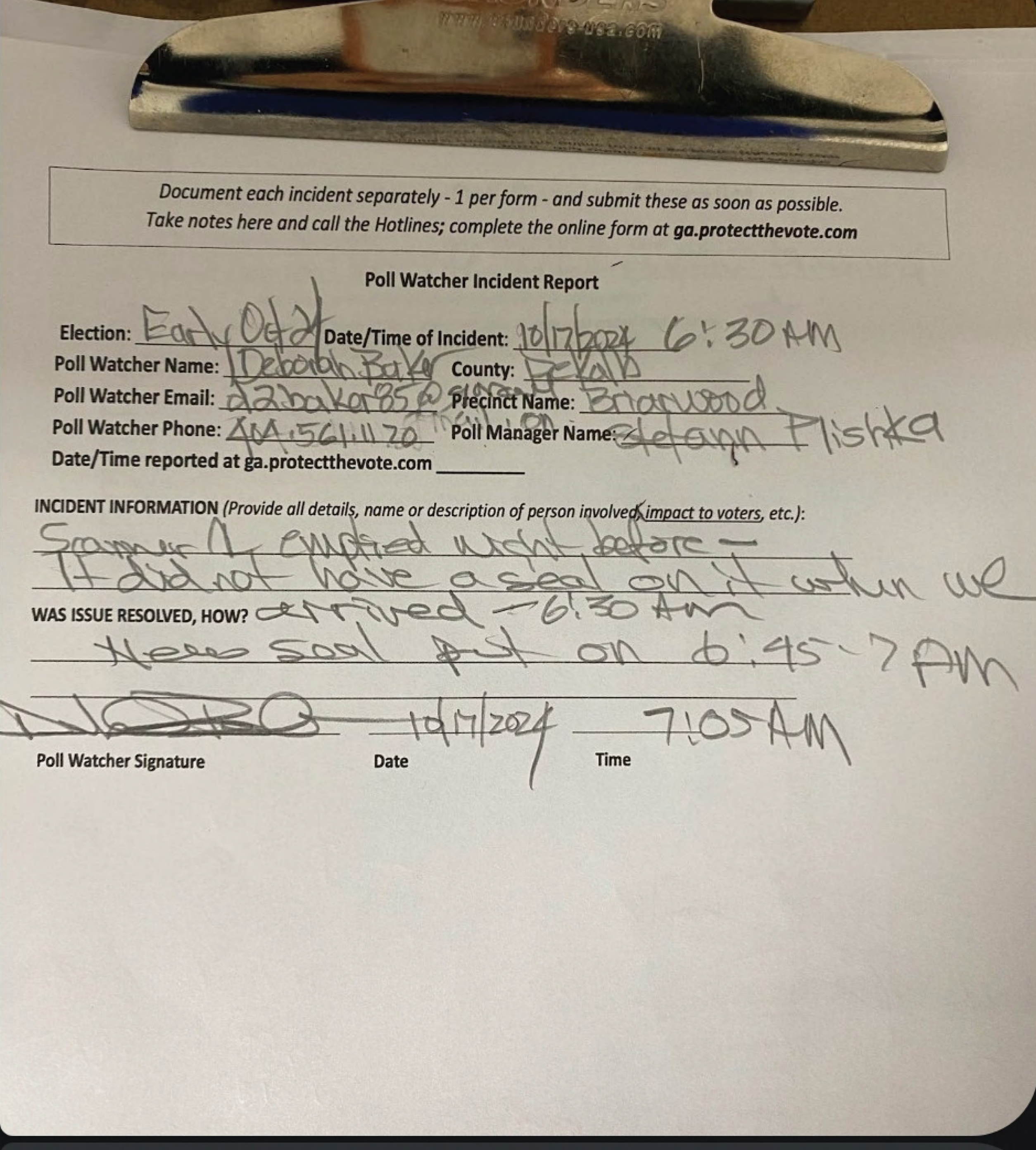
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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

[REDACTED]
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 8:36 AM

Uh oh...I accidentally sent a pix of a Trump sign we were putting up yesterday to you when I meant to send it to my husband, Rick. Sorry!!!

As early voting begins, find out why we're confident that voting will be secure and easy

1 message

Jacob Kipp, CEIR <updates@electioninnovation.org>
Reply-To: "Jacob Kipp, CEIR" <updates@electioninnovation.org>
To: saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM



“Easier to vote than ever before” as voting begins across the country

As mail ballots are delivered and early in-person voting begins in many states, the Center for Election Innovation & Research (CEIR)'s David Becker reported on Face the Nation that “overall, it is easier to vote than ever before in American history.” For those who still doubt the electoral process, he challenged them to volunteer as poll workers in their communities and see the process first hand.

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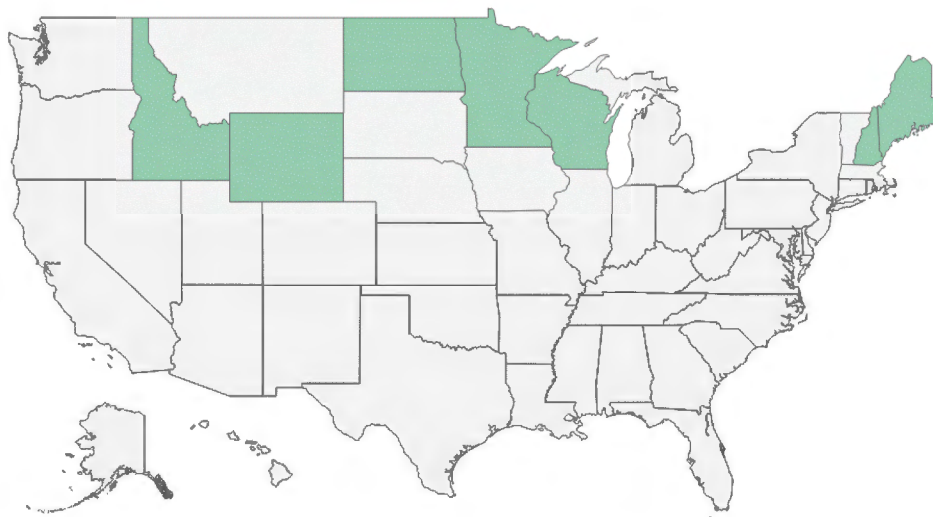
David Becker debunks voting myths

CEIR's David Becker joined CBS Mornings on National Voter Registration Day to discuss voter registration, early voting, election security, and common voting myths. Until October 6, every eligible citizen in the country can register to vote in the 2024 general election using any registration method available in their state. For more information on voter registration deadlines in your state, check out CEIR's recent [Data Dive: Voter Registration Deadlines before the 2024 General Election](#).

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2000 General Election



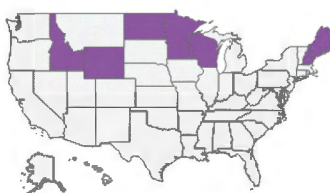
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Online Voter Registration



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Automatic Voter Registration



Source: CEIR, "The Expansion of Innovative Voter Registration Methods, 2000-2024"

As November approaches, CEIR has been busy, publishing a series of research on voter registration and voting before Election Day. Together, these reports demonstrate that states continue to implement innovative best practices, making the voting process safe, secure, and easy. Check out what's new:

[Data Dive: 2024 Weekend Availability of Early In-Person Voting](#)

[Data Dive: The Growth of Early In-Person and Mail Voting](#)

[The Growing Use of Voting Before Election Day](#)

[The Expansion of Innovative Voter Registration Methods, 2000-2024](#)

[Dates for 2024 Early In-Person and Mail Voting](#)

[Securing Voter Registration Databases: 2024 Survey Preliminary Results](#)

Video: Confronting Threats to Election Certification: The Role of State & Local Officials



CEIR and Protect Democracy teamed up to host a webinar on threats to election certification. Watch the recording to hear how election workers have confronted these threats, including how the threats arose, what tools they leveraged in responding, and lessons learned for future elections.

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CEIR in the news



How Trump has made election lies a key feature of his campaign

The logo for The Guardian, featuring the text "The Guardian" in a white, serif font on a dark blue background.

The Guardian

Trump and allies plant seeds for 'chaos and discord' if he loses, experts warn

The logo for CNN, featuring the letters "CNN" in a white, stylized, sans-serif font on a red background.

CNN

More than 20 election offices have been targeted with suspicious packages this week

The logo for NPR, featuring the letters "n", "p", and "r" in white, lowercase, sans-serif font, each on a separate colored square (red, black, and blue respectively).

n p r

Besides the postal service, what other options do voters have to cast early ballots

The logo for Axios, featuring the word "AXIOS" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with a blue stylized "A" on the left.

AXIOS

America braces for perfect storm of election chaos

The logo for CBS News, featuring the CBS eye logo (a white circle with a black dot in the center) followed by the text "CBS NEWS" in a bold, white, sans-serif font on a black background.

CBS NEWS

"Listen to public officials," election experts say ahead of 2024 voting



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AXIOS Detroit

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Challenges to Rules

1 message

Kevin Moncla

Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 6:26 AM

To: Alex Kaufman <[REDACTED]>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

I know you are all in the trenches taking grenades- but I wanted to remind you that the rules at issue were organic in inception - and born of genuine need.

Election Board members, like Julie, have been prohibited from accessing/reviewing/receiving the "receipts".

I understand that Julie's case was decided yesterday; however, the rules are also necessary to cause the counties to produce and maintain their own record and count of voters who have cast a ballot, in addition to the number of ballots cast (by precinct/polling location). O.C.G.A. § 21-2-493(b) requires the county Boards to compare those two.

The problem is that the counties are completely reliant upon the SOS to provide the enumerated voter list. This is because the SOS controls the electronic poll pad contract and check-in list which he does not provide to the counties until after it's needed for reconciliation and the canvass. Counties are unlawfully certifying blind based solely on reports from the Dominion voting system- unchecked. Consider that there is no enumerated voter list- poll pad check-in list- for Advance Voting for any county for any election from 2020- until now.

How do you compare the number of ballots cast with the number of voters who have cast a ballot- without such a list? You don't.

The county election Boards (Superintendent) are responsible for conducting their own elections- not the SOS. Hence the need for county Board members to perform a reasonable inquiry- and not certify on blind faith. Elections are not Religion- no faith necessary- just an auditable record of facts, and math. Nothing less.

Respectfully-

Kevin M. Moncla
Election Oversight Group, LLC



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Citizen Comment for Proposed Rule Changes

4 messages

Bill Payer, P.E. [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:40 AM

To: fervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Dear Board Members,

Please find the attached document with my considerations.

Respectfully,

William Payer
Jackson County



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Deadline questions from ProPublica about the State Election Board

1 message

Heather Vogell [REDACTED]

Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 6:05 PM

To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Hello Mr. Jeffares,

I'm a reporter from ProPublica working on a story about the statewide election rules now in court and changes in county election boards.

We understand that Trump praised you by name at an August rally, calling you one of the "pit bulls fighting for honesty, transparency and victory."

Do you consider yourself a Trump supporter? Would you care to comment on his praise?

Would you care to respond to concerns that the election rule changes you supported could pave the way for local officials to exclude votes and help Trump secure a win?

Please let me know immediately if you would like to comment. You can reach me on my cell at [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Heather

Heather Vogell
Reporter
ProPublica
o [REDACTED]

Fwd: Politics | Election Board chair says his Republican peers have gone too far

1 message

Mike Coan <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Oct 14, 2024 at 3:07 PM

To: jking.seb@gmail.com, Jan Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

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Date: Mon, Oct 14, 2024, 3:00 PM

Subject: Politics | Election Board chair says his Republican peers have gone too far

To: [REDACTED]

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

POLITICS

October 14, 2024

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The presidential election is 22 days away. Early voting is [set to begin Tuesday!](#) As part of the AJC's Know Your Stuff election guide, we asked readers to submit questions about hot button issues. [Now we're answering them.](#)

Today we tackle: Trump and Harris' stances on immigration. The AJC's Lautaro Grinspan writes that this issue might be the area where the candidates stand furthest apart.

One question on the topic came from Bob George: *"It seems the Democrats are in favor of the large number of undocumented immigrants crossing the border and the Republicans not so much. What is in it for the Democrats and their supporters for allowing millions per year to cross our border? Who benefits from this, it can't be we are going to save the whole world?"*

Grinspan: "I am going to push back on this. Has the Democratic party been traditionally more friendly to immigrant rights? Yes. But an interesting facet of this political moment in 2024 is that Democrats have joined Republicans in [calling for tighter restrictions](#) at the U.S.-Mexico border to clamp down on illegal immigration. That's a shift that has [rankled immigrant rights advocates](#). And despite the GOP ticket doubling down on

extreme anti-immigrant rhetoric (see: the Haitian pet-eating conspiracy), it was Republican opposition that tanked the bipartisan border bill earlier this year.”



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‘Inappropriate’: Election Board chair says his Republican peers have gone too far

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Public-private partnerships: The future of public transportation



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Why it's important: These partnerships can connect communities and address critical transportation challenges like improving first-mile/last-mile connectivity.

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Trump is focusing on one group in Forsyth County on Tuesday

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IN TODAY'S POLITICALLY GEORGIA MORNING NEWSLETTER

CHICKEN SUIT. Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr is wading into a [Franklin County dispute involving chickens](#) and, allegedly, racism.

Sherran Lynn Wasserman inherited some land. She tried to sell it to Anthony Pham, a man of Vietnamese descent who wanted to use it for a chicken farm. But Franklin County refused to allow the farm, which tanked the sale. Wasserman sued Franklin County, alleging racial discrimination against Pham.

The case is now before the Georgia Supreme Court, but for a different reason. The court wants to know whether it's OK for Wasserman to sue on behalf of someone else.

Carr, a Republican, says she can't. His office filed a brief with the court, saying if Pham's civil rights were violated, then he'd have to file the case himself.

Wasserman's attorneys say Georgia follows the same rules as in federal court, which allows her to sue.

The court is scheduled to hear the case later this month. Pham, meanwhile, ended up with a farm in Elbert County instead.

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Understanding the debate over transgender rights in Georgia

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Henry County Elections Supervisor

4 messages

Cheri Matthews <cmatthews@co.henry.ga.us>

Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 5:12 PM

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Sincerely,



County Manager
(O) 770-288-6267
140 Henry Parkway
McDonough, GA 30253



Cheri Matthews <cmatthews@co.henry.ga.us>

Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 5:35 PM

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Good afternoon,

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Thank you,



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From: Ashley C. Larrow on behalf of Cheri Matthews**Sent:** Friday, October 4, 2024 5:12 PM**Cc:** Kevin C. Johnson <kjohnson@co.henry.ga.us>; Ashley C. Larrow <alarrow@co.henry.ga.us>; Shannan B. Sagnet <ssagnet@co.henry.ga.us>**Subject:** Henry County Elections Supervisor

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 **Letter to Judge Amero 10.4.24.pdf**
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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>
To: Alexandra Hardin <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, Michael Coan <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 6:11 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: October 4, 2024 at 5:35:53 PM EDT
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Subject: Re: Henry County Elections Supervisor

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Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 12:46 PM

To: Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Sorry for the delay here, Rick. I will add this to the complaint log and forward to investigations.

P.S. Unsurprisingly, the Henry County elections supervisor resigned last week...

ALEXANDRA HARDIN

Paralegal

Georgia State Election Board



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Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 6:11 PM

To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>; Coan, Michael (SEB) <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Henry County Elections Supervisor

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Subject: Henry County Elections Supervisor

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Media Inquiry - Italian TV

1 message

CavalieriMulvoni DualMedia [REDACTED]

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 11:25 PM

To: saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Dear Sarah,

We hope this message finds you well.

We are Manuela Cavalieri and Donatella Mulvoni, Italian reporters and producers based in the U.S., and we're reaching out to request an interview for RAI, the Italian National Public TV (<https://www.raiplay.it/> (<https://www.raiplay.it/>)).

The interview would be conducted by Oliviero Bergamini, a seasoned broadcast journalist and the Foreign News Editor for TG1 (<https://www.raiplay.it/programmi/tg1> (<https://www.raiplay.it/programmi/tg1>)), RAI's flagship news program, which reaches an audience of about 3.5 million daily viewers.

Our focus will be on the upcoming presidential election, with particular emphasis on the importance of Georgia in this context. We are especially interested in discussing key issues for Georgia's voters, in the light of Georgia being the focal point of former president Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

We would be happy to conduct the interview in person at a time and place of your convenience (after October 23). The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes.

Please let us know if you need any additional information. We look forward to your response and remain available for any further details or questions.

Best regards,
Manuela Cavalieri
Cell: +1 [REDACTED]
Washington, D.C.

Donatella Mulvoni
Cell: +1 [REDACTED]
New York, NY



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Re: Rick Jeffares query/"Last Week Tonight"

1 message

Charles Wilson [REDACTED]

Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 12:01 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Mr. Jeffares,

I am following up with you on this initial email from Friday.

I've appended below the brief details I wanted to review with you for a segment we're preparing for the television program "Last Week Tonight." I'd welcome any clarification or context you'd want to provide **just on background/not for quotation.**

If you could get back to me by late this evening, **Wednesday, October 9th**, I'd be most grateful. I appreciate your time.

My best,

Charles

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Charles Wilson

Senior News Producer

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

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[REDACTED]

DETAIL TO REVIEW WITH RICK JEFFARES, GEORGIA STATE ELECTION BOARD

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We plan to briefly discuss the remaking of the Georgia state election board, and to mention how President Trump called out you and your colleagues Janice Johnston and Janelle King by name at a recent rally.

- We plan to indicate that you, Ms. Johnston, and Ms. King have all questioned the results of the 2020 election, citing *USA Today* here:
 - **Source:** USA Today (2024): "**All three members of the board — Dr. Janice Johnston, Rick Jaffares and Janelle King — have, like Trump, questioned the results of the 2020 election.**" <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/08/05/trump-praises-georgia-election-board/74674946007/>
- We may cite this detail from *The Guardian*'s reporting: *The Guardian*'s reported that you told a then Trump campaign adviser that if Trump won in November, you'd like to join the administration. You told the reporter: "I said if y'all can't figure out who you want to be the EPA director for the south-east, I'd like to have it' ..."
- The Guardian: "'I said if y'all can't figure out who you want to be the EPA director for the south-east, I'd like to have it' ..." <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/article/2024/aug/13/sara-tindall-ghazal-georgia-state-election-board> (*The Guardian* described the individual you said this to as a "**former** campaign adviser," which I took to mean he was a current Trump campaign adviser at the time you said this ... let me know if I have misunderstood.)
- We plan to indicate that the three of you have pushed back on the insinuation you are working for Trump. Ms. Johnston has said these efforts have amounted to character assassination:
 - **Source:** CNN: "As I reflected upon this weekend, I thought, yes, character assassination. Yes, media murder. And yes, 'lawfare lynching' ..." <https://www.cnn.com/2024/09/23/politics/georgia-election-board-sparring/index.html>

That's all; many thanks.

From: Charles Wilson <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:29 PM
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Rick Jeffares query/"Last Week Tonight"

Mr. Jeffares,

I am a producer at "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver," a comedy news program on HBO.

We are working on a segment in which we intend to discuss the Georgia SEB. There was a couple of details specific to you that we are considering including, and I wanted to run them by you for any clarification or context you'd want to share **just on background/not for quotation**. I wasn't sure if this was a current email.

I could send the details by end of day today, and I'd welcome any response by **Tuesday, October 8**. I'm reachable here or at [REDACTED], with any questions.

I appreciate your time and hope you're well,

All my best,

Charles Wilson

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[Charles Wilson](#)

Senior News Producer

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Reporter seeking comment for Guardian story on latest SEB moves, contact with Trump campaign

2 messages

Justin Glawe

Thu, Aug 8, 2024 at 2:20 PM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, Kira Lerner

Hi all,

I'm a reporter in Savannah and I'm writing a story for the Guardian that delves into the latest actions by the SEB, as well as the recent mention of three of its board members at last weekend's Trump rally in Atlanta. (My editor is CC'd here.) My questions are as follows:

- Did board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares discuss the Heekin certification petition, the Grubbs drop box petition or the Adams poll watcher petition with any members or representatives of the Trump campaign or the Republican National Committee?
- Please explain how board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares ended up at Trump's rally in Atlanta. Were they there in their official capacity as members of the SEB? Were they invited by the Trump campaign?
- Precisely what conversations did board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares have with the Trump campaign prior to the rally?
- Precisely what conversations have board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares had with the Trump campaign and/or the RNC regarding Georgia election rules being considered by the board?
- Please cite any election administration experience that board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares may have had before their appointment to the SEB.
- Have board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares been in talks with any outside legal groups like the American First Policy Institute, American First Legal and/or Liberty Justice Center?
- Have board members King, Johnston, and Jeffares had any discussions with the Election Integrity Network, VoterGA or other election denial groups regarding Georgia election rules being considered by the board?

I am looking to file my story by close of business tomorrow for publication early next week, so if it's possible to get answers to these questions today or tomorrow, that would be preferable.

I will also be reaching out with a similar list of questions for a separate Rolling Stone story that will be published along the same timeline.

Thank you.

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Justin Glawe

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Request for Review of DeKalb County Voter Challenges Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230

2 messages

Marci McCarthy

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:12 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "Jking.seb@gmail.com" <Jking.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: Marci McCarthy, "ahardin@sos.ga.gov" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Dear Chairman John Fervier, Ms. Sara Ghazal, Ms. Janelle King, Mr. Rick Jeffares and Dr. Janice Johnston,

My name is Marci McCarthy, and I serve as the Chairman of the DeKalb County Republican Party. While we are a political organization, we have spent the last four years dedicated to restoring faith, integrity, and trust in our election system. We recognize that DeKalb County is a minority Republican county, but our mission is to ensure that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to vote, while preventing any ineligible individuals from participating in elections, as their votes dilute the free and fair voting rights of all citizens.

This complaint highlights concerns raised by Mr. William Henderson, a DeKalb County citizen, who has been following the process outlined in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 to challenge ineligible voters. Despite the clarity of Section 230, the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections (BRE) has not upheld its responsibility to consider and determine probable cause for these challenges.

As the Georgia State Election Board is scheduled to meet on September 20, 2024, we respectfully request an immediate review of this matter during that meeting, as well as any further actions necessary to ensure compliance with election law. We also ask that the SEB consider whether further action should be taken under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-566 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-597 for intentional interference with election duties by certain members of the DeKalb BRE.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We trust that the SEB will uphold the integrity of our election process and take necessary actions to ensure accountability.

Sincerely,
Marci McCarthy
Chairman, DeKalb County Republican Party

MARCI MCCARTHY

Chairman, The DeKalb Republican Party

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RNC National Delegate 2024 and 2020

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GAGOP Election Confidence Task Force

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Marci McCarthy <marci@marcimccarthy.us>

Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 10:57 AM

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Cc: "ahardin@sos.ga.gov" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, "mcoan@sos.ga.gov" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, Marci McCarthy

<[REDACTED]>

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

I am grateful for the time and attention you have given to my emergency complaint regarding voter challenges. As you know, the Legislature has determined that the job of cleaning up the voter rolls is too big -- we cannot assume that our state and local officials can keep the rolls up-to-date. And we know that clean voter rolls are critical to ensuring that our votes are not diluted by persons wrongfully voting -- whether by design or inadvertently. The Legislature crafted Sections 229 and 230 to allow citizen challenges to assist the county boards in this critical component of our election systems. We are grateful to the Legislature for not only including those sections in the Election Code, but for strengthening them to ensure that citizens are not limited in the challenges that we are permitted to bring.

We were concerned that the DeKalb County Election Board was not taking our challenges seriously and ignoring our statutory rights as well our constitutional rights to not have our votes suppressed or diluted. Our concern was exacerbated when the Dekalb BRE took the unusual step of changing Georgia law to deny Bill Henderson the right to even bring a challenge. This is a serious matter, and while the BRE may have succeeded in flouting the law in this election cycle, we must do better. Unless there are consequences to such egregious behavior, we believe that this

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lawlessness will continue in Georgia. Our citizens deserve the right to secure and transparent elections. Let me repeat that -- our citizens deserve their rights. And the State Election Board is charged with not only overseeing these laws, but in investigating and taking remedial action -- including fines and criminal referrals -- to preserve the integrity of our election system.

We were somewhat shocked to find that this lawlessness and civil disobedience is spreading to so many county boards of elections and are grateful that you have invited the county boards in to hear "their side of the story." However, we trust you will use your powers wisely to ensure that breaches of the Election Code are identified, corrected, and punished.

I am sorry I could not be there in person today, but I am watching from out-of-town and I know you will do the right thing. Thank you for your service.

Best Regards,

Marci McCarthy

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

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2 messages

Kevin Moncla <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 10:08 AM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, HarryMacD [REDACTED], kurtols [REDACTED], "David Oles, Sr" [REDACTED], joe rossi [REDACTED] >

Board members and Alex,

Please include the attached document into the record of today's meeting.

Respectfully,

Kevin M. Moncla
Election Oversight Group, LLC
[REDACTED]



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Stealing votes

3 messages

southern shoals [REDACTED]
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:54 PM

Dear Mr. Pitbull,
So Judge McBurney is reining you and your Trump colleagues on the Board in. Now you can go down the street to Burt Jones's house get drunk and complain about liberal judges and how that sex offender Trump is going to fix everything when he suspends the US Constitution. I believe in karma and boy is it going to find its way up your redneck ass.

Sent from my iPhone

Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>
To: Burt Jones [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 9:06 PM

Sent from my iPhone

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From: southern shoals [REDACTED]
Date: October 1, 2024 at 4:54:41 PM EDT
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com
Subject: Stealing votes

Dear Mr. Pitbull,
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Burt Jones [REDACTED]
To: Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 5:40 AM

That's sweet
Burt Jones
JP Capital & Insurance
[REDACTED]

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Voter Fraud

1 message

Mike Tisson

Fri, Oct 4, 2024 at 12:48 PM

To: jking.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com

"This Court has been presented with strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations, unpled in the operative complaint and unsupported by evidence," U.S. District Judge Matthew Brann [wrote](#). "In the United States of America, this cannot justify the disenfranchisement of a single voter, let alone all the voters of its sixth most populated state. Our people, laws, and institutions demand more."

Matthew Brann is a federalist society judge, but he has enough integrity to realize how full of shit Trump and Giuliani were, even though he voted for Trump. He loves this country. You obviously hate it and are blatant traitors.

If you try to overturn an election with no fraud you will start a civil war. What do you think happens to the three asshole traitors overturning the will of the people? I would bet they would have their hands on you the same day. There are so many patriots and vets ready to assemble if you try to turn this country into a dictatorship. I bet you and your fellow traitors would never see 2025 if you commit treason during the election.

Republicans are the true snowflakes. You cowards are afraid of everything - immigrants, homosexuals, atheists, science, education, socialism, humanitarianism, the poor, the homeless, books, video games, ads, cartoon characters, and most of all common sense. Ever since Reagan convinced you mental midgets that nothing was scarier than an effective government, Repubs have done their best to destroy the country. We were at our strongest when billionaires paid their fair share. We had amazing education until Repubs started defunding education because the more educated one is, the less likely they vote Republican.

The funny thing is Reagan would have hanged all of you for cozying up to a wannabe dictator buffoon, and loving Putin. Make no mistake about it, you three are traitors, and as ignorant as you are, you will probably die traitors. I hope when you are on your death beds you have horror running through your lil brains as you realize you never supported truth, just hate to fit your agenda, and you never loved this country, and are just another group of religious pretenders and fake patriots. Congrats on supporting a man that sexually assaulted dozens of women and children. You truly are sick ppl, and the biggest hypocrites in the world. Look in the mirror and you will see a monster.

I can't wait to see karma hit you f'n traitors. It always does.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/21/federal-judge-tosses-trump-suit-over-pennsylvania-election-results-439010>

Complaint from Clint Bass

Submitted 6/18/24

Please indicate the following in your description:

- Identify individuals involved in complaint (by name or other identifying information).
- Indicate the date on which the complaint occurred.
- Indicate the location of the complaint.
- Describe facts of the complaint in detail

Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

Saturday, October 31, 2020 after Early Voting Ended and before Tuesday Election Day for the Presidential Election

Appling County Board of Election Office in Baxley, GA

See Affidavit by Clint Bass Attached

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGIA CANDIDATE

Certification of Sworn Witness Statement

Candidate is identified as a qualified individual running for office on the General Election Ballot for November 3, 2020.

I, Clint Bass (name Candidate) hereby declare the following information to be factual and occurred in my presence.

During early voting on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at approximately 11:30 p.m., I was called by a county employee to come to the Appling County Board of Elections Office due to the Elections Supervisor moving voting machines. Upon arrival, I saw a U-Haul Truck located outside the side door entrance. The Elections Supervisor, Shonda Carter, was outside the election's office beside the U-Haul Truck. I approached her and asked where she was taking the machines. She informed me that she was over the machines and was taking them to her house, which is 15 miles in the country. I asked her what was going on. She told me that she came to town to get her phone charger and found the water leak. I asked her to take them to the Sheriff's Office under camera surveillance. She refused. There were several county employees outside with Shonda Carter as witnesses.

By completing this form, I am hereby certifying the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Clint Bass Print Name Clint Bass Signature

May Month 27 Day, 2024

(Notary Use Only)

State of Georgia, County of Appling

This document was signed and acknowledged before me on 5/27/24 (date) by Clint Bass (name of signer).



[Signature] Notary Signature

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

April 2024

Appling County Board of Election Office in Baxley, GA

See Affidavit by Ryan Taylor Attached

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGIA CANDIDATE

Certification of Sworn Witness Statement

Candidate is identified as a qualified individual running for office on the Primary Election Ballot for May 21, 2024.

I, Ryan Taylor (name Candidate) hereby declare the following information to be factual and occurred in my presence.

I went into the Election's Office in April of 2024 to update my expense and fundraising candidacy report with Shonda Carter, Election's Supervisor. I brought up a Facebook Live video I did where I spoke about the voting machines being taken to Shonda Carter's residence late at night before Election Day, November 3, 2020. She told me there was a water leak, and it was ankle deep. She had to load all the voting machines up in a U-Haul truck and had them under video surveillance at her house.

By completing this form, I am hereby certifying the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ryan Taylor Print Name Ryan Taylor Signature

May Month 27 Day, 2024

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State of Georgia, County of Appling

This document was signed and acknowledged before me on 5/27/24 (date) by Ryan Taylor (name of signer).



[Signature] Notary Signature

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

March 12, 2024 Presidential Primary

Appling County in Baxley, GA

One local Appling citizen went to vote for President on election day and was told he was registered in Boston, GA! So he had to re-register in Baxley, GA. This gentleman, Danny Smith, has lived in Appling County his entire life and has never missed voting.

Complaint from Jeffery L. Bass

Submitted 6/18/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor & Byron Carter, Shonda's Husband

Saturday, May 11, 2024 @4:24 p.m. during Early Voting for May 21, 2024 Primary

Appling County Board of Election Office in Baxley, GA

See Affidavit by Jeffrey L. Bass Attached

AFFIDAVIT OF GEORGIA ELECTOR

Certification of Vote submitted by Elector

Elector is identified as a legal resident of Appling County in the State of Georgia, who is a registered voter and cast a vote in the Primary Election for May 21, 2024.

I, Jeffery L. Bass (name of Elector) hereby declare the following information to be factual and occurred in my presence.

During early voting on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 4:24 p.m., I entered the Appling County Board of Elections Office to obtain the voter daily count. Upon entering the BOE, I saw Byron Carter, husband of Elections Supervisor, Shonda Carter, behind the glass in a secure area. There was a poll pad within a couple of feet of Byron Carter.

By completing this form, I am hereby certifying the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffery L. Bass Print Name Jeffery L. Bass Signature

May Month 27 Day, 2024

(Notary Use Only)

State of Georgia, County of Appling

This document was signed and acknowledged before me on 5/27/24 (date) by Jeffery L. Bass (name of signer).



D. A. Williams Notary Signature

Complaint from Wayne Canady

Submitted 6/18/24 @10:09 p.m.

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- Describe facts of the complaint in detail

Wayne Canady, poll worker and Republican Party poll worker trainer, was sitting under a tent for his son in law (candidate for Probate Judge) during early voting across the street from the Board of Election Office.

Election Supervisor's spouse, Byron Carter, exited the elections office, came across the street, and confronted me, accusing me of harassing the poll workers and wanted me to stop. Mr. Carter stated he wanted us to talk "man to man." At the time, I was across the street more than 150ft away campaigning for a candidate. I was not bothering anyone and waving at passersby. I called 911 and asked for an officer to witness the confrontation. Byron was very threatening in his body language and didn't stop speaking the entire time I was on the phone with dispatch. I have the 911 tape and officers' personal body cam videos as evidence. When the officers arrived, I looked at Byron Carter and asked him what he wanted to discuss with me man to man. He was much less aggressive with the officers present but said that I was harassing the girls in the election office by sitting under the campaign tent.

Byron left and went back into the Election Office. A few minutes later, Shonda Carter, Election Supervisor, came out and walked across the street and told me that I could no longer be a poll worker. I asked her why, and she refused to give a reason. I asked very calmly several more times, and she said basically because she said so.

I contacted the State GOP Chairman, and he advised me to show up for my poll worker badge the following day just like I always do and see if I am denied access. I did as I was advised and was given my poll worker badge like normal.

This situation caused me physical distress where I had high blood pressure and accelerated pulse due to unnecessary stress.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

During 4/29/24 to 5/17/24

Appling County in Baxley, GA

During early voting, the bins that hold the sealed paper ballot receipts were opened each day and counted by election workers in the presence of poll watchers. The ballots were not sealed in this same location. The ballots were taken each day down a hallway to a back room without supervision and remaining unsealed.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

During 4/29/24 to 5/17/24

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Appling County Primary election experienced another problem in the 2024 primary election including candidates received votes from precincts which were not in their district. On May 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., an Appling County Elector contacted Jessica Dubberly Carver discuss his ballot from early voting. The Elector watched the livestream of the Board of Elections meeting two hours prior, and realized on his ballot, Jessica Dubberly Carver was the name listed. The voter's name on the list of early voters and saw that he was listed in a different district (District 3) and should not have had Jessica Dubberly Carver as a choice at all. The Elector also stated he voted for a commissioner in District 4 on this ballot, Doug Harris.

What's more is that one of the incorrect ballot drafts had my race showing in District 3, as previously submitted to SEB.

Complaint from Wayne Canady

Submitted on or around 6/18/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

During 4/29/24 to 5/21/24

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Appling County Board of Election Supervisor, Shonda Carter, locked the door each day during early voting without allowing the public to view the count. She also did this on Election Day after precincts had posted their counts. Several members of the public tried to get in to watch, and they were not allowed. However, Shonda Carter's husband, Byron Carter, was permitted to be in a secure area with Board of Election members.

Complaint from Ryan Taylor

Submitted on or around 6/18/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 7-8, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

On Friday, May 31, 2024, Ryan Taylor received Open Records Requests from the Appling County Board of Election's Office that showed a breach in procedure. The SLOG File indicated on May 7, 2024, during early voting, that before 9:00 a.m and polls opened, voting was closed on the BDM and a three page report was run of election results. After the results were run, the poll was opened back up. The Election Supervisor's key AND password were entered to complete this task, which should never be completed until Election Day as the report gives a summary of all votes in all races per Georgia Election Rule 183-1-12-.10.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 21, 2024 on Election Day when my husband didn't see my full name on the ballot when he voted.

Appling County Precinct 4B in Baxley, GA

All candidate qualifying forms were signed and notarized as Jessica Dubberly Carver. Yet only "Jessica Carver" appeared on ballots for precincts 4B & 4D in Appling Co. I found out when my husband voted before me on election day. The next day, 5/22/24, I asked Elec Sup Shonda Carter why my name was incorrect on the ballot. She initially stated that it wasn't. Then blamed the SOS, stating "They are the ballot builders." I called SOS, who explained they do build the ballot, but it's up to the elec sup to confirm the ballots are correct. After 5 Open Record requests, I finally got an electronically signed paper where she confirmed all names were correct. So, she failed to properly verify signed & notarized ballot names!

Complaint from Kandiss Taylor

Submitted 6/18/24 @10:38 p.m.

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Nepotism. Election Supervisor, Shonda Carter, is not fair, equitable with her job hiring for poll workers. She has denied multiple GOP electors the access to work the poll and be paid giving preferential treatment to her personal family members. In fact, each polling location across the county has at least one family member of her own employed and supervising the poll. Kevin Parker, Appling County Citizen, applied to be a poll worker and was denied. His contact information is 912-293-7336.

Shonda Carter's family members have careers in other sectors (construction, college student, etc), but they take off to poll work for her. This is a huge concern for our county. Why are we not hiring the most qualified individuals and why does one person have complete control over every person to the point of nepotism?

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

Ongoing since May 21, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

I've made an ORR for written requests of the proofing packing, (including all written change requests from Elec to the SOS). I've received no written change requests. There are ballots with my race listed incorrectly in District 3 precincts and other ballots with my race listed correctly in District 4. But no paper trail of where the change was requested by the Elec Supervisor to the SOS. One elec sup in another county told me changes must be submitted in writing to the SOS. Yet Shonda Carter in Appling County stated that she made changes on the phone with her ballot builder. To my knowledge, this is a violation of the state election law for election supervisors.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

After May 21, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Submitted multiple ORRs to local Election Supervisor for a date/time log of early voting/absentee votes. I only have a date/time for votes on election day. Even requested from SOS, I was sent to the SOS site to get this log, but it lacks a time and provides only a date. I feel this may be one of the largest places fraud is/could happening/happen. Maybe additional logs are being man-made, but using the same people who vote on that specific day...? Either way, my ORR has not been fulfilled for a date and time stamp.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 21, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

A vote was cast prior to 7am opening of the polls at Precinct 4B. The enumerated file shows the card was made at 6:26am and the SLOG file indicates the vote cast at 6:34am. When questioned about this, Elec Sup Shonda Carter stated (in a public meeting that was live-streamed) she spoke with SOS, who told her “only the card was created” prior to 7am. But this is a false statement because the SOS does not have access to the SLOG file to know when the vote was cast. They can only see when a card is created. Additionally, a vote cast prior to 7am is illegal, as I understand it.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

Ongoing since May 21, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Over 6 or more ORRs have been submitted to Elec Sup Shonda Carter. Maybe one was sent to me timely. Most simply state she will respond as soon as is practicable or as soon as possible. Not one state law has been given to the requestor for unfulfilled ORRs. I've also submitted to complaints to the Attorney General on this matter. I could submit more from this week. It's ONGOING.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 6/8/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 21, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

On Election Day, two different precincts did not have the time set correctly, which should have been set accurately prior to L&A testing, according to the L&A directions. Two different precincts were both 12 hours ahead, ending around 7am on 5/22/2024.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 29?

Appling County in Baxley, GA

My husband and I were disallowed the usage of our personal cell phones to use during an ORR of L&A testing. This is NOT LIVE L&A testing; it was an ORR. I'm told this is up in the air, whether a cell phone can be used or not.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 31, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

My husband and I requested to inspect our local L&A testing. There were many discrepancies. First, 4B tabulator shows zero (0) votes cast during L&A for Ryan Taylor, a candidate for local probate judge. This is especially interesting because the spouse of Elec Sup Shonda Carter was actively promoting the incumbent probate judge, who Ryan Taylor was opposing. Also, none of the numbers for my race added up on L&A testing. And I only took the time to research District 4's two precincts.

Also, only one (1) ink-marked ballot was tested in one (1) precinct. My understanding is that LexisNexis says "ballots," not just one, should be tested...and that the ink-marked ballot should be tested in every precinct...not just one.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

Between May 21, 2024 Primary & June 18, 2024 Runoff

Appling County in Baxley, GA

The total number of registered voters in Appling County shows 713 more were registered in May than were registered by the June 18 runoff. Where this conversation stands at the moment with Elec Sup Shonda Carter is that she is waiting to respond after she speaks with an attorney. Her prior response was that I would have to contact the SOS for that information because they control that.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 23, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Shonda Carter, Elec Sup failed to notify the proper news authority regarding a called meeting on 5/23/2024. The Chairman of Commissioners notified the news authority, thankfully.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

May 25, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

On May 25, 2024 at 5:01 a.m., the GA Secretary of State's Website made a new update to the absentee/early voting list for the Appling County Primary Election. In District Four, there were 6 more votes cast than was on the election summary report given on election night. The original total was 510, and the new total is 516. There were only 2 outstanding military ballots per Election's Supervisor, Shonda Carter, which was stated on Wednesday morning after the election on May 22, 2024. Those should have been cleared up by Friday, May 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Complaint from Jessica Dubberly Carver

Submitted on or around 8/5/24

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Shonda Carter, Appling County Election Supervisor

After June 3, 2024

Appling County in Baxley, GA

Shonda Carter, Elec Sup failed to notify the proper news authority regarding a called meeting a few days after 6/3/2024.

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State Election Board

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Dear Board Members,

Please find below proposed rule changes with my stated considerations in red print.

August 6 - Final Vote on Proposed Rules

Rule Change 1 Define Certification & Criteria to Confirm Results **support**

Rule Change 2 Security for Absentee Ballots and Drop Boxes **neutral**

August 6 - Petitions for Proposed Rules

Petitioners to Request SEB to Initiate Rule-making Process on Proposed Rules Board Member Email Addresses

Rule Change 3 Certification Document Availability **oppose**

Rule Change 4 Intermediate Absentee Ballot Reporting **support**

Rule Change 5 Tabulation Center Poll Watcher Observation Enhancements **support**

Rule Change 6 Recount Hand Counts **support**

Rule Change 7 Cybersecurity Incident Reporting **oppose**

Rule Change 8 Voter Registration Challenge Restrictions **oppose**

Rule Change 9 Count Total Ballots When Scanner Box Emptied **support**

Rule Change 10 Distinguish Emergency and Provisional Ballot Paper **support**

Rule Change 11 Absentee-by-Mail Ballot Tracking **support**

Rule Change 12 Memory Card Retention **support**

Rule Change 13 Tabulation Reconciliation **support**

Rule Change 14 Clean Rolls of Former Voters Who Left Georgia **support**

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Rule Change 15 Ballot Marking Device Warning Correction **oppose**

Rule Change 16 Voter Roll Public Posting **support**

August 19 - Petitions for Proposed Rules

Petitioners to Request SEB to Initiate Rule-making Process on Proposed Rules

Rule Change 17 Hand Marked Paper Ballot Option **support**

Rule Change 18 Eligible Voters for an Election **support**

Rule Change 19 Voters Who Voted in an Election **support**

Respectfully,

William Payer

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of William Payer.



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

'Georgia State Election Board approves rule requiring hand count of ballots'

1 message

Trvlr [REDACTED] Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 1:55 PM
To: Mark Reynolds [REDACTED]

maga RU Fascist republican Anti-Georgia Citizens' Act!

Grooming Kids With Anti-Jesus' Teachings Of Lying & Cheating!

'... going against the advice of the state attorney general's office, the secretary of state's office and an association of county election officials. Three board members who were praised by former President Donald Trump during a rally last month in Atlanta voted to approve the measure.'

<https://www.wsls.com/news/politics/2024/09/20/georgia-state-election-board-approves-rule-requiring-hand-count-of-ballots/>



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Absolutely NO on Ryan Germany!

1 message

myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 4:46 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Re: Absolutely NO on Ryan Germany!

Mr. John Fervier,

You know Ryan Germany is the wrong person for election monitoring and so does Georgia! I am writing to oppose any involvement by former SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the State Election Board's (SEB) monitoring of Fulton County.

Both the SOS and Mr. Germany have falsely claimed that Georgia's 2020 election was "secure" and that there were no substantive problems in Fulton County.

Here are a few facts to understand prior to making a monitoring decision:

- On December 10, 2020, Ryan Germany wrote a letter to the lead SOS investigator falsely claiming that a Coffee County Board member lied when he testified before the House Government Affairs Committee on December 10, 2020, that the SOS office would not assist the county with major voting system malfunctions that the Coffee County board experienced when trying to certify the 2020 General Election.
- After numerous malfunctions were found during the 2020 General Election, Mr. Germany led the opposition to forensic examinations of the Dominion voting system.
- Mr. Germany also falsely claimed that an audit monitor fabricated an affidavit in which the monitor described the counterfeit ballots he witnessed in the November 2020 Fulton County hand count audit. There were other witnesses to the audit monitor's claims.

A monitoring team involving the SOS office, Ryan Germany or any of his selected team members including Matt Mashburn and the Carter Center would compromise the integrity of the desired monitoring activities.

The Carter Center also failed in 2020. They overlooked all the problems described in SEB2023-025.

The monitoring team should be solely comprised of members determined by the SEB. The agreement should be exclusively between the SEB and Fulton County.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michele Sarkisian

[REDACTED] Constituent

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Election Rule Changes

1 message

Becky Cummings [REDACTED]

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 2:03 PM

To: jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

To election board members:

I am concerned about all the rule changes so close to the election. I understand they are potentially illegal, and the secretary of state has advised against it. As a Georgia resident, I demand an explanation of why these rules are implemented so late, and what it means for the election process. To me, it seems that the Republicans are attempting to find any way to make voting and obtaining results more difficult. Right after the 2020 election, new laws were passed that certainly will suppress the Black vote from here on out. The timing of that was obvious- Trump lost the state. Why not just do things fairly and honestly, and not be swayed by one man who refuses to accept failure? He certainly is very afraid of losing this election now that Biden has dropped out. It appears that that is the reason the rule changes come so late. Wouldn't you want your conscience clear that you did the right thing? The secretary of state should be the one to whom you listen and trust, not someone who is willing to do anything, no matter how underhanded, to win. Be fair. Have integrity. Do what you know is right. Do not be afraid of the blowback. Do not be intimidated. Stand up and hold your head high. Think of those who go through great lengths to get registered correctly and to get to the polls regardless of how difficult, trusting that their vote will count. Reflect on the responsibility with which you have been entrusted, and any oaths you have taken. Know that God sees the heart and intention of all we do. He is the only one whose approval you should seek. Please respond with an explanation for the rule changes, and the honest motivation behind them.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Cummings, a concerned voter



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Fulton County Monitoring Team - NO to Ryan Germany and the Carter center

1 message

Victoria Cruz <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:10 AM

To: "sepubliccomments@sos.ga.gov" <sepubliccomments@sos.ga.gov>

Cc: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Dear Chairman Fervier and SEB members:

There must be a monitoring board to closely monitor Fulton County's election processes in the upcoming 2024 General Election. However, I strongly oppose any involvement of Ryan Germany or the Carter Center in that monitoring process.

Germany and the SOS have lied repeatedly to the American people and to Congress, saying that the election was the most secure in Georgia's history, despite the undeniable evidence of malfeasance, such as that outlined in SEB2023-25 (the Joe Rossi/Kevin Moncla investigation), ballot drop box stuffing, missing ballot images, and many thousands of invalid voter registrations.

Ryan Germany played the "fixer" in the aftermath of the 2020 debacle by:

1. opposing any forensic audits of the malfunctioning Dominion machines in Coffee County,
2. accusing six witnesses who swore they saw 10s of thousands of fraudulent absentee ballots during the FC hand recount of deceit and fabrication,
3. perpetuating falsehoods about the infamous Trump/Raffensperger phone call,
4. Burying the report of 2020 election monitor Carter Jones who witnessed repeated, unobserved absentee ballot scanning at State Farm Arena.

Germany has been showcased by David Becker of CEIR (Center for Election Innovation and Research), a disgraced partisan activist attorney, who was ejected from the Department of Justice for blatantly working against the interests of the DOJ. In one collaboration, Germany and Becker extolled the virtues of Automatic Voter Registration which has contributed to the swelling and inaccuracy of GA's voter rolls. David Becker's Frankenstein monster, ERIC, does NOT help Georgia clean its voter rolls. In contrast, ERIC and Becker's CEIR add many more registrations than they ever remove.

Nor should the **Carter Center** be allowed yet again to interject itself into Georgia's elections. This group is quite left of center on election issues and receives its massive funding largely from left leaning and globalist corporations. It also collaborates closely with the Chinese Communist Party and the United Nations - neither of which have the best interests of our Republic at heart. For example, in recent years they have compelled former president Jimmy Carter to walk back the finding of the Carter-Baker Commission that **"Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud."** That statement is as true now as it was then, and we find massive abuse of mail voting that is destroying public confidence in our elections.

Instead, the State Election Board should appoint a truly bipartisan group of election integrity experts that does not include any of the previous monitors who have obviously not done enough to improve the infamous election performance of Fulton County. The County should not be allowed to continue to sweep its failures under the rug. The rest of Georgia is tired of being blamed for what Fulton does.

Athens, GA
Oconee County



Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

FW: Curling Proposed Findings

1 message

McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>
To: Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 1:56 PM

I think paragraph 459 is what she is referring to.

From: Bryan Tyson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 10:58 PM
To: McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>; Ryan Germany [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; Carey Miller [REDACTED]; Josh Belinfante <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Curling Proposed Findings

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

All:

Here's your very own copy of the as-filed proposed findings in *Curling*. Guessing we'll get the Plaintiffs' version in a few hours to read about how terrible we are. Have a great weekend and thanks for the help getting through this torture of a trial!

Bryan



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Ghazal Janice W. Johnston Edward.pdf**
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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

No to the Carter center “monitors”

1 message

Marilyn <[REDACTED]>
To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 7:03 PM

I am strongly against the participation of former SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County by the State Election Board. Both Mr. Germany and the Carter Center have made inaccurate statements regarding Georgia's 2020 election security issues in Fulton County. It is crucial to consider the following facts before deciding on a monitoring team:

- Ryan Germany falsely accused a Coffee County Board member of lying about the SOS office's lack of assistance with voting system malfunctions.
- Mr. Germany opposed forensic examinations of the Dominion voting system despite multiple malfunctions during the 2020 General Election.
- He also disputed an audit monitor's affidavit on encountering counterfeit ballots in the November 2020 Fulton County hand count audit, undermining the monitor's credibility.
- The Carter Center failed to catch all the problems described in SEB2023-025.

Having individuals like Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in the monitoring team could undermine the integrity of the monitoring process. The team should be determined solely by the SEB, and any agreement should be between the SEB and Fulton County exclusively.

No no no - we need REAL help - not corrupt democrats Carter center protectorants guarding the cheat. Been there done that in 2020 & 2022.

Marilyn Dunn

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Oppose the involvement of Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in monitoring Fulton County.

1 message

myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

Sun, Oct 13, 2024 at 1:08 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Re: Oppose the involvement of Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in monitoring Fulton County.

Mr. John Fervier,

I am strongly against the participation of former SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County by the State Election Board. Both Mr. Germany and the Carter Center have made inaccurate statements regarding Georgia's 2020 election security issues in Fulton County. It is crucial to consider the following facts before deciding on a monitoring team:

- Ryan Germany falsely accused a Coffee County Board member of lying about the SOS office's lack of assistance with voting system malfunctions.
- Mr. Germany opposed forensic examinations of the Dominion voting system despite multiple malfunctions during the 2020 General Election.
- He also disputed an audit monitor's affidavit on encountering counterfeit ballots in the November 2020 Fulton County hand count audit, undermining the monitor's credibility.
- The Carter Center failed to catch all the problems described in SEB2023-025.

Having individuals like Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in the monitoring team could undermine the integrity of the monitoring process. The team should be determined solely by the SEB, and any agreement should be between the SEB and Fulton County exclusively.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ram Choraqudi

[REDACTED]

Constituent

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Opposing the Proposed Hand Count Rules

1 message

Julie Donovan [REDACTED]
To: saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 6:19 PM

Dear Member of the State Election Board,

I write to you in opposition of two proposed rules seeking to require new hand-counting procedures during advance voting and on Election Day (together the "Hand Count Rules"). To begin with, the introduction of new rules less than 30 days prior to the advance voting period adds additional stress to those individuals who are entrusted with carrying out election procedures. Now is the time to train election workers on the current rules and regulations, *not to add new ones*.

Moreover, these proposed rules are simply ill conceived solutions in search of a problem that does not exist. Instead of adding certainty to validating the count of lawfully cast ballots, this rule introduces *the very real chance of human error*, opens the process up for abuse, and adds considerable workload to elections workers who will already undergo extremely long workdays both during advance voting and on Election Day.

For many years, I was skeptical of the accuracy of our elections. After serving as a poll watcher for both voting days and for the hand recounts in 2020 in multiple counties, I now have great faith in the accuracy of our elections.

This Board is entrusted with taking appropriate actions to ensure "fair, legal and orderly elections". Based on the reasons stated above, I implore you to vote in opposition to the adoption of the proposed Hand Count Rules and ensure that this election is carried out within the parameters of this Board's mandate.

Sincerely,

Julie Donovan

Long time resident of Georgia. **I love it here!**



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 1:03 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Re: Please oppose the involvement of Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in monitoring Fulton County.

Mr. John Fervier,

I am grateful for the recent efforts to ensure a fair election in Georgia. Because of that, I am strongly against the participation of former www SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County by the State Election Board. Both Mr. Germany and the Carter Center have made inaccurate statements regarding Georgia's 2020 election security issues in Fulton County. It is crucial to consider the following facts before deciding on a monitoring team:

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Election integrity requires independent and transparent oversight. Having individuals like Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in the monitoring team could undermine the integrity of the monitoring process. The team should be determined solely by the SEB, and any agreement should be between the SEB and Fulton County exclusively.

Thank you for all of your recent efforts to ensure election integrity!

Sincerely,
David Cartier
Roswell

Sincerely,
Mr. David Cartier

[REDACTED] Constituent

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Please pass the new rules

1 message

Bonnie Chappell 

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 1:37 PM

Please pass these new rules. They are logical and would assure GA voters their vote will count.

Bonnie Chappell
Tucker, GA

a. **Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections - Absentee Ballot Distinction**

Provide for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional and Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.

This rule will help poll workers to distinguish stolen ballots or special ballots that should not be scanned during regular operations

b. **Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots - Chain of Custody**

Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service which offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

This rule will maintain chain of custody of absentee ballot by ensuring they are mailed to intended recipients and returned to election office with auditable trail. This rule could have associated costs but would improve ballot control and deter ballot trafficking

c. **Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results - Hand Counting**

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. Amended to allow an option for poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office.

This rule is important to detect errors between the scanner counts and actual ballots scanned for all Election Day voting.

d. **Rule 183-1-14-.02(8) (13) Advance Voting - Absentee Ballot Hand Counting**

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an advanced in-person scanner ballot box and removing the ballots.

This rule is important to detect errors between the scanner counts and actual ballots scanned for all advance in-person voting. This is a sister to the rule for Election Day scanned ballots.

e. **Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results - Reconciliation Reports**

This one is a mistake. It has already been accepted as a rule.

f. **Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a) Preparation of Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book - Voter Lists**

Requires each county and the SOS to post a freely-accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. Data files shall remain posted and freely available for download for a minimum of 10 consecutive year.

This rule will help deter electronic voter roll manipulation, voter identity theft and ballot box stuffing

g. **Rule 183-1-12-.21 County Participation and Totals Reporting – Daily Reporting**

Requires counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast for each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day

This rule provides better ballot control, more transparency and reduces risk of ballot box stuffing

h. **Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center**

Adds specific election process areas in tabulation center where poll watcher monitoring is allowed. It includes provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, regional or satellite check-in centers and election

reconciliation

The current rule only lists the check-in area, computer room and duplication area for poll watchers.

This rule is important for added election transparency

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k. **Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns**

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This rule is necessary to ensure that original ballot images, audit logs and cast vote records are available for the retention period



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Proposed Rules September 20, 2024 Meeting

1 message

K Mulls [REDACTED]

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 9:10 AM

To: Jan Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

I firmly support the proposed rules before the Committee. These rules will give much needed support, transparency and clarity to existing Georgia election law. It is hard to imagine how anyone interested in free and fair elections could oppose any of them. It is the county's elections departments' mandate to provide an accurate and perfect election return. The proposed rules will enhance their ability to do just that.

On to the issue of an election monitoring team for Fulton County. The very reason an election oversight team was ever considered was due to the fact of documented and very real attempted manipulation of past elections by the Fulton County Elections Department. Both Ryan Germany and the Carter Center have gone on record praising the supposed accuracy and perfect result of the 2020 election. That, in itself, completely disqualifies both entities. If the decision is made, after fully adjudicating the Rossi/ Moncla complaint 2023-25, that we in fact do need a monitoring team, that team should be chosen and approved by THIS Board, in its entirety. Thank You.

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Kevin Muldowney [REDACTED]
Fulton Co. resident
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Davis Cress <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: Davis Cress [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 9:21 AM

Dear GA State Election Board Chair John Fervier,

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You must support election integrity and transparency.

Regards,
Davis Cress

[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Samuel Burns <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: Samuel Burns [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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Regards,
Samuel Burns
[REDACTED]



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Which I'll try to do is not going to work haha you will not disenfranchised voters with those rules the judge paused it God don't like ugly haha

1 message

Asche Smith

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 10:54 PM

To: Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Thank God the judge stepped in and paused what the Republicans who work for Donald Trump because that's who your work for was making all those rules and count ballots so haha what y'all trying to do is not going to work as at the end of the day you know who's in control not Donald Trump but the good Lord up above and he don't like ugly he ain't crazy about beauty but guess what you will not disenfranchise the will of the people haha with that being said good night retrumplings because Donald Trump is paying each and every one of you to do his bidding and his dirty work but it did not work.

Ms.Asche Tihna Smith Jones



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Basic inquiry

1 message

Dave Mullen [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 5:44 PM

Dear Chairman,

Why would three of your members attend a Trump rally? Why would the former president identify them during said rally describing them as "Pitbulls fighting for honesty, transparency and victory," when clearly this would concern any American? How much more should this country normalize members of an elections board attending a rally for a candidate?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Concerned American



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Election board of Georgia

5 messages

Stephanie Mann [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 1:43 PM

Mr. Fervier,

The country has received the news that your board has voted 3-2 in favor of hand counting the votes, possibly causing them to be disqualified. The only reason for this is an attempt to steal the election for Donald Trump. This is not American. This is not how elections are "won" in the United States. Three people do not get to silence 330 million voices because they prefer a misogynistic rapist over a powerful woman of color. This hand counting needs to be reversed and corrected or the legal ramifications for the Georgia Election board as traitors will be historic. It is up to you what you want your legend to be. The whole world is watching.

John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
To: Stephanie Mann [REDACTED]

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 2:26 PM

Ms. Mann:

Thank you for your email. Please note that I vigorously opposed this new rule as did Member Ghazal. Unfortunately, we were outvoted.

Best Regards,
John Fervier
Chairman, State Election Board
[Quoted text hidden]

Stephanie Mann [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 3:09 PM

Thank you. As the chairman, do you have resources to take this to the next level?
[Quoted text hidden]

John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
To: Stephanie Mann [REDACTED]

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 3:54 PM

Ms. Mann:

The courts and the legislature are the only options to reverse what has been done unless the makeup of the Board changes. A future Board could reverse the rule. I doubt that this Board would reconsider the rule.

Best Regards,
John Fervier
[Quoted text hidden]

Stephanie Mann [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 4:20 PM

Thank you. I have let other concerned voters know to voice their complaints (not threateningly) to the three members voting against our country. That is not how democracies are maintained. Thank you for being a patriot.
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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Election Change for Chaos

1 message

Dylan Shrout [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 22, 2024 at 12:10 AM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Considering that election workers feel more endangered after being attacked and defamed after the 2020 election, how would the vote count be more accurate to over-work them by having them hand count votes under such pressure? Why hold up the entire process for the sake of a few potential cases of voter fraud that aren't even close to the vote deficit? Republican votes are more susceptible to voter fraud than Democratic votes. This move declares to be in the name of "election integrity", but it's clear that it's for the opposite. What steps will you take to protect your election workers and support the work they do under the attacks of Trump and his sycophants?



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Hand Count

2 messages

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 5:05 PM

Mr. Chairman,

I know you voted against the hand count, and I applaud you for this. I am a business owner, voter, and active in my community in Jackson County and I am sick and tired of the insanity of the Trumpers. He lost the election! They need to get over it and should be helping to make the votes go smooth, yet your committee create more unnecessary and unpaid for steps for our election workers. The election board should stop listening to the crazy Trump campaign and start helping our state. The party politics is ruining the republican party in Georgia. This should be about what is right vs wrong, not right vs left.

Thank you,

Dan Torbett

Office [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

Fax ([REDACTED])

www.townandcountryagency.com

John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 21, 2024 at 11:45 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Mr. Torbett:

Thank you for your comments. Please know that I agree with you.

Best Regards,
John Fervier

[Quoted text hidden]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Recent decision on hand-counting ballots

1 message

Anthony Kerrap

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 10:39 AM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Board Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

I am a registered voter in Georgia, and I am writing to express my anger and disappointment at the recent decision, on a 3-2 vote, to require counties to hand-count ballots cast on Election Day this November.

This decision is a shameless attempt to suppress the will of the people by putting a thumb on the scale of democracy. The recent decision is ill-advised for a number of reasons, notably for the fact that the state's own legal officials say that the State Election Board does not have the authority for this decision. The (Republican) Board Chairman said: "I want to make on the record that we'll be going against the advice of our legal counsel by voting in the affirmative."

The (Republican) Georgia Secretary of State told NBC News: "Everything that we've done for the last six years has to speed up the process to give the voters the results quicker, and all of a sudden now they're adding an element that it's actually going to take longer." He previously warned that the new rule would cause "chaos."

The (Republican) Attorney General's office sent the Board a letter stating in part that the proposed rules "very likely exceed the Board's statutory authority and in some instances appear to conflict with the statutes governing the conduct of elections." The Senior Assistant Attorney General further added that "[a]s a general matter, the passage of any rules concerning the conduct of elections are disfavored when implemented as close to an election as the rules on the September 20 agenda."

This is a thinly-veiled attempt to sow chaos on election night to usurp the will of the people. If common sense and legal standards prevail, then this decision is nothing more than performative politics that still threaten the very foundations of our democracy. And that requires common sense and legal standards, both of which seem to be in short supply these days.

The three Board members who voted in the affirmative on this agenda item are an abject embarrassment to the great state of Georgia. You should be ashamed of yourselves for doing everything possible to sell this country out for \$1 and five seconds of fame.

The election in 2020 was not stolen, manipulated, or otherwise fraudulent. There was no widespread voter fraud, no duplicate voting, no fake votes. Only fake electors. **Your** fake electors. Where there were local instances of attempted voter fraud in 2020, nearly **every** case involved someone trying to fraudulently vote for Donald Trump. For some reason, that fact doesn't ever get brought up by some Board members. These same Board members like to crow about election integrity and election security incessantly, yet they are the ones taking active steps to engage in voter suppression that threatens our elections.

Furthermore, some Board members should review the Code of Conduct. You are serving on the State Election Board, not the Candidate Election Board, and some Board members should start acting like it. Any reasonable interpretation of the Code of Conduct would acknowledge that the attendance of, and recognition at, a candidate's political rally creates the "appearance of conflict and/or impropriety."

Yours truly,
Anthony Kerrap

Registration Inactive

12 messages

David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 5:51 PM

To: elections@sos.ga.gov, soscontact@sos.ga.gov

Cc: jking.seb@gmail.com, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Hi, I have emailed through your portal multiple times and have not received any response.

I randomly checked my registration and for some reason it said I was inactive. I have not changed anything and I want to know why I was randomly chosen to become inactive.

I am very embarrassed of the spectacle our elections board has made of this process and I do not want any of the biased members to touch my ballot. Especially Janelle King. I would like confirmation that she will not be handling my ballot.

I have been following her hate filled social media presence for a while and I am embarrassed that she is on the election board and embarrassed that she was chosen for that role. Everything she posts and says is so filled with hate and distrust and conspiracy theories and does not represent the values of our state.

She is clearly and extremely biased and partisan and I do not trust her to make rules about this election nor do I trust her to check ballots.

I would like confirmation that Janelle will not be touching my ballot.

When a judge says that new rules "seem to pop up every 20 minutes," there is a problem. I feel like the board is made up of college students scrambling to prepare for a test and the nation is seeing that, and it is making our state look so bad.

If your board members (Janelle) are constantly posting anti Kamala and pro Trump rhetoric, there is obviously a conflict of interest. She clearly has become indoctrinated by Trump and seems to only be working to promote Trump and not a fair election. Just do a simple scroll through her social media and you will see how completely biased she is.

David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 6:26 PM

To: elections@sos.ga.gov, soscontact@sos.ga.gov

Cc: jking.seb@gmail.com, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Sorry for the double email, I meant to ask in my last email, who is paying for the ballots to be hand counted?

As a Christian (I'm not 100% sure what Janelle is) I even understand that this (picture below from Janelle's instagram) was sensationalized and not accurate yet Janelle chose to post this. She peddles misinformation to get likes and that is not something I want in an election board member. Most people grew out of that Instagram mindset years ago.

Janelle, if you read this, the Christians I know who are strong in their faith do not need to sensationalize something like this to prop up their "faith". It shows immaturity and a lack of judgement to post something like this. You say "why are you weak" in your post but I believe the people who peddled this misinformation actually have a weak faith that feel the need to make up a story. But that is my personal opinion.

My reason for bringing this up from a professional perspective (and not a personal opinion) is that Janelle is posting misinformation as an official of the state of Georgia, so how can we trust her to make decisions about a very important election? I just want people making the rules about this election to not be biased and to not post misinformation and to be respectful of both sides and to make reasonable and fair decisions. I dont think that is too much to ask.

Please quit playing games with this election and quit laying the groundwork for something you want to see happen.



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Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>

Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at

To: David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>
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Good evening,

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Kindest Regards,

Tyrell D. Golden, MPA

Voter and Customer Support Specialist

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Wed,

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Also please respond to my other questions

David C. Kowalski

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David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>
To: Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>, soscontact@sos.ga.gov
Cc: "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com" <sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Wed, C

The more that I think about this, the more concerned I am. How in the world can you expect people to make the jump that an inactive status does not make you ineligible to vote? That is clear the elections board has a million rules they would like to change, how come that is not one of them? Do some people on the board not want people to vote? The narrative they are currently trying to show is ripe for fraud but this feels like they are trying to keep people from voting.

I would like to know *how* my status was changed to inactive with no input from me. This is incredibly important and I want a response to why it was changed.

If the board is so absolutely dead set on hand counts (which is not more safe and not more accurate but the will of the people of the state do not matter to them) why are they not concerned about showing inactive? You can't cherry pick rules and make the process more confusing and less safe. That is the opposite of your job.

I didn't ask *who* was responsible for hiring and compensating, I asked *how* it would be paid. Please respond accordingly.

And you did not address any of my concerns about Janelle. Every single person I have talked to about this, is concerned mainly about her. Her reputation in Atlanta is so poor that people are the election purely based on her input. I know a bad reputation is subjective and you can take that as my opinion but objectively she is extremely biased and spews misinformation and I want to know if she is so divisive.

How do you reconcile her clearly biased views and her posting misinformation? That is not the type of person that is fit to be making rules about elections. We need people who are fair and a quick glance at her social media will tell you she is not fair nor is she unbiased.

The members that are vying for hand counts (Janelle, Janice and Rick) might be as biased and sneaky as Janelle but I think they are past the age of using Instagram or social media so I am not concerned about the extent of their bias but Janelle chooses to post the wildest theories and misinformation.

As a taxpayer in Atlanta I would like to know if the board thinks the 2020 election was free and fair and that Biden won. I have copied all of them on here and would like to hear a response.

The board who is copied here, please let me know if you believe the election in 2020 was fair and free and that Biden won. I know you have a lot going on but this is so important that the board should know the election was real. I will be following up every day if I do not hear from you and will contact Brad Raffensperger if I do not get a response. Your job is to serve the people of this state and if you don't email, I would consider that a red flag.

The board is making a mockery of our election process and bringing bias and chaos into it and as a citizen of this state I want to know the answers to the questions above.

<https://www.nytimes.com/video/us/elections/10000009726154/why-georgias-election-board-is-being-sued.html> (Janelle, Janice and Rick, you're famous for all the wrong reasons! You might think hand counting and vague rules are the right thing but hand counting and vague rules are not the right thing and do not make things more secure. I would encourage you to rethink that)

Please let me know why my status was changed and please answer my concerns about the board and please answer if you think the election was stolen.

Thanks.

On Oct 2, 2024, at 7:53 PM, Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

Good evening,

You are eligible to vote in an inactive status. After your ballot is accepted by the county elections office, your status will change back to active. If you would like for your status to change before, you may submit a voter registration application. After it is processed (even if there is no change in the information provided) your status will change to active. [Home | GA](#)
County administration is responsible for hiring and compensating poll workers.

Kindest Regards,

Tyrell D. Golden, MPA
Voter and Customer Support Specialist
[\[image001.png\]](#) Georgia Secretary of State | Elections Division
Office: 404-656-2871

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From: David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:26 PM
To: Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>; SOS Contact <soscontact@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: jking.seb@gmail.com; jfervier.seb@gmail.com; sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com; jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com; rjeffares.seb@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Registration Inactive

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the GA SOS organization! Do not click links, open attachments or reply, unless you recognize the sender's email address and know the content is safe!

Sorry for the double email, I meant to ask in my last email, who is paying for the ballots to be hand counted?

As a Christian (I'm not 100% sure what Janelle is) I even understand that this (picture below from Janelle's instagram) was sensationalized and not yet Janelle chose to post this. She peddles misinformation to get likes and that is not something I want in an election board member. Most people grew up with that Instagram mindset years ago.

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Please quit playing games with this election and quit laying the groundwork for something you want to see happen.

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Cc: jking.seb@gmail.com, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Wed, Oct 2, 2020

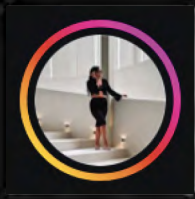
Not a rhetorical question, and please actually answer the question.

Does this concern you at all?

I posted a story today about discovering that I was inactive and other people are saying the same thing. I can bet you a lot of money that those people do not know that inactive means you can't vote.

Does this concern you at all? Or are you more concerned about making the election less secure and more chaotic?

11:19



Savannah Hol... >

Active 12m ago



11:01 PM

Replied to your story

Hey Georgia friends (and other friends!), please make sure and check your voter registration. I (David) randomly checked mine and it was listed as inactive. This link will tell you if you are active

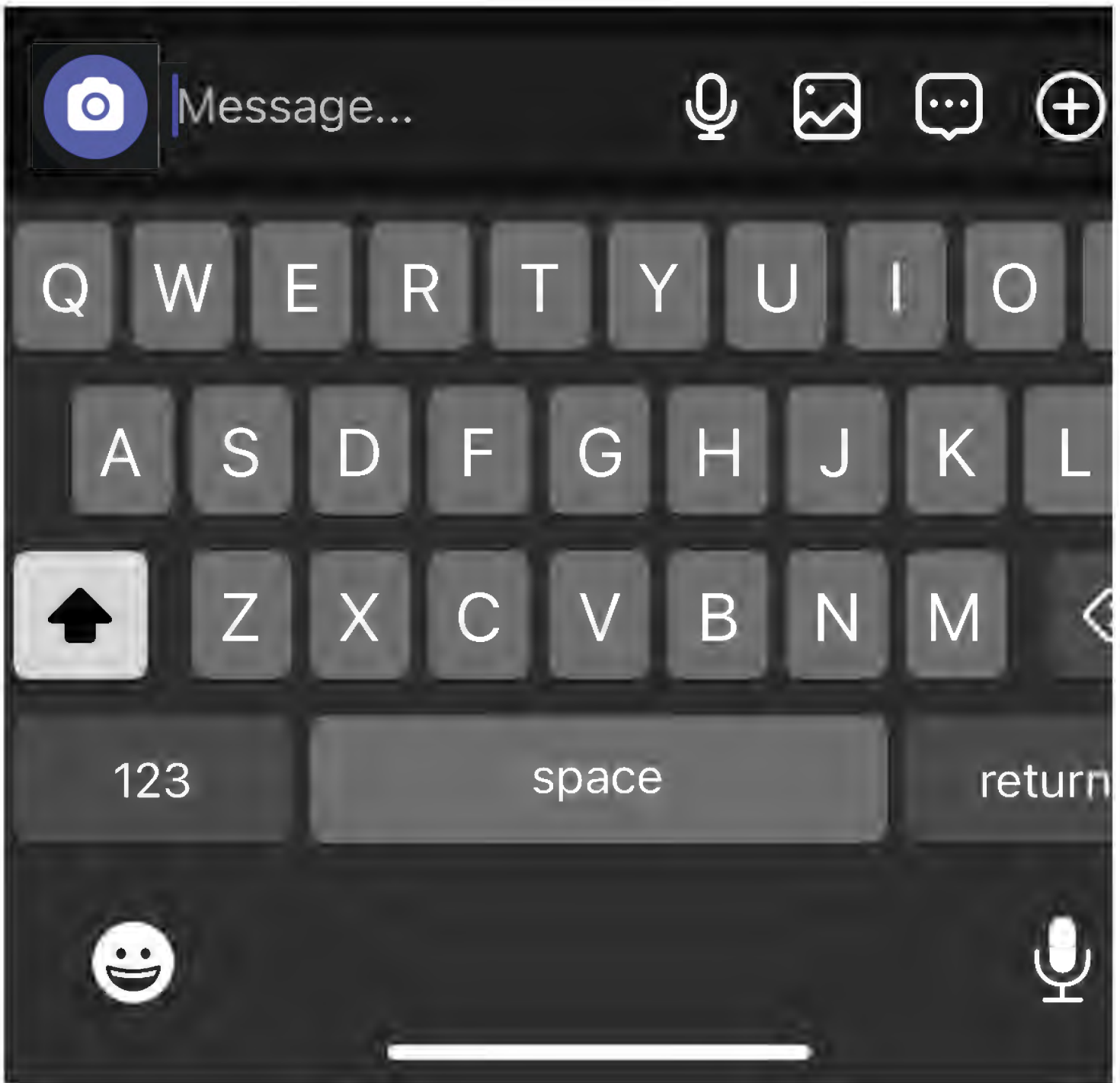
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[@secretarybradraffensperger](#)

Omg thanks I was inactive and didn't know it lol



Swipe up to turn on vanish mode



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Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at

To: David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>
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kindest regards,

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David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 10:05 AM

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PLEASE just answer the questions. I will file a complaint but please answer why my status changed to inactive. It is intentionally misleading and unethical to assume that people will know that inactive means you can still vote.

On Oct 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

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David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 11:13 AM

To: Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>, soscontact@sos.ga.gov, RSinners@sos.ga.gov
Cc: "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com" <sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Tyrell,

You are going to have to help with this. There is no section for complaints about board members that promote misinformation and make elections less safe. Where is that on the complaint section?

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Sinners, Robert <RSinners@sos.ga.gov>

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 11:16 AM

To: David Kowalski <[REDACTED]>, Elections <Elections@sos.ga.gov>, SOS Contact <soscontact@sos.ga.gov>
Cc: "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com" <sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Hi Mr. Kowalski,

As I indicated in our previous correspondence, I am more than happy to give you a phone call today to discuss your voter registration status! Just let me know a good phone number for you.

Thank you,



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Robert
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David Kowalski Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 11:26 AM
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Thanks for making that available. I have SO many questions, especially about the board but none of them respond to emails.
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David Kowalski Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 11:59 AM
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Robert,

I really appreciate you taking the time today with the phone call, thank you for responding. In a perfect world, the board would be brave enough to respond but I appreciate you fielding questions.
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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Rigged voting!

1 message

Mrs. Terry Commean [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 22, 2024 at 2:09 AM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

America is so divided at this point we all heard former President Trump call and try to find 11,000 votes because he couldn't believe that he had lost the election! What you are doing with going to hand, counting votes is trying to set up a Trump win by not being able to get this done in the timely manner that it should be done as it has been done for tons of years in Georgia. My mother, my grandmother and my uncle all lived in Georgia and my mother has passed and my grandmother has passed, but this is not the way to handle an election and it's disgusting what you're doing and when in all Republican board sets up something like this, I have to believe that this board is compromise , and trying to favor a republican winner even if he doesn't win I pray that they take you to court. This is wrong on every single Avenue. Y'all should be ashamed of yourselves for what you've done with trying to rig the voting you need to fix this and make it right .

Theresa Commean. [REDACTED]

My family lived in Dahlonega and my uncle still lives in Dawsonville and I have cousins who live in the southern part of the state and my aunt who lives in the southern part of the state. I was thinking of moving to Georgia because Florida is so awful and we have DeSantis here who is doing everything he can to destroy Florida.



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

'Rudy Giuliani disbarred in DC after pushing Trump's false 2020 election claims'

1 message

Trvlr [REDACTED] Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 5:08 PM
To: Mark Reynolds [REDACTED]

maga RU Fascist republican Crooks!

Grooming Kids With Anti-Jesus' Teachings To Lie, Cheat & Steal!

'His advocacy of Trump's **false election claims has also led to criminal charges**. He's also facing financial ruin after a **jury last year awarded \$148 million in damages** to two former Georgia election workers who sued him for defamation over lies he spread about them in 2020.'

<https://apnews.com/article/rudy-giuliani-disbarred-dc-washington-2020-election-trump-new-york-f555f010338fddb0b0cbeb4a11d73d>



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Support Election Integrity!

1 message

CLAUDIA JONES [REDACTED]

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 6:34 PM

Reply-To: CLAUDIA JONES [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Dear GA State Election Board Chair John Fervier,

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You must support election integrity and transparency.

Regards,

CLAUDIA JONES
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

Linda Lavelle Bennett [REDACTED] >

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 6:37 PM

Reply-To: Linda Lavelle Bennett [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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Regards,
Linda Lavelle Bennett
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

Lora Lea [REDACTED] >

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 6:40 PM

Reply-To: Lora Lea [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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Regards,
Lora Lea

[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

lori kopczyk [REDACTED]

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 6:53 PM

Reply-To: lori kopczyk [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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Regards,
lori kopczyk

[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

Robert Sayre

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 11:32 PM

Reply-To: Robert Sayre

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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You must support election integrity, transparency, the people of Georgia as well as the American people by protecting their votes and by preventing and/or eliminating unlawful votes.

Regards,
Robert Sayre





John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Laurie Schneider [REDACTED]
Reply-To: Laurie Schneider [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 10:00 PM

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Regards,
Laurie Schneider
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

Kerry DuPont <[REDACTED]>
Reply-To: Kerry DuPont [REDACTED]
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Sep 28, 2024 at 3:13 AM

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Regards,
Kerry DuPont
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Today's communications from outside your district

1 message

myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 8:00 PM

Re: Today's communications from outside your district

Mr. John Fervier,

This is a message from OneClickPolitics.com

You've received a communication from a voter outside of your district.

Rather than forward each of them to you, we've compiled them into a summary:

1 users sent the message:

I am strongly against the participation of former SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County by the State Election Board. Both Mr. Germany and the Carter Center have made inaccurate statements regarding Georgia's 2020 election security issues in Fulton County. It is crucial to consider the following facts before deciding on a monitoring team:

- Ryan Germany falsely accused a Coffee County Board member of lying about the SOS office's lack of assistance with voting system malfunctions.
- Mr. Germany opposed forensic examinations of the Dominion voting system despite multiple malfunctions during the 2020 General Election.
- He also disputed an audit monitor's affidavit on encountering counterfeit ballots in the November 2020 Fulton County hand count audit, undermining the monitor's credibility.
- The Carter Center failed to catch all the problems described in SEB2023-025.

Having individuals like Ryan Germany and the Carter Center in the monitoring team could undermine the integrity of the monitoring process. The team should be determined solely by the SEB, and any agreement should be between the SEB and Fulton County exclusively.

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Sincerely,
One Click Politics

Constituent

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Vote NO on including Ryan Germany and Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County

6 messages

myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>
Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 12:05 PM

Re: Vote NO on including Ryan Germany and Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County

Mr. John Fervier,

Please READ These are Solid rules to make our Elections secure and the make the voters Confident that their voice has been heard. This is NON PARTISAN WE ALL WANT TO BE CONFIDENT IN OUR SYSTEM AND OUR ELECTIONS. I am writing to oppose any involvement by former SOS legal counsel, Ryan Germany, and the Carter Center in the State Election Board's (SEB) monitoring of Fulton County.

Both the SOS and Mr. Germany have falsely claimed that Georgia's 2020 election was "secure" and that there were no substantive problems in Fulton County.

Here are a few facts to understand prior to making a monitoring decision:

- On December 10, 2020, Ryan Germany wrote a letter to the lead SOS investigator falsely claiming that a Coffee County Board member lied when he testified before the House Government Affairs Committee on December 10, 2020, that the SOS office would not assist the county with major voting system malfunctions that the Coffee County board experienced when trying to certify the 2020 General Election.
- After numerous malfunctions were found during the 2020 General Election, Mr. Germany led the opposition to forensic examinations of the Dominion voting system.
- Mr. Germany also falsely claimed that an audit monitor fabricated an affidavit in which the monitor described the counterfeit ballots he witnessed in the November 2020 Fulton County hand count audit. There were other witnesses to the audit monitor's claims.

A monitoring team involving the SOS office, Ryan Germany or any of his selected team members including Matt Mashburn and the Carter Center would compromise the integrity of the desired monitoring activities.

The Carter Center also failed in 2020. They overlooked all the problems described in SEB2023-025.

The monitoring team should be solely comprised of members determined by the SEB. The agreement should be exclusively between the SEB and Fulton County.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Hall

[REDACTED] Constituent

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Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 5:09 PM

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Mrs. Cami Nail

[REDACTED] Constituent

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myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 5:40 PM

Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

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Many conflicts of interest. This proposal should be dissolved immediately!

Sincerely,
Alexa Finke

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alexa Finke

[REDACTED] Constituent

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[REDACTED] Constituent

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Vote NO on including Ryan Germany and Carter Center in the monitoring of Fulton County

1 message

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Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 11:54 PM

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Cobb County Board of Election and Registration v. State Election Board

1 message

Michael A. Caplan [REDACTED] Wed, Oct 2, 2024 at 5:07 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: Brandon Waddell <[REDACTED]>, Daniel White <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Nikhel Sus <[REDACTED]>, Elizabeth Young <eyoung@law.ga.gov>

Chairman Fervier,

Good afternoon and I hope this finds you well.

Our firm represents the Cobb County Board of Elections. This afternoon, we filed the attached lawsuit against the State Election Board seeking a court determination regarding the validity of the rules passed by the State Election Board on Sep. 30.

Earlier, I forwarded a copy of the lawsuit to Beth Young at the Attorney General's office, but I understand the Election Board has not yet formally identified counsel.

I wanted to provide you a courtesy copy of the lawsuit as well as contact you to ask whether we could arrange to formally serve the State Election Board with process. We do not want to inconvenience you in any respect, but we are hoping to perfect service as soon as practicable.

If you have identified counsel, please feel free to forward my email along to your counsel. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working toward a final resolution of this matter.

Best regards,

Mike Caplan
Counsel to the Cobb County Board of Elections and Registration

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2 attachments

 2024-10-02 Case Initiation Form.pdf
175K

 2024-10-02 Cobb v SEB Petition.pdf
3254K



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Comment requested for ProPublica article / Response needed by 1 EST on Friday, 10/4

1 message

Doug Clark

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 9:37 PM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Dear Chairman Fervier,

I'm reaching out because ProPublica will soon be publishing an article that includes the GA State Election Board and the recent controversies over rules it has passed regarding certification of the election. We would like you to be aware of the material we're considering for publication, and we would like to include your responses. We want to have a full understanding of any points or material you'd like for us to consider. Please respond by 1 p.m. EST on Friday, Oct. 4, to make sure your answers are considered.

1) It is our understanding that the certification rules are the result of a years-long effort by Trump allies to get a MAGA majority on the State Election Board to pass rules that would give conservative county boards unprecedented power over the certification of votes in their counties. Lawyers for the Democratic National Committee and other Democratic groups have argued that the certification rules, especially the so-called "Grubbs Rule," could be used to discount Democratic votes. One argued in a brief that county board members "will attempt to delay, block, or manipulate certification according to their own political preferences" by invoking the rule "to challenge only certain types of ballots or returns from certain precincts as fraudulent." Do you have any comments or clarifications? Do you or the State Election Board have any comment on whether the rules could be used to not certify Democratic votes? Do you have any comment on the bench trial conducted earlier this week about the rules and their legality?

Call anytime: [REDACTED]. Best,

Doug Bock Clark --

www.dougbockclark.com

<https://www.propublica.org/people/doug-bock-clark>

Make America great again!

1 message

Mosheā John Jones 


21:52



September 13, 2024 at 21:51

**Save America ;
Ambassador to
Israel appointment
by the president of
the United States
Donald John
Trump ; *id est* Make
America great**

again!



SECONDDATE

- SECONDDATE is an exploitation technique that takes advantage of web-based protocols and man-in-the-middle (MitM) positioning.
- SECONDDATE influences real-time communications between client and server and can quietly redirect web-browsers to FA servers for individual client exploitation.
- This allows mass exploitation potential for clients passing through network choke points, but is configurable to provide surgical target selection as well.

FOXACID these days...

- XSS is becoming less and less viable with each passing day. It's just too hard to develop and too easy to circumvent. Because of this (and other technical/OPSEC issues), the bulk spam mission is becoming less and less viable as well.
- The new exploit hotness is Quantum. Certain Quantum missions have a success rate as high as 80%, where spam is less than 1%.
- So, as spam and in-line XSS slowly fade away, the new exploit development push is for those utilizing MitM or MotS capabilities, as well as many other very unique techniques.
- Bottom line – if we can get the target to visit us in some sort of web browser, we can probably own them. The only limitation is the “how”

WILLOWVIXEN

WILLOWVIXEN is a technique that permits exploitation by having the target browse to a website by clicking on a link in an email that we sent. The WILLOWVIXEN server receives the contact from the target and performs a redirection.





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Department of Health & Human Services
Office of Inspector General

Moshea J Jones
Auditor

Whose signature and photograph appear below is a duly appointed employee of the Office of Inspector General, and is authorized to perform the duties of said office in accordance with the laws of the United States and the regulations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet.

His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object. It being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country.

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Y. L.
Arthur Balfour

June 28, 2021

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Sent from my iPhone

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I live in deeds, not years; In thought, not breath; In service, not in figures on the dial. I count time
they beat for God, for humans, for duty. One lives most who thinks most, is noblest, acts the best

'Michigan newspaper issues correction after Trump claims he won Man of Year award'

1 message

Trvlr [REDACTED] Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:17 PM
To: Mark Reynolds [REDACTED]

maga RU Fascist republican Convicted Felon Criminal Convicted FRAUDSTER!
Lock Him Up!

Grooming Kids To Lie & Commit Crime Against America!

'..Trump was never named "Man of the Year."'

'...[news conference](#) Tuesday, Mayor Rob Rue said that a visit from the former president and convicted felon would be too much for local authorities to handle as they grapple with the [fallout](#) from false rumors about [Haitian immigrants](#) capturing and eatings pets, ducks, and geese.'

**MAGA Launches Most Unbelievable Conspiracy Yet—on Migrants Eating Pets**

Republicans are straight up losing their minds with their racist conspiracy theories.



After false pet claims, Springfield mayor says Trump visit would be 'an ...

The Ohio city has responded to dozens of bomb threats that have led to closings and evacuations of schools and C...

The [2013 article](https://thehill.com/homenews/4928489-trump-michigan-man-year-correction/) now has an editor's note at the top "setting the record straight."

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

RE: Fulton County BRE Petition for Declaratory Relief

3 messages

Allen, Sherri <Sherri.Allen@fultoncountyga.gov>
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 8:00 PM

Dear Chairman Fervier,

Here is a copy of the Petition for Declaratory Relief that was filed today. When a file-stamped copy is received from the court, I will forward it.

Sincerely,

Sherri Allen
Chair, Fulton County BRE

2 attachments

 **Verified Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief without exhibits.pdf**
310K

 **Exhibits Combined.pdf**
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jfervier.seb@gmail.com <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
Draft

Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 7:10 AM

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From: Allen, Sherri <Sherri.Allen@fultoncountyga.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 8:00:59 PM
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
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Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Peter Bailey [REDACTED]

Thu, Oct 3, 2024 at 5:28 PM

Reply-To: Peter Bailey [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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The Breach of Codes by Board Members

1 message

Arthur George

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, oig@ga.gov, soscontact@sos.ga.gov

Good Morning Sir:

As a last resort to express my concerns to you and members of the State Board of Election during Friday's official meeting, I was rather disappointed that no response was received. I began making requests in August, But the process is an impossible task. The attendants cannot be reached by phone or email. Online applications are not responded to. That is why I sent my request to you to schedule time on the public comment agenda.

Please know that I appreciate your comments and position taken on the major changes that will impact the upcoming election. I concur that the timing falls outside of the critical preparations process.

My concerns are somewhat different from most complaints that come before the Board. My concerns are to register complaints against the three (3) members of your Board who have betrayed and compromised the integrity of Georgia's Fair elections process. The prevailing Georgia Code of Ethics requires that members present or create "any appearance of conflict, impropriety of Conflict of Interest."

The Board has complete oversight of the elections held in Georgia, and to that end, the Board and its members are enjoined to remain neutral in its conduct and actions. This has not been the case with members of your current Board. There is clear and visible evidence, they have allowed an active candidate in this current election cycle to portray The "Georgia State Board of Elections" as a pawn in this political season.

The irrefutable comments of the candidate suggests several disturbing issues:

1. The candidate has engaged in a concerted effort to know which members of the Board are "fighting" for him. The candidate called each of them by name during his Atlanta rally. One member is captured on video.
2. That Same member is seated in the exclusive reserved seating area of the arena. The seat has a "value attached to it."
3. The candidate referred to the members as "3 pit bulls." This gives the voting public, the appearance that the actions of the Board are under the control of the candidate.

None of these members have denounced the candidate's comments. Even during the Friday press briefing, they refrained from addressing the candidate's characterization of the Board. Again, the appearance that they are in support of the candidate and not the voters of Georgia.

Another member of the Board has allowed himself to be another point of concern by voicing his availability for the specific position of Southeastern Director of EPA. in the new administration. A position of value, giving the appearance of impropriety, as well as the conflict of interest, which has its own set of rules, regulations and guidelines.

In each of the areas of concern, violations of significant proportions have occurred. These members in their righteous indignation have refused to accept any legal advice regarding statute or implementation. Here again, we find a major oversight to the approved changes, Educating the public! Prevailing statutes require this component.

Please know that I have registered my concerns with the Office of the Inspector General, August 2024. It appears that abuse of the positions held by these members are concerning. The actions taken have compromised the integrity of Georgia's fair elections process and the use of taxpayer dollars to redress the legal challenges will constitute issues of waste and fraud.

Finally, these members should have a closer examination because their actions and activities have raised the suspicion of how they represented themselves, and if State funds were used to underwrite any of those expenses.

I believe that the actions of these individuals have compromised their abilities to fairly represent the voting public. I believe that their action will result in the complete suppression of my vote, and hundreds of thousands of other Georgia Voters.

Thank you,
Arthur George

cc: Brad Raffensburger, Secretary of State
Nigel Lange, Office of Inspector General, State of Georgia
Georgia Senator John Ossoff
Georgia Senator Raphael Warnock

In the essence of time, I have attached my August request for your information and review. I also do not this request to lay dormant on anyone's desk.

Thank you,
Arthur George

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to inspector.general

Good Afternoon,

I sent the original email in the confidential mode. Hopefully, I have removed it and you should be able to access it.

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Arthur George

On Wed, Aug 14, 2024 at 4:36 PM Arthur George wrote:

Attention : The Honorable Nigel Lange
Inspector General, State of Georgia

Dear Sir,

My name is Arthur George. I am a registered Georgia voter, and have been so since 1964. I am submitting my concerns because there is a clear and irrefutable breach of the prevailing Georgia Code of Ethics. This breach is of great concern to me because it was committed by members of the State Board of Elections. I have placed this communication in the confidential mode for your information and use.

I was troubled by the missteps of their obvious failing to adhere to the requirements of the State's Open Meetings Act. This was discovered by the local media. The next action taken was members of the Board of Elections attending the Donald Trump Atlanta rally, Saturday, August 2, 2024.

The most concerning issue was during the rally, Donald Trump comments announcing to the crowd that "members of the State Board of Elections were present. As he walked to the area of the reserved section where the members were located during the crowded rally, he continued the acknowledgement and read the names of the three (3) Republican members, and gave the inference they were present.. The members acknowledged his shout out and were on camera waving with great enthusiasm.

Trump's comments, as reported in the Wall Street Journal, suggests that there is a bridge of assurance, a connection, between his campaign and the Georgia State Board of Elections. He is quoted, *"I don't know if you've heard, but the Georgia State Board of Elections is in a very positive way."* As Donald Trump turned and walked toward the podium, he said words to the effect, *"These are our warriors in this fight!"* He then returns to the podium saying as reported by The New York Times, *"Three pit bulls fighting for honesty, transparency, and victory!"* The attending crowd went wild with applause and shouts. The Board members made no effort to demonstrate their distinction for being an independent citizen, and not a sitting Board member with oversight and assurances for a fair election process.

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The following Wednesday, August 14, these members orchestrated an action during the official meet that significantly altered the standing procedures that local county election boards have followed for decades without exception. All of these actions are suspect and strongly suggest impropriety the compromise the integrity of the State's election process that the Board is charged with oversight. In review and consideration of all of these events and factors preclude any possibility that significant breaches and misconduct has occurred.

Procedurally, I went to the Board's website, but the investigation/complaint does not address the conduct of the Board members. The contacts with other State offices were somewhat dismissive of my concerns. I realized that you are the independent investigative factfinder for the State of Georgia. That in fact, you are the safeguard to address these issues. I, therefore, submit my concerns for your review and consideration. My concerns are as follows:

A. The Code of Ethics charges its members to "avoid any appearance or conflict or impropriety." Without question, members of the Georgia Board of Elections willingly, and intentionally attended the political rally for a candidate which they have oversight. It is clear from the location in the arena, they were afforded and received privileged seating and accommodations during that rally and certainly confirms the violation specifically relating :avoiding any appearance or conflict of interest provision in the written Georgia Codes.

B. The official actions taken during Wednesday's official meeting now becomes highly suspicious as to how the action to change standard operating procedures 90 days prior to an election for which they have oversight garners, or should garner the conscience minds that something is amiss. It appears that the unspoken, but clear intent is to cause a series of chaos among the 159 counties of Georgia. The ultimate unthinkable consequence is the Secretary of Georgia will be precluded from providing a certification to the Congress of the United States in the 2024 Presidential Election should the candidate of their choice fails to receive sufficient votes from the 159 individual County Boards.

C. Timing and sequence of events are suspect as well. The Board of Elections has had more than sufficient time to implement such changes since the 2020 election. In pursuing the course of action presented in the communication, they eluded the provision of the Code **"to educate the public."** Failing to adhere to important removes the prevailing requirement of ensuring a fair election process.

Coincidentally, these actions took place after the GOP Convention. This raises several more questions if in fact, any of the sitting Board members attended. If so, under what credentials were used? If as a Board member rather than a general attendee, perhaps there would be no issue. If, however, they were in fact attending and credentialed accordingly, an significant violation has occurred and should warrant a full investigation from your office before this issue becomes a national media frenzy.

D. The appearance of conflicts of interest have been committed both individually and collectively that has served to undermine the State's status of conducting oversight of fair elections is severely compromised in the eyes of the voting public, and increased scrutiny on the polices, procedures, and capacity to conduct fair and impartial elections.

E. The Board member, Ms King dismissed her concern about the potential use of the States revenues to pay for costly litigation in pursuit of yet another to open an investigation of Fulton County 2020 election.

F. None of the three sitting Board members have refuted, denounced, or made any public statements to the voters of Georgia to provide their impartiality to their independence, or dismiss the appearance of consorting with the Trump campaign that they are in fact, they are the delegated ambassadors of the Trump campaign. After all, they have oversight of the candidate's upcoming election.

G. Finally, and highly suggestive, these members have potentially engaged in questionable behaviors that appear to have participated in discussions or activities either with the candidate or his campaign representatives. In so doing, they have provided either spoken or inferred, which is now realized by the candidate comments,"in a positive way!"
Aside from everything, they have given the clear appearance that as Board members, they have engaged in behaviors with the candidate who is currently indicted by the Fulton County Grand Jury. Those charges are relative to election interference.

I realize that this is a lengthy communication, there are other underlying issues that will surface if a timely intervention does not occur. I further submit to you that the actions of these three (3) sitting Board members, through their intent, willingness to orchestrate a state of utter chaos, designed specifically for this Presidential election is unsettling. Individually and collectively, they have transgressed on the intent and purpose of the Georgia Code of Ethics, Chapter 10 of Title 45 and the Georgia Code Provision of Title 21, thereby they have produced an irretrievable loss of trust and confidence in the fairness of the State of Georgia's election process.

Upon completing your review of this communication, please confirm that you received, and accordingly please apprise me of your concerns with my depiction of events and circumstances.

Thank you for receiving my concerns. If there is a specific form or format required to formally register my concerns, please advise by return email.

Respectfully,

Arthur George

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

what an absolute disgrace

1 message

Andrew [REDACTED]

Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 7:18 PM

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everyone knows what's happening here. Trump is a coward, sore loser, and shameless liar; so he is openly, proudly going into november claiming "i win, or it's stolen". it doesn't matter what rules are changed; Trump will claim a loss is stolen, no matter what. Trump doesn't have the grace, class, or dignity to concede an election loss.

let's use low-IQ, inbred MAGA cultist Janice Johnston as an example. millions of cultist idiots like Janice believe everything Trump does or says; so when Trump loses, and claims "they stole it", she'll be parroting his lies, because these MAGA idiots cannot accept that their cult leader is a loser.

just answer this question for Georgia, Janice; if MAGA wants the election results on election night, why the hell would you put this rule in place, for any reason besides creating chaos?



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Disposition of Case No. SEB2023-025

1 message

Kevin Moncla [REDACTED] >

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 12:24 PM

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AG Carr, Members of the Board:

Please see the attached letter regarding case SEB2023-025 for your review. Please confirm receipt.

All the best,

Kevin M. Moncla
Election Oversight Group, LLC
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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Opposing the Proposed Hand Count Rules

1 message

Kayla Garthus [REDACTED]

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 11:41 PM

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Members of the State Election Board,

I write to you in **opposition** of two **proposed rules seeking to require new hand-counting procedures** during advance voting and on Election Day (together the "Hand Count Rules"). The **introduction of new rules less than 30 days prior to the advance voting period** adds additional stress to those individuals who are entrusted with carrying out election procedures. Now is the time to **train election workers on the current rules and regulations**, not to add new ones.

Moreover, these proposed rules are **ill conceived solutions** in search of a problem that does not exist. Instead of adding certainty to validating the count of lawfully cast ballots, this rule introduces the very real chance of human error, **opens the process up for abuse**, and adds considerable workload to elections workers who will already undergo extremely long workdays both during advance voting and on Election Day.

Additionally, these changes were **pushed through by MAGA election denialists, appointed by political extremists who sought to install fake electors**, like Lt Gv. Burt Jones. This action is distasteful and inappropriate. These members of the board are unqualified to hold their positions and are **NOT cooperative** with our Governor, Sec. of State, the legislature, and the public. One cannot claim to represent the will of the people when one only listens to out-of-state residents, like a defamed, convicted felon, former president Donald Trump, and **select folks** of the Republican Party **who lean towards authoritarianism and Trump's MAGA cult of personality**. Again, these policies will only ensure Georgia is ripe for fraud and only **perpetuate the unsubstantiated claim** that Georgia had an unfair 2020 election.

This Board is entrusted with taking appropriate actions to ensure "fair, legal and orderly elections". Based on the reasons stated above, I **implore you to vote in opposition to the adoption of the proposed Hand Count Rules** and ensure that this election is carried out within the parameters of this Board's mandate.

Sincerely,

Kayla Garthus



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Opposing the Proposed Hand Count Rules

2 messages

Sharon Brewer

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 11:24 PM

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I will be one of those election workers. There is already an atmosphere of anxiety causing many people not to serve as poll workers. The fear of intimidation and distrust of the election process in our state has grown. This is due, in part, to your secret meetings and the public approbation of members of your board by Donald Trump at one of his political rallies. That was grossly inappropriate and ill-received by many people.

This Board is entrusted with taking appropriate actions to ensure "fair, legal and orderly elections." Based on the reasons stated above, I implore you to vote in opposition to the adoption of the proposed Hand Count Rules and ensure that this election is carried out within the parameters of this Board's mandate.

Sincerely,

Sharon Brewer

Dave Brewer <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 11:22 AM

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Members of the State Election Board,

I am a resident of Decatur, GA and a voter for over 40 years.

I write to you in opposition of two proposed rules seeking to require new hand-counting procedures during advance voting and on Election Day (together the "Hand Count Rules"). To begin with, the introduction of new rules less than 30 days prior to the advance voting period adds additional stress to those individuals who are entrusted with carrying out election procedures. Now is the time to train election workers on the current rules and regulations, not to add new ones.

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Sincerely,

David Brewer

Decatur, GA



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Regarding the proposed changes to voting rules

1 message

Elaine Tully

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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Cc: voting@acluga.org

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

My name is Elaine Tully and I am a registered voter in Gwinnett county.

I am writing to urge you to NOT accept any petitions that are currently in the rulemaking phase with the State Election Board.

I especially urge you to reject revision 183-1-12-.12 addressing hand counting ballots in polling places, and revision 183-1-14-.02 addressing hand counting ballots in early vote locations.

It is my firm belief that no petitions should be passed this close to an Election Day as it would result in unnecessary confusion and potential errors in implementation this late in the preparations for election support.

- These new rules would be effective on October 10th. That is just five days before the early vote period begins.
- It is also well after September 17th when counties begin sending absentee ballots to voters.
- Less than 60 days out is far too late to initiate a new rule into the rulemaking phase and if a rule was passed this late, it could lead to significant confusion for voters and burden on local elections administrators.

In addition, the proposed petitions to amend rule 183-1-12-.12 and rule 183-1-14-.02 are unreasonable because:

- It adds extra unnecessary procedures and duties to local elections officials and poll workers.
- Poll worker training will have already begun well before October 10th.
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- This petition is unnecessary and unreasonable, causing further delays to precincts' ability to report election results. Our state takes pride in its effectiveness and efficiency in reporting election results in a timely manner.
- Polling sites already have multiple checks in place to ensure that every ballot is counted without having to hand count the already-scanned paper ballots

This rule directly harms me and all Georgians as legal voters by introducing extra time to process votes as well as increasing the potential for errors in reporting results. As has been repeatedly demonstrated, Georgia processes were already more than sufficient for processing, tallying and reporting results.

Unfortunately it is the SEB's recent actions that are introducing uncertainty, as well as undermining our proven successful processes by giving credence to the partisan and proven false narrative of insecurity in our elections.

Donald Trump lost Georgia- end of story. It wasn't an error in voting process and procedure. It was because people didn't vote for him as much as they voted for Biden.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2), I request that the Board include this comment in the rulemaking record and, if the Board ultimately adopts the Proposed Rule, we request that it issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption as required by statute.

Signed,

AMERICAN
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Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Nicholas Wiegman [REDACTED]

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 9:58 AM

Reply-To: Nicholas Wiegman [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Dear GA State Election Board Chair John Fervier,

As Chairman of the Georgia State Election Board, I expect you to support transparent and fair elections. It's truly a shame that you invited and gave a platform to an attorney from Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics (CREW) to testify at one of your board meetings.

CREW is the same organization that attempted to illegally kick President Trump off the Colorado presidential ballot. This radical, Soros-funded group is also asking for Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito to resign.

Your record on transparency has been horrible. Why would you cancel in-person meetings of the Georgia State Election Board? There has been no record of violence or disruption. Is it because board members that fight for election transparency and confidence get cheers and your efforts to shut them down get boos?

You must support election integrity and transparency.

Regards,
Nicholas Wiegman
[REDACTED]



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Support Election Integrity!

1 message

Linda Reinhardt [REDACTED]

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 10:52 AM

Reply-To: Linda Reinhardt [REDACTED]

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

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Nicholas Wiegman
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Troubled by Petitions

1 message

Kimberly Broerman [REDACTED]

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 9:47 PM

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Cc: "voting@acluga.org" <voting@acluga.org>

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

My name is Kimberly Broerman and I am a registered, active voter in Dekalb County.

I am writing to urge you to not accept any petitions that are currently in the rulemaking phase with the State Election Board and would go into effect on October 10, 2024. I especially urge you to reject revision 183-1-12-.12 addressing hand counting ballots in polling places and revision 183-1-14-.02 addressing hand counting ballots in early vote locations.

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I have always believed our Georgia elections were free and fair, and have had nothing but positive experiences voting in our elections. But the laws already passed by our GA legislature since the 2020 election have made me more leery, and these recent proposals sound suspicious and harmful to our election procedures. Why would you want to sow more confusion and distrust in our elections when we are all already on edge due the 2020 shenanigans (and by that I mean Trump and MAGA Republicans crying fraud, when there was none, and pushing the BIG LIE, leading to the insurrection, and almost thwarting the democratic norm of the peaceful transfer of power.)? Please for the love of our country, stop this madness!

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2), I request that the Board include this comment in the rulemaking record and, if the Board ultimately adopts the Proposed Rule, we request that it issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption as required by statute.

Concerned,

Kimberly Broerman
Spiritual Director
Deep Waters Center for Prayer and Exploration
[REDACTED]

I would like to hear your experience of God, you little and great, frail and glorious person, you who are living and struggling in this holy and confusing piece of flesh right now, in this day and age, at this moment. I would like to sit at your feet to hear the story of how God comes to you. -Macrina Wiedekehr

June 18, 2024

Georgia State Election Board
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(via hand delivery)

Re: Petition for Amendment of Recount Rule 183-1-15-.03

Dear Election Board Members:

As discussed at the May 8, State Election Board Meeting, Coalition for Good Governance is resubmitting our Proposed Amendment for the Recount Rule. We have slightly modified the proposal and have highlighted those proposed text changes in gray highlight on the attached Exhibit. Specifically we made these changes after we observed the discretionary hand count in the Coffee County the May primary and noted issues that might recur.

We received the Board's letter declining the previous petition presented in May and wish to address a few of those topics:

1) Concern About Accuracy of Hand Counts. We are CGG believe that generally ballots should be counted in the original count by scanner/tabulator and audited with hand counts. A primary goal of a recount is to detect any discrepancies in the machine count. If erroneous programming is affecting the accuracy in some machines or some ballot styles, recounting by machine ***will fail to meet the primary goal of the recount—achieving an accurate count.***

2) Manual recounts of the human readable text are legally required. As stated in our previous letter that follows below, the recount method is required by statute to be the as the post-election audit method—a manual count of the printed text. If the official results of a recount are required to be the machine count, there is no legally permitted method to achieve an accurate tabulation if there are programming problems or electronic manipulation. It is quite feasible for the scanner to “pass” the limited Recount L&A and still generate outcome-changing errors if the system

has been improperly programmed.

The problem is further underscored by Georgia's unusual post-election audit law that does not provide for an official manual recount in the event that the post-election audit determines that the wrong winner has been declared because of machine errors. Unlike other states, Georgia law does not require or permit a correction of a wrongly determined outcome detected by audit other than through expensive litigation after certification. Permitting a discretionary recount conducted manually before final certification could resolve most such issues. But requiring the recount to be machine-based will just repeat the machine error and still achieve the wrong official outcome.

3) Training personnel for manual recounts. The state has conducted multiple post-election batch audits in every county. Manual counting of hundreds of thousands of ballots is required. The counties are accustomed to organizing such hand counts.

We appreciate your willingness to reconsider our proposed rule.

Our April 17 letter:

Coalition for Good Governance respectfully submits the attached proposed amendments to the State Election Board Rules under the provisions Rule 183-1-01. We respectfully request that the proposed Rule amendments to the Recount Rules be heard at the next SEB meeting as required by Rule 183-1-1.01(4).

Requirements of Rule 183-1-1-.01(3)

(a) The name and post office address of the petitioner;

Mailing address:

Coalition for Good Governance

Attention: A. Nakamura

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Official corporate address:

Coalition for Good Governance

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) The full text of the rule requested to be amended or repealed, or the full text of the rule desired to be promulgated;

Exhibit 1 attached.

(c) The reason(s) such rule should be amended, repealed, or promulgated;

Purpose of Proposed Rule

The purpose of the proposed rule amendment is to bring the election recount method into compliance with Georgia's recount statute, which requires hand counts for official recounts. The current State Election Board Recount Rule provides for machine tabulation as the default method of recounts which conflicts with O.C.G.A. §21-2-379.23 (d) for BMD ballots. The statute requires:

(d) The paper ballot marked and printed by the electronic ballot marker shall constitute the official ballot and shall be used for, and govern the result in, any recount conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-495 and any audit conducted pursuant to Code Section 21-2-498.

It is clear that the statutory intent is that the BMD ballot printed text constitute the vote for a recount, not the QR code. The vote to be counted in a recount is intended to be consistent with the vote to be counted in an audit. Audit Rule 183-1-15-.04 (2)-4 requires:

For ballots marked by electronic ballot markers, the auditors shall rely on the printed text on the ballot to determine the voter's selection. For ballots marked by

hand, the auditors shall rely on the choices indicated by the voter by filling in the oval adjacent to the candidate or question.

As noted below, the Curling court, the State Election Board itself in its proposed court findings, and the existing SEB Rule concerning what constitutes a vote, all interpret the recount requirement to require manually tabulated recounts.

Given the widespread concerns of the accuracy of the QR code vote, public confidence in election outcomes would increase with the count of human readable text for recounts.

(d) Any and all pertinent existing facts as to the petitioner's interest in the matter;

The petitioner, Coalition for Good Governance, represents its Georgia-based members who are voters with an interest in the accuracy of elections and in public confidence in elections as well as in election administration compliance with state and federal law.

(e) Any and all facts known to the petitioner which might influence the decision of the Board to initiate or not initiate rulemaking, including identification of any parties who it is known will or may be affected by the amended, repealed, or promulgated rule;

All Georgia voters and candidates likely benefit by adoption of a proposed rule requiring compliance with the recount statute, and tabulation of close vote counts by a method independent of the machine QR code tabulation.

In its March 1, 2024 proposed Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in the Curling case, the State Election Board proposed that the Court make a finding that its expert, Dr. Juan Gilbert testified that, “Recounts and audits should be conducted by human inspection of the human-readable portion of the paper ballots,” and that the BMD system conforms with this recommendation. (Doc. 1821 at 108)

Additionally, SEB rule on the definition of a vote 183-1-15-.02(2) includes the following provision, referencing the recount (§21-2-495) and audit (§21-2-498) provisions of the statute.

(j) If, in reviewing an optical scan ballot marked by an electronic ballot marker in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-495 or 21-2-498, a discrepancy is found between the voter's choice indicated by the printed text on the ballot and the result tabulated by the ballot scanner, the printed text shall control and be counted. Nothing herein shall be deemed to disallow the use of ballot scanners for tabulation of ballots.

The use of the printed text is intended to control in a recount. A “discrepancy” in a recount between the printed text tally and the QR code machine tally would not be known without a hand count recount.

(f) Citations of legal authorities, if any, which authorize, support, or require the action requested by the petitioner.

The Court in the Curling v Raffensperger case in which the CGG is a plaintiff and State Election Board members are defendants, has interpreted O.C.G.A. §21-2-379.23 to require manual recounts of votes using the human readable text. The Court’s order notes as follows:

While the scanners count the in-person votes based on the QR codes, in the event of a recount (conducted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495) or an audit (conducted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-498), the human-readable text governs instead of the QR code tabulation. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-379.23(d). (Doc.1705 at 31)

Citations of applicable law: O.C.G.A. § 21–2–379.23; O.C.G.A. § 21–2–495

Please contact me if we may provide more information that would be helpful to the Board.

Best regards,

Marilyn Marks
Executive Director
Coalition for Good Governance

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I, Marilyn Marks, personally appeared before the undersigned public notary, duly authorized to administer oaths, and state under oath that every fact alleged in the Petition for Adoption of Rules dated April 17, 2023 attached hereto is true and correct. The attached petition is submitted under the provisions of Rule 183-1-1-.01.

Dated this ___ day of June 18, 2024.

Marilyn Marks

Sworn to and subscribed before me
This ____ day of June 2024.



Watchers for Ballot drop off

From: Glenn, Kathryn <[REDACTED]>

Date: Sat 11/2/2024 9:34 AM

To: Staff names redacted

Cc:

Good Morning Team!

FYI - There are NO WATCHERS approved for ballot drop off! Do not let them in the building. If they want to observe from the parking lot, you can't stop that but they are not allowed to sit in the building.

Have your security detail enforce it!!!

#iLoveMyTeam! ❤️



Thank you,

Kathryn Glenn

Registration Manager, CERA, GEOC, GROC

Department of Registration & Elections

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Proposed changes to voting rules

1 message

J Harbin

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 6:34 PM

To: SEBPublicComments@sos.ga.gov, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Cc: voting@acluga.org, J Harbin

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

My name is Joan Harbin and I am a registered voter and volunteer poll watcher in Forsyth County.

I am writing to urge you to not accept any petitions that are currently in the rulemaking phase with the State Election Board and would go into effect on October 10, 2024. I especially urge you to reject revision 183-1-12-.12 addressing hand counting ballots in polling places and revision 183-1-14-.02 addressing hand counting ballots in early vote locations.

No petitions should be passed this close to an Election Day. These new rules would be effective on October 10th. That is just five days before the early vote period begins.

It is also well after September 17th when counties begin sending absentee ballots to voters. Less than 60 days out is far too late to initiate a new rule into the rulemaking phase. If a rule was passed this late, it could lead to significant confusion for voters and burden on local elections administrators.

The proposed petitions to amend rule 183-1-12-.12 and rule 183-1-14-.02 are unreasonable because:

- They add extra procedures and duties to local elections officials and poll workers.
- Poll worker training will have already begun well before October 10th.
- This petition requires a large input of financial resources and staff time, neither of which our counties can spare.
- This petition is unnecessary and unreasonable, causing further delays to precincts' ability to report election results. Our state takes pride in its effectiveness and efficiency in reporting election results in a timely manner.
- Polling sites already have multiple checks in place to ensure that every ballot is counted without having to hand count the already-scanned paper ballots

This rule directly harms me as a voter by causing doubt and confusion about a process that has already been proven secure and effective. As my dad used to say, "if it's not broke, don't fix it!"

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2), I request that the Board include this comment in the rulemaking record and, if the Board ultimately adopts the Proposed Rule, we request that it issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption as required by statute.

Sincerely,

Joan Harbin

Cumming GA



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Proposed Rule Changes

1 message

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 5:03 PM

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

I am a registered voter, a voting-rights volunteer, and a long-time poll worker and poll watcher in Fulton County, Georgia.

I am writing to urge you to not accept any petitions that are currently in the rulemaking phase with the State Election Board that would go into effect on October 10, 2024. No rule changes should be passed this close to Election Day. I ask you to please consider the extreme burden these late rule changes will put on the county elections staffs in the 159 counties in Georgia. I refer you to this most recent article in the AJC which outlines some of the difficulties being faced by the extremely diligent and hard-working elections workers all over our State.

https://www.ajc.com/politics/county-election-boards-ask-the-georgia-state-election-board-to-pause-rulemaking/7QVUVXYNUVD3TB6SUGAJRY5PVI/?utm_source=lterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AfternoonUpdate&utm_content=11097490

While the motivations of some of the Board members around these rule changes have been questioned, they are irrelevant at this point. The critical issue is that these rules are coming at the Elections Offices too late to be implemented without extreme difficulty and a high probability of error due to insufficient training time. Additionally, with less than 50 days until Election Day, and less than 30 days before Early Voting begins, any changes could create significant confusion for voters and poll workers.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2), I request that the Board include this comment in the rulemaking record and, if the Board ultimately adopts any Proposed Rule, I request that it issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption as required by statute.

Respectfully,

Helen C. McLaughlin

Helen McLaughlin



Public Comments on Procedure Matters

1 message

Victor Tripp [REDACTED]

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 9:16 PM

To: sebpubliccomments@sos.ga.gov

Cc: "Dr. Johnston" <JJohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, "Mr. John Fervier, Chair" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "Mr. Rick Jeffares" <RJeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "Ms. Janelle King" <JKing.seb@gmail.com>, "Ms. Sara Ghazal" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

In general, the rules to be considered on Friday 9/20 are all common-sense best practices. I have provided short comments on each of them below. I also believe that the primary argument against them is that they will require too much disruption of the usual work flow, and require too many resources.

I believe these arguments are disingenuous for the following reasons:

1. Any improvement will require some disruption. Indeed, an improvement large enough to restore accuracy and confidence in our elections will require significant disruption.
2. These rules are not changing the law, nor changing the principles of diligence and election security. Therefore, the election officials should already be doing these things or working toward them. Part of the need for them is the laxity in such things as maintaining chains of custody and reviewing documentation by certifiers. My county has already made big improvements in access by poll watchers and in the chain of custody for returning election material to the central location on election night.
3. My county, however, has scheduled dozens of events in many places for voter education and registration drives. These things are not part of their statutory responsibility, but securing elections is. If they have time and personnel to do the extra things, they have the resources to do the legally mandated things.

Vic Tripp

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PROCEDURE MATTERS detailed comments

Summary and Opinion (in italics)

a. Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections - Absentee Ballot Distinction

Provides for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional v. Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.

This rule will help poll workers to distinguish stolen ballots or special ballots that should not be scanned during regular operations.

b. Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots - Chain of Custody

Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service that offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

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This rule will maintain chain of custody of absentee ballot by ensuring they are mailed to intended recipients and returned to election office with an auditable trail. This rule could have costs, but they would not be comparable to the value of a chain of custody to prevent ballot trafficking.

c. Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results - Hand Counting

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. Amended to allow an option for a poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office.

This rule is important to detect errors between the scanner counts and actual ballots scanned for all Election Day voting. How can you have a chain of custody for ballots if you don't know how many the chain started with?

d. Rule 183-1-14-.02(8) (13) Advance Voting - Absentee Ballot Hand Counting

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an advanced in-person scanner ballot box and removing the ballots.

This rule is similar to the rule for Election Day scanned ballots.

e. Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results - Reconciliation Reports

Is this one a mistake? I think it has already been accepted as a rule.

f. Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a) Preparation of Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book - Voter Lists

Requires each county and the SOS to post a freely-accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. Data files shall remain posted and freely available for download for a minimum of 10 consecutive years.

This rule will help deter electronic voter roll manipulation, voter identity theft and ballot box stuffing.

g. Rule 183-1-12-.21 County Participation and Totals Reporting – Daily Reporting

Requires counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast for each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day.

This rule provides better ballot control, more transparency and reduces risk of ballot box stuffing.

h. Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center

Adds specific election process areas in tabulation center to the places where poll watcher monitoring is allowed. It includes provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail-in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, regional or satellite check-in centers and election reconciliation

The current rule only lists the check-in area, computer room and duplication area for poll watchers. This rule is important for added election transparency, and therefore public confidence.

i. Rule 183-1-14-.02 Advance Voting – Reconciliation

Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners upon tabulation of results on AIP scanners on election day.

This rule is critical to detect the QR code signature mismatch error that causes ballots accepted by the scanners to not be tabulated.

There is no current means to detect this error found in 65 of 67 counties surveyed in GA in 2020 and observed in the May 2024 primaries.

j. Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results – Reconciliation

Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners for Election Day.

This and the above rules are simple, fundamental, common sense, and critical to accurate results and voter confidence!

k. Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns

Requires memory card content and the memory card to be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state law.

This rule is necessary to ensure that original ballot images, audit logs and cast vote records are available for the retention period.



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

SEB proposed rule changes

1 message

Mary Seibert [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 3:01 PM

I am writing you today to give my support for the proposed rule changes you will be considering tomorrow.

As a poll worker, assistant manager, and poll watcher, I understand part of the election process and clearly do not see a problem hand counting the number of ballots at the precinct at the end of the night.

We, the people, should trust the vote count is accurate at each phase of the voting process; advanced voting, Election Day, and absentee ballots. The number of votes should be made public at each phase of the count.

I am especially concerned that a rush to certify the election should not compromise the need to reconcile the tabulation counts with the number of voters at all precincts.

We never get action after the results are certified! If you implement these rules, we have a much better chance at transparency and accuracy. That should be the board's primary job!

AND...every phase of the election process should require an equal representation of both political parties.

Mary Seibert



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

SEB Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watcher for Tabulating

1 message

Merry Belle Hodges [REDACTED]

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 7:32 PM

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SEB Members:

Please vote yes to SEB Rule 183-1-13-.05. Poll watchers should be able to view and tabulation and reconciliation without being hindered. Witnesses to these important aspects of the elections process should be made available to the People.

Regards,

MerryBelle & Glenn Hodges

Duluth, Georgia



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

State Election Board Rules' Proposals for the August 6th and 19th SEB Meetings

2 messages

Jan Galyen

Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 7:54 PM

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Dear State Election Board Members,

I am writing to you to respectfully ask for your attention to my requests for the below Rules' Proposals that will be before you at tomorrow's, August 6th, SEB meeting.

1. I SUPPORT - Define Certification & Criteria to Confirm Results by Mike Heekin
2. I SUPPORT - Security for Absentee Ballots and Drop Boxes by Salleigh Grubbs
3. I OPPOSE - Certification Document Availability by John Fervier
4. I SUPPORT - Intermediate Absentee Ballot Reporting by Rick Jeffaries
5. I SUPPORT - Tabulation Center Poll Watcher Observation Enhancements by Julie Adams
6. I SUPPORT - Recount Hand Counts by Marilyn Marks
7. I OPPOSE - Cybersecurity Incident Reporting by Marilyn Marks
8. I OPPOSE - Voter Registration Challenge Restrictions by Peter Simmons
9. I SUPPORT - Count Total Ballots When Scanner Box Emptied by Sharlene Alexander
10. I SUPPORT - Distinguish Emergency and Provisional Ballot Paper by David Cross
11. I SUPPORT - Absentee-by-Mail Ballot Tracking by David Cross
12. I SUPPORT - Memory Card Retention by Garland Favorito
13. I SUPPORT - Tabulation Reconciliation by Garland Favorito
14. I SUPPORT - Clean Rolls of Former Voters Who Left Georgia by Debbie Fisher
15. I OPPOSE IF A PATCH IS REQUIRED - Ballot Marking Device Warning Correction by Christina Loop
16. I SUPPORT - Voter Roll Public Posting by Lucia Frazier

These are my requests for your attention to the August 19th SEB meeting:

1. I SUPPORT - Eligible Voters for an Election by Lucia Frazier

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2. I SUPPORT - Voters Who Voted in an Election by Lucia Frazier
3. I OPPOSE - Hand Marked Paper Ballot Option by Debbie Dooley

Thank you so very much for your service, time and attention to these critically important election integrity issues!

Respectfully,
Jan C. Galyen
Woodstock, GA

Jan Galyen

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 5:30 PM

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Dear State Election Board Members,

I am writing to you to thank you for your time and attention to the critically important rules' changes that have been before you. We so need these changes in order to have the most secure election process in the Country and one that can be a role model for the rest of our beloved Country. I fully support the proposed rules' changes and I respectfully request that you do the same.

Again, thank you so very much for your service, time and attention to these critically important election integrity issues!!

[Quoted text hidden]



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Support for Proposed Election Integrity Rules

1 message

Linda Grissett

Sun, Sep 15, 2024 at 1:05 PM

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Cc: Senator John Albers <john.albers@senate.ga.gov>, "sharon.cooper@house.ga.gov" <sharon.cooper@house.ga.gov>

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

I hope this message finds you well. As a concerned citizen and advocate for the integrity of our elections, I would like to respectfully express my support for several proposed rules that I believe are vital to ensuring transparency, security, and public confidence in our election process.

1. I support the proposed rule by Lucia Frazier that requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to post a list of voters who voted immediately after an election. This rule will help deter electronic voter manipulation, voter identity theft, and ballot box stuffing.
2. I support the proposed rule (183-1-12-.19(6)(a)) by Lucia Frazier that requires each county and the SOS to post a freely accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. This rule will provide added security against voter manipulation and ensure accountability.
3. I support the proposed rules (183-1-14-.02) and (183-1-12-.12) by Garland Favorito, which require total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with those cast on ICP scanners upon the tabulation of results on AIP scanners for Advance Voting and Election Day. This is crucial to detect QR code signature mismatch errors that can prevent ballots from being properly counted.
4. I support the proposed rule (183-1-12-.13) by Garland Favorito, which mandates that memory card content and the memory card itself be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state laws. This will ensure that original ballot images, audit logs, and cast vote records are preserved for audits and investigations.
5. I support the proposed rule (183-1-14-.11) by David Cross, which requires absentee ballots to be sent via USPS or a delivery service with tracking capabilities to maintain a proper chain of custody. This will ensure that ballots are securely sent and received with an auditable trail.
6. I support the proposed rule (183-1-12-.01) by David Cross to provide for two visually distinct types of ballots—Emergency/Provisional and Absentee—to improve security and chain of custody. This distinction will help poll workers correctly identify which ballots should be scanned.
7. I support the proposed rules (183-1-14-.02(8)(13)) and (183-1-12-.12(a)(5)) by Sharlene Alexander, requiring poll managers to hand-count ballots when emptying a scanner ballot box during Advanced Voting and Election Day. This will help detect discrepancies between scanner counts and actual ballots scanned.
8. I support the proposed rule (183-1-13-.05) by Julie Adams that specifies election process areas in tabulation centers where poll watcher monitoring is allowed, including provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail-in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, and election reconciliation. This rule is important for added election transparency.
9. I support the proposed rule (183-1-12-.21) by Rick Jeffares, requiring counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast by each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day. This rule provides better ballot control, transparency, and reduces the risk of ballot stuffing.

I am deeply dismayed to hear that some individuals oppose reasonable audits and oversight of our elections. I question the motives behind resisting such measures that simply aim to protect the foundation of our Republic—the right of citizens to have a transparent and accurate say in their government.

As Abraham Lincoln wisely said, "Elections belong to the people." I respectfully request that the Georgia State Election Board do all it can to ensure this sentiment rings true by prioritizing transparency and accuracy in our election processes.

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If our election officials at any level cannot fulfill this duty, then it may be time to consider whether they should continue in their roles.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective on these critical issues. I trust that you will act in the best interest of all Georgia voters.

Sincerely,
Linda M Grissett





John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Vote YES on the 2 rule petitions and the 11 rule changes

1 message

Steve Haynes <[REDACTED]> Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 6:45 PM
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To All,

I am writing to urge you to vote yes on the 2 rule petitions and 11 rule changes as outlined in the attached presentation.

Voting yes on these will help further ensure the integrity of our elections. One of the privileges of being a US citizen is that we are self governing through our elected officials. One of the privileges of being a US citizen is that we are self-governing. But this loses meaning if our elections are not legitimate because of cheating.

All 11 rule changes were approved by the SEB and have completed the Legislative Review. None of the rules impact or change the voter process. They all enhance transparency, security, and accuracy of our elections which will improve Georgia voter confidence.

Thanks,

Steve Haynes

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

YES on SEB Rule Changes

1 message

Dane Seibert [REDACTED]
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 3:18 PM

I am writing you today to give my support for the proposed rule changes you will be considering tomorrow.

As a poll worker and poll watcher, I understand part of the election process and clearly do not see a problem hand counting the number of ballots at the precinct at the end of the night.

We, the people, should trust the vote count is accurate at each phase of the voting process; advanced voting, Election Day, and absentee ballots. The number of votes should be made public at each phase of the count.

I am especially concerned that a rush to certify the election should not compromise the need to reconcile the tabulation counts with the number of voters at all precincts.

We never get action after the results are certified! If you implement these rules, we have a much better chance at transparency and accuracy. That should be the board's primary job!

ELECTION INTEGRITY and every phase of the election process should require an equal representation of both political parties without prejudice!

Regards,
Dane Seibert

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GENERAL COUNSEL

September 16, 2024

Mr. John Fervier
Chairman, Georgia State Election Board
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Mr. Chairman,

This letter is in response to your request for comment from the Secretary's office on the 11 proposed new rules and 2 petitions on the agenda for the next State Election Board meeting on September 20, 2024. We have received an overwhelming number of comments from county election officials expressing concern about the Board changing Georgia's election rules and procedures with the General Election only 50 days away.

The Board should be mindful of upcoming deadlines. The deadline for counties to mail UOCAVA ballots is **September 21** and counties will begin mailing absentee ballots on **October 7**. Advanced voting starts on **October 15** and counties are conducting preparations for in-person voting such as logic & accuracy testing. The earliest possible date new rules could take effect if passed is **October 14**, which is **22 days** before the General Election when ***Georgia voters will already be voting***.

It is far too late in the election process for counties to implement new rules and procedures, and many poll workers have already completed their required training. If the Board believes that rules changes are important for an election, the process should begin much sooner to allow for smooth implementation and training and include the input of election officials.

To underscore the absurdity of the timing of the Board's actions, the amendment to Rule 183-1-12-.01 would change the form of absentee/provisional/emergency ballots, which have ***already been printed***, and counties will have already begun mailing absentee ballots to voters before any rule change would take effect. It is simply impossible to implement this change for 2024. And even if it were, the Board lacks the legal authority to pass this rule because the form of the ballot is exclusively within the control of the Secretary of State under Georgia law. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-50(a)(1), (15).

The two petitions under consideration would similarly interfere with the Secretary's legal authority. The proposed amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.19 interfere with the Secretary of State's exclusive authority over the state's voter registration database and conflict with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-110, § 21-2-111, and § 21-2-225.

The most concerning rules under consideration would require hand-counting of ballots for every day of advance voting (Rule 183-1-14-.02(8)) and on Election Day (Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5)). As election officials have repeatedly told the Board, these new procedures would require tremendous personnel resources and time, and could lead to significant delays in reporting. These new procedures would disrupt existing chain of custody protocols under the law and needlessly introduce the risk of error, lost ballots, or fraud. Election workers are prohibited from tabulating ballots before the close of the polls on Election Day, which would be compromised by the viewing and counting of ballots during advance voting. There are strict legal prohibitions against the tabulation and reporting of results during early processing of absentee by mail ballots. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386. There are no similar security and ballot secrecy controls in the proposed amendment to Rule 183-1-14-.02(8).

Other rules such as expanded poll watcher access and posting of certain reports on county websites are not objectionable, but we share the concerns of counties that there is insufficient time to implement and train elections workers on new policies now that they have already been trained. The General Assembly recently expanded poll watcher access with our support this past session with the passage of H.B. 1207. And the Elections Division already provides the absentee voter file and other data on the Secretary's website.

The U.S. Supreme Court's *Purcell* principle cautions that last-minute changes to election procedures harm both voters and elections officials in the orderly administration of an election. As Justice Kavanaugh wrote, it is a "bedrock tenet of election law" that "[w]hen an election is close at hand, the rules of the road must be clear and settled" to avoid "unfair consequences for candidates, political parties, and voters." *Merrill v. Milligan*, 142 S. Ct. 879 (2022).

The Secretary's office would welcome the opportunity to return to the normal course of business of working with the Board and GAVREO on common-sense rules that benefit voters and are consistent with law, after the election. But for now, the Board should heed the words of Justice Kavanaugh and pause any further rulemaking to ensure that the rules are "clear and settled" and avoid "unfair consequences" in the 2024 General Election.

Sincerely,

Charlene S. McGowan

General Counsel

183-1-15-.03 Recount Procedure

~~(1) Recount by Electronic Tabulation~~

~~(a) Recounts of primaries and elections conducted using an optical scanning voting system shall be in accordance with this rule.~~

~~(b) The recount shall be conducted by tabulating all ballots utilizing ballot scanners.~~

~~(c) Prior to conducting a recount, the election superintendent shall test each ballot scanner to be used in the recount. A test deck shall be prepared to include at least 75 ballots marked by an electronic ballot marker and 25 absentee ballots marked by hand that were cast in the election to be recounted. The ballots shall be selected from at least 3 different precincts, if available. The selection of individual ballots from a precinct's ballot container shall be conducted in a manner that selects ballots from throughout the ballot container. The test deck shall be tabulated by the ballot scanner or scanners to be used in the recount using one or more batches. A manual hand count of the test deck shall be made and compared to the electronic tabulation of the test deck. If the two counts do not match, the discrepancy shall be researched and additional tests may be run. If the discrepancy cannot be resolved so that the manual hand count and electronic tabulation of the test deck matches, the ballot scanner shall not be used in the recount. If, after testing all available ballot scanners, there are no ballot scanners authorized to be used in the recount, the recount shall be conducted by manual hand count. Upon completion of the test, the test deck ballots shall be returned to their original ballot containers.~~

~~(d) The recount shall be open to the view of the public, but no person except one designated by the superintendent or the superintendent's authorized deputy shall touch any ballot or ballot container. The superintendent may designate a viewing area by which members of the public are limited for the purpose of good order and maintaining the integrity of the recount.~~

~~(e) The tabulation of ballots must be completed through a precise, controlled process that ensures, for each ballot scanner used in the recount, no more than one ballot container is unsealed at any given time.~~

~~(f) A clear audit trail must be maintained at all times during the recount, including but not limited to, a log of the seal numbers on ballot containers before and after the recount.~~

~~(g) The ballot scanner shall be programmed to flag or reject ballots that contain an overvote for the contest to be recounted. One or more recount vote review panels shall be established, consistent with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-483(g), to manually review the overvoted ballots. The recount vote review panel shall determine by majority vote the~~

~~elector's intent, as described in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-438(c), a duplicate ballot shall be created consistent with the elector's intent for the contest to be recounted, labeled "RECOUNT DUPLICATE", and used in the recount. The original overvoted ballot shall be retained.~~

~~(h) All ballots that required a duplicate ballot to be created in the original primary or election, as allowed by law, shall be reviewed by a recount vote review panel to determine that the votes marked in the contest to be recounted on the duplicated ballot are consistent with the elector's intent on the original ballot, as described in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-438(c). If a majority of the recount vote review panel determine that the duplicated ballot is not consistent with the elector's intent on the original ballot, a new true duplicate ballot shall be created consistent with the elector's intent for the contest to be recounted, labeled "RECOUNT DUPLICATE", and used in the recount. The original overvoted ballot and initial duplicated ballot shall be retained.~~

~~(i) If it appears that a ballot is so torn, bent, or otherwise defective that it cannot be processed by the ballot scanner, the recount vote review panel shall prepare a duplicate ballot for the contest to be recounted. All duplicate ballots created during the recount shall be clearly labeled by the word "RECOUNT DUPLICATE". The defective ballot shall be retained.~~

~~(j) After all of the valid ballots to be included in the recount have been tabulated, the superintendent shall cause a printout to be made of the results and shall compare the results to the results previously obtained. If upon completing the recount, it shall appear that the original vote count for the recounted contest was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly.~~

(21) Recounts by Manual Hand Count

(a) A recount shall be conducted by manual hand count ~~only~~:

- ~~1. As provided under Rule 183-1-15-.03(1)(c); or~~
- ~~2. Pursuant to a court order.~~

(b) Votes shall be counted by one or more recount teams consisting of at least three persons each. The superintendent shall select the persons for each recount team.

(c) In a recount of a partisan election, the recount team shall be composed of the election superintendent or designee thereof and one person selected by the election superintendent from a list provided by the county executive committee of each political party and body having candidates whose names appear on the ballot for such election, provided that, if there is no organized county executive committee for a political party or body, the person shall be selected from a list provided by the state executive committee of the political party or body. If a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, or who is a qualified write-in candidate, is unaffiliated with any political party or body, the candidate shall have the right to provide a list of proposed recount team members from which recount team members shall be selected. If, after the superintendent provides reasonable notice and a deadline to the executive committee, or unaffiliated candidates, a county executive committee or state executive committee

or candidate does not provide a sufficient number of names or does not timely delivery the list of names, the superintendent shall be permitted to select the persons to serve on the recount team on behalf of the political party or body or candidate as needed.

(d) In a recount of a nonpartisan election, the recount team shall be composed of the election superintendent or designee thereof and two electors of the county, in the case of a county election, or the municipality, in the case of a municipal election, selected from a list provided by the chief judge of the superior court of the county in which the election is held or, in the case of a municipality which is located in more than one county, of the county in which the city hall of the municipality is located. If, after the superintendent provides reasonable notice and a deadline to the chief judge, the chief judge fails to designate a sufficient number of persons for the recount or does not timely delivery the list of names, the superintendent shall be permitted to select the persons to serve on the recount team as needed.

(e) Ballots shall be manually counted by hand in batches of no more than ~~30~~50 to ensure that the number of ballots recounted matches the number originally counted. For ballots marked by electronic ballot markers, the recount teams shall rely on the printed text on the ballot to determine the voter's selection. For ballots marked by hand, the recount teams shall count the votes indicated by the voter by marks in the oval adjacent to the candidate or question, or other clear hand marked voter intent.

(f) The recount teams shall determine the elector's intended vote on each ballot, by majority vote, in accordance with Rule 183-1-15-.02 and O.C.G.A. §21-2-437(e). In the event of a tie vote by a review team, the vote of the election superintendent or designee thereof shall control.

(g) Recount teams shall compare the number of votes, overvotes, and undervotes to the number of ballots in the batch. If the numbers do not match, the batch shall be counted again.

(h) After all of the valid ballots to be included in the recount have been counted, the superintendent shall compare the results of the recount to the results previously obtained. If upon completing the recount, it shall appear that the original vote count for the recounted contest was incorrect, such returns and all papers being prepared by the superintendent shall be corrected accordingly.

(i) The number of ballots counted in the recount shall be reconciled to the number of voters casting a ballot, as recorded in the pollbooks and mail ballot receipt records. Differences shall be investigated and explained to the satisfaction of the superintendent. The reconciliation document shall be made publicly available for review prior to certification of the recount results. Any significant differences between the original machine counted results and the hand counted results shall be investigated and documented and made publicly available prior to certification of recount results.

(j) Electronic copies of ballot images created in the original machine count shall be made publicly available no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the recount.

(k) The supplemental use of the certified voting system scanner tabulator is permitted for purposes of assisting in the detection and investigation of discrepancies, so long as the accurate hand count of the ballots is used as the final recount results.

(l) Each candidate whose votes are subject to a recount shall be permitted to appoint one poll watcher to monitor each recount team. Candidates shall provide the list of appointed poll watchers to the superintendent no later than 3 hours prior to the start of the recount. Candidates' poll watchers shall have meaningful visual access that permits the watcher to see the votes as recorded on the ballots and the recount tallies as they are being made, and hear the discussions and calling of votes by the recount teams.

(m) In the event that a poll watcher observes a discrepancy during the counting, they may, in an orderly manner, call the discrepancy to the attention of the counters, and upon conferral, the counters shall immediately correct any discrepancy.

(n) The tally sheets and final tabulation documents shall be provided as public records not later than 24 hours prior to certification of the recount results.

(o) Disputes concerning the proper application of these recount provisions or relevant statutes may be promptly filed with the appropriate superior court under the provisions of O.C.G.A. §21-2-412.

(p) Upon the determination that a recount will be conducted, public notice shall be given no later than 24 hours prior to the start of the recount, and such notice shall be posted on the county website or equivalent electronic messaging page.

(2) Discretionary recounts under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495 (a), (b), and (d)

(a) Recounts requested under O.C.G.A. §21-2-495 (a), (b), and (d) shall be conducted by manual count procedures provided in (a) above, unless each candidate subject to the recount agrees in writing to machine tabulation of the discretionary recount.

(b) All requests for discretionary recounts under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-495 (a) or (b) shall be considered in a properly noticed public meeting conducted by the superintendent, at which affected candidates or their appointed representatives shall be permitted to support or oppose the recount request and present documentation of their position.

Statutory Authority

[O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-31, 21-2-495.](#)



BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SCHEDULED MEETING

September 12, 2024

4:30 PM

VRE AB Area

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- 1. ROLL CALL**
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- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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- 8. BOARD COMMENTS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024
Start Time: 4:48 p.m.
End Time: 8:33 p.m.

Board Attendees: Karli Swift, Chair
Vasu Abhiraman, Vice-Chair
Nancy Jester
Anthony Lewis
Susan Motter

Other Attendees: Keisha Smith, Executive Director
Terry Phillips, Deputy County Attorney
Shelley Momo, Supervising Attorney
Tristen Waite, Assistant County Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Swift called the Board of Registration and Elections meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. Ms. Austin read the roll by calling each board member by name. A quorum was met.

Motion by Ms. Motter, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Jester, to approve the minutes of the July 11 scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Austin read the rules for public comment:

Public comments may be made in person or submitted by sending an email of one printed page or less at a minimum font of 12 to electionspubliccmnt@dekalbcountyga.gov which must be received between 35 and 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting. The body of your email must include your first and last name. By submitting an email for public comment, you agree to have your name and the email broadcast on the UStream and entered into the record and minutes. The DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections reserves the right, at the DeKalb Board of Registration and Elections' sole discretion, to (1) add your email to the record/minutes without reading any of it into the broadcast or (2) read all or a portion of your email into the record/minutes. All public comments will be limited to 2 minutes. Abusive, profane, or derogatory language, holding up signs, clapping, yelling, standing or laying in the aisles to show support for or opposition to a speaker will

not be permitted, but a show of hands or quietly standing in place will be permitted to show support for or opposition to a speaker's position.

The following citizens provided public comment:

- Betsy Shackelford
- Lisa Wright
- Stephen Cook
- Janet Grant
- Karen McCown
- Cheryl Dudley
- Naomi Bock
- Toi Elizabeth Hines
- Gail Lee
- Joan Webb
- Lynn Hesse
- Kathleen Hamill
- Bethann Frillman
- Catherine Carter
- Doug Cumming
- Nancy Arnold
- Jim Leimbach
- Abbie Lane
- Amy Swygert

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A) Voter Challenge Procedures

1.) O.C.G.A. 21-2-229

Chair Swift began by asking the Law Department for an overview of this discussion item. Ms. Momo stated that the Board had adopted the last O.C.G.A. 21-2-229 procedures in 2021 and that only a few changes were being recommended to remain consistent with Georgia law and to make the procedures read easier.

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the changes to O.C.G.A. 21-2-229 as presented for discussion purposes only. Further discussion ensued.

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Mr. Lewis to amend her motion to include O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 in the previously stated motion.

2.) O.C.G.A. 21-2-230

Chair Swift stated that the Board did not previously have procedures for challenges based on O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 and asked for an overview from the Law Department.

Ms. Momo stated that O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 challenges are to a voter's eligibility to vote in an election and that these procedures would control the probable cause hearings and any

subsequent hearings. She further stated that these procedures would track the required procedures to make sure that the legal requirements are followed and that the statute in these procedures would set forth what needs to happen if probable cause is found. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Jester withdrew the previously stated motions as the challenge procedures were a discussion item and no decision was required.

B) Director's Report

Director Smith reported on registration, elections, warehouse, budget, personnel, facilities, training, and communications activities. She reported that there was a significant change in registration numbers due to regular list maintenance, returned mail, NCOA and cross-state activities. Registration numbers as of August 8, 2024, were reported as; Active: 452,816; Inactive: 122,119; Total Registered: 574,935. She stated that to ensure VRE connects with as many impacted individuals as possible, she would work with the PR consultant to implement a multi-level approach to engage with inactive voters. The effort will include marketing and press releases, social media campaigns, direct mail, community ads in the legal organ and local newspapers and engagement with stakeholders via email and telephone. Director Smith mentioned the team's activities around the nomination petitions received from the SOS for the three (3) independent presidential candidates. She also stated that effective this fall, there will be an increase in the pay rates for all poll workers to re-align with the pay rates of other large counties for equity in pay. She reported on the budget and noted that requested budget adjustments were delayed as there was a system migration. Lastly, she reported the ongoing outreach activities.

Mr. Lewis thanked Director Smith for the enhancements that were made to the Director's Report to include the registration numbers. He also asked Director Smith if she anticipated needing additional funding. Director Smith replied that due to the effort of controlling expenses and overall budget management, an increase may not be needed. She added that the largest expense is generally in the budget for poll worker payroll. Mr. Lewis asked if the increase in poll worker salaries would be covered with the funds available in the budget. Director Smith replied affirmatively.

Ms. Jester thanked Director Smith for the detailed Director's Report. She asked for the approximate percentage for the salary increases. Director Smith replied that the increase would be at least 20% and stated that things were still being finalized. Ms. Jester asked additional questions about list maintenance activities and the correlation of active voters to drop box locations. Director Smith replied that the code dictates that counties can establish one (1) drop box plus an additional drop box per every 100,000 active voters. Further discussion ensued around the state's new voter registration cancellation request portal and other operations.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

A) Advance Voting

Director Smith proposed the locations, dates, and times for advance in person voting. She further mentioned that the Memorial Drive drop box would be removed if the 500,000 active voter threshold is not reached. She also advised that the Stonecrest location was still being finalized.

Ms. Motter asked how many advance voting locations were utilized in 2016 and 2020 and how that compares to the number of locations being proposed for 2024. She also asked which five (5) locations are typically the busiest and which days of advance voting are typically the busiest as

well. Director Smith replied that the amount of advance voting locations being proposed is almost double of what was used in 2016. She also stated that Memorial Drive, Dunwoody Library, and Tucker-Reid Library are usually the top three (3) busiest locations with fluctuations for the 4th and 5th busiest locations. Director Smith also stated that the last two (2) days of advance voting are typically the busiest. Ms. Motter further asked for the explanation as to why there are gaps in locations to the east and in the southwest corner of the county. Director Smith replied that staff did attempt to identify sites in those areas, however, there were not many sites to choose from that meet the requirements of the law.

Mr. Lewis said that this is the most AIP sites that VRE has had since he has been on the Board and commended the staff for their work. He asked if the staff had been working on a wait time reporting tool for the website. Director Smith replied affirmatively and further stated that the wait times will be reported on the website as well as on social media. She also said that each location will have 4'X4' signs that display all of the advance voting sites.

Chair Swift asked if more libraries could be added as advance voting sites. Director Smith replied that she spoke with the Director of DeKalb Libraries and due to programming, they are unable to accommodate additional sites. She also asked if the hours for advance voting on Saturdays could be extended from 9am-5pm to 9am-7pm and Director Smith replied affirmatively.

Motion by Ms. Jester seconded by Ms. Motter to approve the advance voting locations presented with the amendment of Saturday voting on October 19 and 26 to be allowed until 7pm. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Jester noted for the record that the approval of the AIP sites did not include the drop boxes and that they would be finalized in September.

B) Probable Cause Determination for Voter Challenges Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-230

Chair Swift stated that on Friday, July 26, a challenge was received from Victor Tripp challenging 181 electors due to their birth years. Secondly, she stated that on Tuesday, July 30, a challenge was received from Gail Lee challenging 230 electors due to being registered in Georgia and another state. She further explained that the Board would first determine whether probable cause had been met to schedule hearings for the challenged voters.

Motion by Ms. Jester seconded by Mr. Lewis to conduct the probable cause hearing for voter challenges pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 and make a determination on the probable cause.

1.) Victor Tripp offered testimony and evidence related to the voter challenges he submitted.

After Mr. Tripp presented, the Board deliberated on the evidence and Chair Swift called for a motion.

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Mr. Lewis to find probable cause for the O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 challenges presented by Mr. Tripp. The motion failed 2-3 with Chair Swift, Vice-Chair Abhiraman, and Ms. Motter voting nay.

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Vice-Chair Abhiraman to not find probable cause for the O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 challenges presented by Mr. Tripp. The Motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Lewis and Ms. Jester voting nay.

Motion by Ms. Jester seconded by Vice-Chair Abhiraman to conduct the probable cause hearing for voter challenges presented by Gail Lee pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 and make a determination on the probable cause.

- 2.) Gail Lee offered testimony and evidence related to the voter challenges she submitted. Viviane H. Ernestes, the County Attorney, provided an overview of the decision rendered in 2021 in the Majority Forward v. Ben Hill Board of Elections case regarding voter challenges.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lee's presentation, the Board deliberated on the evidence and Chair Swift called for a motion.

Motion by Ms. Jester and seconded by Mr. Lewis to find probable cause for the O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 challenges presented by Ms. Lee. The motion failed 2-2 with Chair Swift and Ms. Motter voting nay.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Lewis thanked the public, the staff, and the Law Department.

Ms. Jester also thanked the public, the staff, and the Law Department.

Ms. Motter thanked the staff and the County attorneys.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Jester, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Director's Report

September 12, 2024

Keisha L. Smith, MPA

Executive Director

Voter Registration and Elections (VRE)

Topic 1: General Operations Updates

- ❖ Registration
 - Total number of Registered Voters in DeKalb County as of September 10th: 582,349
 - Total number of Active Registered Voters: 465,808
 - Total number of Inactive Registered Voters: 116,541
 - DDS: 10,649
 - OLVR: 7,876
 - MVP: 6,640
 - Handwritten: 6,469
 - Total updates/applications received since the VR Deadline: 31,634
 - Manual Voter Registration Cancellations for 2024: 974
- ❖ Election Activities
- ❖ Notes:

Topic 2: Administrative/Finance Updates

- ❖ Personnel | Facilities
- ❖ Budget Activities (pg. 8)
- ❖ Notes:

Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement Updates

- ❖ Key Stakeholder Meetings | Activities (pg. 10)
- ❖ General Communications
- ❖ Notes:

VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

AVAILABLE FUNDS REPORT

AUGUST - 2024

(100-02900)

COST CENTER DESCRIPTION	OBJECT CLASS	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	SUM OF BUDGET	SUM OF COMMITMENTS	SUM OF OBLIGATIONS	SUM OF EXPENDITURES	SUM OF FUNDS AVAILABLE
02900-REGISTRAR	51	511101-SALARIES	3,813,752	0	0	1,000,152	2,813,600
02900-REGISTRAR	51	511102-SALARIES - PART TIME	0	0	0	9,386	-9,386
02900-REGISTRAR	51	511199-SALARIES - ADJUSTMENTS	73,365	0	0	0	73,365
02900-REGISTRAR	51	511200-SALARIES - TEMPORARY	8,814,861	0	0	2,596,996	6,217,865
02900-REGISTRAR	51	511300-SALARIES - OVERTIME	755,000	0	0	163,630	591,370
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512100-COUNTY MATCH - GROUP INSURANCE	0	0	0	137,571	-137,571
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512101-COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - REVERSAL	0	0	0	-137,570	137,570
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512102-COUNTY MATCH - GRP INS - ALLOCATED	399,000	0	0	266,000	133,000
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512200-COUNTY MATCH - FICA	144,677	0	0	201,608	-56,931
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512400-COUNTY MATCH - PENSION	0	0	0	0	0
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512402-401(a) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION	51,793	0	0	24,657	27,137
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512700-WORKERS COMPENSATION	51,871	0	0	34,583	17,288
02900-REGISTRAR	51	512904-ALLOWANCE - AUTOMOBILE	10,000	0	0	2,750	7,250
02900-REGISTRAR	51 Total	Personal Services and Employee Benefits Total	14,114,319	0	0	4,299,761	9,814,558
02900-REGISTRAR	52	521101-BOARD MEMBER SERVICES	12,000	0	400	6,400	5,200
02900-REGISTRAR	52	521104-TEMPORARY PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,792,000	0	167,714	791,549	832,737
02900-REGISTRAR	52	521105-SECURITY SERVICES	100,000	0	28,065	59,257	12,677
02900-REGISTRAR	52	521209-OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,655,180	329,125	603,021	691,794	31,241
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522130-CUSTODIAL SERVICES	0	0	0	5,644	-5,644
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522201-MAINTENANCE & REPAIR SERVICES	67,924	0	13,160	7,420	47,344
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522311-RENTAL OF REAL ESTATE	390,000	0	0	185,000	205,000
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522321-RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	64,000	0	0	625	63,375
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522322-LEASE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	70,004	0	0	8,236	61,768
02900-REGISTRAR	52	522329-OTHER RENTALS	33,948	0	14,243	12,600	7,105
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523001-OTHER SERVICES - NON PROFESSIONAL	0	0	856	1,037	-1,892
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523201-POSTAGE	192,996	0	16,323	539,502	-362,829
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523202-POSTAGE - CENTRAL SERVICES	27,552	0	0	-178,562	206,114
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523203-TELEPHONE SERVICE	5,340	0	0	0	5,340
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523204-TELEPHONE - LONG DISTANCE	2,308	0	0	242	2,066
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523206-INTERNET SERVICES	5,640	0	1,170	0	4,470
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523207-TELEPHONE - WIRELESS	236,944	0	0	101,787	135,157
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523301-ADVERTISING SERVICES	3,980	0	52,527	350,981	-399,528
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523401-PRINTING SERVICES	25,488	0	3,641	21,150	697
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523501-MILEAGE - PERSONAL VEHICLE	3,100	0	0	80	3,020

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COST CENTER DESCRIPTION	OBJECT CLASS	OBJECT CODE DESCRIPTION	SUM OF BUDGET	SUM OF COMMITMENTS	SUM OF OBLIGATIONS	SUM OF EXPENDITURES	SUM OF FUNDS AVAILABLE
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523504-TRAVEL - ACCOMMODATIONS / HOTEL	4,800	0	387	0	4,413
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523505-TRAVEL - PER DIEM	5,000	0	0	120	4,880
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523510-TRAVEL ADVANCES	0	0	0	0	0
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523601-DUES	1,000	0	2,000	65	-1,065
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523701-TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - EXTERNAL	39,000	0	885	912	37,203
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523702-TRAINING & CONFERENCE FEES - INTERNAL	552	0	0	224	328
02900-REGISTRAR	52	523906-ELECTION EXPENSES	100,755	0	12,796	156,514	-68,554
02900-REGISTRAR	52 Total	Purchased/Contracted Services Total	4,839,511	329,125	917,186	2,762,578	830,622
02900-REGISTRAR	53	531101-OPERATING SUPPLIES	981,001	770	219,852	393,015	367,364
02900-REGISTRAR	53	531112-MAINTENANCE & REPAIR MATERIALS - OTHER	0	0	0	0	0
02900-REGISTRAR	53	531199-FREIGHT	2,000	0	0	0	2,000
02900-REGISTRAR	53 Total	Supplies Total	983,001	770	219,852	393,015	369,364
02900-REGISTRAR	54	542201-COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	92,204	0	0	6,505	85,699
02900-REGISTRAR	54	542202-COMPUTER SOFTWARE and TECHNOLOGY	210,000	0	0	6,224	203,776
02900-REGISTRAR	54	542309-OTHER EQUIPMENT > \$5,000	100,038	0	0	10,831	89,207
02900-REGISTRAR	54 Total	Capital Outlays Total	402,242	0	0	23,560	378,682
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551104-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CHARGE	4,133	0	0	0	4,133
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551105-VEHICLE REPLACEMENT CHARGE	3,048	0	0	2,032	1,016
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551107-VEHICLE INSURANCE CHARGE	500	0	0	336	164
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551141-VEHICLE MAINT - FUEL	0	0	0	6,253	-6,253
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551142-VEHICLE MAINT - PREV MAINT	0	0	0	876	-876
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551143-VEHICLE MAINT - REPAIRS	0	0	0	3,316	-3,316
02900-REGISTRAR	55	551144-VEHICLE MAINT - OVERHEAD	2,095	0	0	1,400	695
02900-REGISTRAR	55 Total	Interfund/Interdepartmental Charges Total	9,776	0	0	14,213	-4,437
02900-REGISTRAR	70	707009-COUNTY PENSION ALLOCATION	243,545	0	0	162,361	81,184
02900-REGISTRAR	70 Total	Retirement Services Total	243,545	0	0	162,361	81,184
GRAND TOTAL			20,592,394	329,895	1,137,038	7,655,488	11,469,973



DeKalb County Voter Registration & Elections Outreach Calendar

Date	Type of Event	Group	Location	Time
September				
9/12/2024	Student Involvement Fair	Ga State University	Ga State University-Dunwoody 2101 Womack Rd Dunwoody, GA 30338	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9/13/2024	Voter Education	Commissioner Michelle Long Spears Civics Class	Commissioner Michelle Long Spears 1300 Commerce Dr Decatur, GA 30030	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9/16/2024	Voter Registration/Education	Clairmont Oaks	Clairmont Oaks 441 Clairmont Ave Decatur, GA 30030	1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
9/17/2024	Voter Education	disABILITY Link	disABILITY Link 1901 Montreal Rd, Ste 102 Tucker, GA 30084	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
9/17/2024	Voter Registration/Education	Doraville MARTA Station	Doraville MARTA Station 6000 New Peachtree Rd Doraville, GA 30340	3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
9/17/2024	Voter Registration/Education	Delta Sigma Theta Decatur Alumnae Chapter	Lou Walker Senior Center 2538 Panola Rd Lithonia, GA 30058	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
9/18/2024	Voter Registration/Education	DeKalb County Schools	Stone Mountain High School 4555 Central Dr Stone Mountain, GA 30083	11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
9/18/2024	Voter Education Workshop	Covington Library	Covington Library 3500 Covington Hwy Decatur, GA 30032	6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
9/19/2024	Voter Education Workshop	Voter Education & Registration	DeKalb County Public Library Administrative Offices 3560 Kensington Rd Decatur, GA 30032	9 a. m. – 11 a.m.

9/19/2024	Voter Registration/Education	Philips Tower Senior Living	Philips Tower Senior Living 218 E. Trinity Pl Decatur, GA 30030	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
9/19/2024	Voter Registration/Education	DeKalb County Schools	McNair High School 1804 Bouldercrest Rd, SE Atlanta, GA 30316	11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
9/19/2024	Voter Registration/Education	DeKalb County Schools	Arabia Mountain High School 6610 Browns Mill Rd Stonecrest, GA 30038	11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
9/20/2024	Voter Registration/Education	DeKalb County Schools	Druid Hills High School 1798 Haygood Dr, NE Atlanta, GA 30307	11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
9/21/2024	Voter Registration/Education	Stand Inc., "The Door" DeKalb	Stand Inc. 4086 Covington Hwy Decatur, Ga 30032	10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
9/23/2024	Deputy Registrar Training	Deputy Registrar	Virtual via Zoom	6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
9/28/2024	Voter Registration/Education	North Decatur United Methodist Church	North Decatur United Methodist Church 1523 Church St Decatur, GA 30033	11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
October				
10/5/2024	Registered & Ready Block Party	DeKalb VRE	Voter Registration & Elections 4380 Memorial Dr, Ste 300 Decatur, GA 30032	10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (9 a.m. set-up)
10/9/2024	Voter Education	DeKalb VRE/MARTA	Decatur MARTA Station 400 Church St Decatur, GA 30030	3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
10/9/2024	Voter Education	DeKalb VRE/MARTA	Chamblee MARTA Station 5200 Peachtree Rd Chamblee, GA 30341	3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
10/12/2024	Voter Education Fire & Rescue Safety Festival	DeKalb County Fire & Rescue Department	Northlake Mall 4800 Briarcliff Rd, NE Atlanta, GA 30345	12 p.m. - 4 p.m. (10:30 a.m. set-up)

2024 General/Special Election

KEY DATES

August 19 - December 3



DeKalb County
GEORGIA

Aug. 19	First day to request an absentee ballot for the November General/Special Election
Oct. 7 ¹ 17 - Nov. 4	Last day to register to vote for the November General/Special Election
Oct. 15 – Nov. 1	Advance Voting period for the November General/Special Election
Oct. 19 & Oct. 26	Saturday voting for the November General/Special Election
Oct. 20 & Oct. 27	Sunday voting for the November General/Special Election
Oct. 25	Last day to request an absentee ballot for the November General/Special Election
Nov. 5	General/Special Election Day
Nov. 25 – Nov. 27	Advance Voting period for December General/Special Runoff <i>(if needed)</i>
Dec. 3	General/Special Runoff Election Day <i>(if needed)</i>

Advance Voting for the 2024 General/Special and Runoff Elections *(if needed)*

Monday – Friday
Oct. 15* – Nov. 1
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday
Oct. 19 & 26
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday
Oct. 20 & 27
12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday
Nov. 25 – Nov. 27
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

(*First day moved to Tuesday, Oct. 15, due to Monday's observed state holiday)

4 2 0 N “I VOTED” STICKER CHALLENGE

Design DeKalb County’s New “I Voted” Sticker!

Grand Prize **\$500**

1st Runner-up \$200

2nd Runner-up \$100



For more info, including
how to submit a design,
scan QR Code or visit
DeKalbVotes.com

The sticker design challenge is
open to 11th and 12th graders
currently enrolled in DeKalb
County schools.

Deadline to Submit

Sept. 16



2024 General/Special Election

ADVANCE VOTING

October 15 – November 1



DeKalb County
GEORGIA

Advance Voting Dates for the General/Special Election are:

Monday – Friday (Oct. 15* – Nov. 1), 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday (Oct. 19 & Oct. 26), 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sunday (Oct. 20 & Oct. 27), 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

*(*First day moved to Tuesday, Oct. 15, due to Monday's observed state holiday)*

Berean Christian Church

2201 Young Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Bessie Branham Recreation Center

2051 Delano Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30317

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church

2340 Clifton Springs Road, Decatur, GA 30034

Briarwood Recreation Center*

2235 Briarwood Way, NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319

Clarkston Library

951 N. Indian Creek Drive, Clarkston, GA 30021

County Line–Ellenwood Library

4331 River Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

DeKalb Voter Registration & Elections Office

4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 500, Decatur, GA 30032

Dunwoody Library*

5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Dunwoody, GA 30338

Emory University

1599 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30322

Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church

1879 Glenwood Avenue, SE, Atlanta, GA 30316

Hairston Crossing Library

4911 Redan Road, Stone Mountain, GA 30088

Lynwood Recreation Center

3360 Osborne Rd, NE, Brookhaven, GA 30319

New Bethel AME Church

8350 Rockbridge Road, SW, Lithonia, GA 30058

New Life Community Alliance*

3592 Flat Shoals Road, Decatur, GA 30034

North DeKalb Senior Center

3393 Malone Drive, Chamblee, GA 30341

Salem-Panola Library

5137 Salem Road, Lithonia, GA 30038

Stonecrest-Former Sam's Club*

2994 Turner Hill Rd, Stonecrest, GA 30038

Tucker–Reid H. Cofer Library*

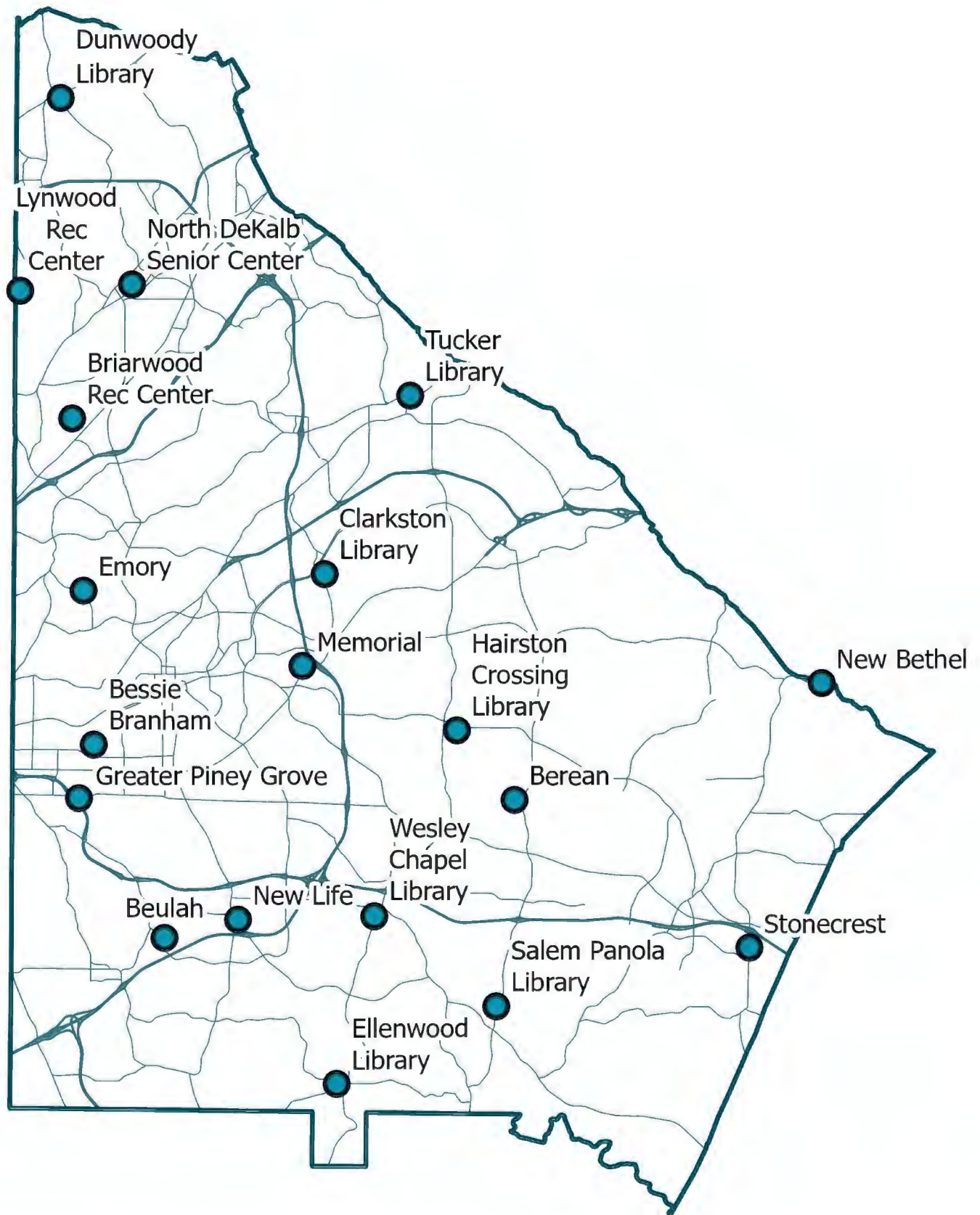
5234 Lavista Road, Tucker, GA 30084

Wesley Chapel–William C. Brown Library

2861 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur, GA 30034

*** = Drop Box Locations**

During the designated Advance Voting period, registered voters can vote at any of DeKalb County's Advance Voting locations. For more information, visit dekalbvotes.com or call 404-298-4020.



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND
ELECTIONS RELATING TO THE SCHEDULING OF VOTER CHALLENGES
RECEIVED LESS THAN NINETY DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF A PRIMARY OR
GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, in 1993 the United States Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), codified at 52 U.S.C.A. § 20501 et seq., for the purpose of protecting voting rights and regulating voting registration procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Election Code, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1, et seq., regulates elections and voter registration in the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Georgia law, specifically O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-229 and 21-2-230, allow electors to file voter challenges and dictates the procedures with which they are assessed; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of county Boards of Registrars to assess voter challenges filed pursuant to these provisions; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections was established by the Georgia General Assembly pursuant to Georgia Laws 2003, p. 4200, § 1 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-40, and is responsible for voter registration and the conduct of elections in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and county Boards of Registrars, including the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, are subject to the provisions of the NVRA; and

WHEREAS, the NVRA specifically prohibits the State of Georgia or a county Board of Registrars from conducting any program to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters within ninety (90) days of the date of a primary or general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections finds that voter challenges made pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 within ninety (90) days of the date of a primary or general election are “a program of systematic removal”, as prohibited by the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”), where the challenges:

1. Do not rely upon individualized information or investigation to determine the validity of the individual challenges; or
2. Use a mass computerized data-matching process to compare the voter rolls with other state and federal databases; or
3. Lack unique identifiers, indicia of reliability, or evidence of authenticity; or
4. Lack reliable first-hand evidence specific to individual voters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections directs the Executive Director of the DeKalb County Department of Voter Registration and Elections to:

1. Review, in consultation with the DeKalb County Attorney or her staff, all voter challenges received pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 and O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 for compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, including the NVRA and Georgia Election Code;
2. Determine if each voter challenge meets the criteria of a program of systematic removal as described above;
3. For O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 challenges that the Executive Director has determined meet the criteria for a program of systematic removal, schedule, in consultation with the Board of Registration and Elections, a hearing as soon as practicable, and in accordance with law, after the certification of the primary or general election and any required run-off election;
4. For O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 challenges that the Executive Director has determined meet the criteria for a program of systematic removal, schedule, in consultation with the Board of Registration and Elections, a hearing to determine probable cause as soon as practicable, and in accordance with law, after the certification of the primary or general election and any required run-off election;
5. Report to the Board of Registration and Elections all received and pending systematic voter challenges at the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board; and
6. Post the date of receipt and name of all systematic voter challenges described in this Resolution on the voter registration and election website and when each such challenge is scheduled, update the website to advise the public of the date, time and place of the hearing for each such challenge received.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Registration and Elections, this ____ day of ____, 2024.

KARLI SWIFT

Chair

Board of Registration and Elections

DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES

County Attorney

DeKalb County, Georgia

DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections

Procedures for Responding to Voter Challenges Submitted Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229

1. **These procedures are intended to work in tandem with, and be consistent with federal law, including the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 20501 et seq. (“NVRA”), and the Georgia Election Code, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1, et seq. The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections’ (“BRE”) disposition of voter challenges shall comply with the NVRA, including its requirements that any activity to ensure maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory.**

2. To the extent that any state law conflicts with federal law, federal law shall control. To the extent any procedure herein conflicts with federal or state law, the statutes shall control.

3. Challenges to the qualifications of a Dekalb County registered voter to remain on the voter registration list under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229 may be made only by a registered voter of DeKalb County. Challenges may not be made by voters who are not registered in the same county or municipality as the challenged voter or by private entities, businesses, political committees, PAC, political parties, or other organizations. Therefore, before acting upon a challenge submitted to the BRE, staff must determine whether the challenger is an individual elector and registered to vote in DeKalb County and, if not, the BRE must reject the challenge on this basis.

4. Challenges to the (1) qualifications of a person applying to register to vote in DeKalb County or municipality therein or (2) qualifications of any elector of DeKalb County or municipality therein whose name appears on the list of electors made within 45 days of a primary, run-off primary, election or run-off election shall be postponed until the certification of such primary, election or runoff is completed. Therefore, before acting upon a challenge submitted to the BRE, staff must determine whether the challenge is made within 45 days of a primary, primary run-off, election, or run-off, and if it is, the BRE shall postpone the challenge until after certification of said election on this basis.

5. Upon receiving a written challenge to a voter’s eligibility based upon the allegation that he or she does not reside in DeKalb County or in one of its municipalities, the BRE shall require the challenger, under the authority of O.C.G.A. §21-2-229(a), to specify whether the challenge is based on the challenged voter’s current residency status or the voter’s residency status at the time the voter initially registered. The BRE shall inform the challenger of this requirement pursuant to written notice to the challenger at the address provided in the written challenge. A copy of these procedures shall be included with the notice.

6. The BRE shall not remove any voters from the DeKalb County voter registration list solely based on a challenge alleging that the voter failed to vote, except that nothing shall prohibit the BRE from removing voters after sending the voter a confirmation notice and waiting two federal election cycles for the voter to either vote or respond to the confirmation notice or as set forth in the NVRA and paragraph 6.

7. The BRE shall not remove any voters from the DeKalb County voter registration list based on a challenge alleging that they were properly registered to vote in DeKalb County at the time of initial registration but may have moved from the address listed in their voter registration file. The sole procedure to be followed in this circumstance is to send the voter a confirmation notice and wait two federal election cycles for the voter to either vote or update his or her information before removing him or her from the rolls as outlined under Section 8(d) of the NVRA. If the challenger fails to affirmatively state in writing that the challenge is based upon the challenged voter's residency status at the time the voter initially registered to vote, the BRE shall follow the following protocols:

- (a) If such written notice to the challenged voter is returned marked "undeliverable" by the United States Postal Service, the BRE shall send the challenged voter a confirmation notice pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-234(b).
- (b) If no response to the BRE's written notice of challenge is received from the challenged voter, the BRE shall inform the challenger that the challenge does not present grounds to contest the eligibility of the voter to remain on the DeKalb County voter list and no further action shall be taken on the challenge.
- (c) If the challenged voter responds to the written notice with a written confirmation of a change of address, the BRE shall update the voter's record to reflect such change, including the removal of such voter from the active voter list if such written confirmation from the challenged voter reflects that such voter is no longer qualified to vote in DeKalb County.

8. If the challenger affirmatively states that the challenge is based upon the challenged voter's residency status at the time the challenged voter initially registered to vote, or that the challenge is based on grounds other than the challenged voter's residency status, the BRE shall send within (10) business days of receipt of the challenge written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the challenged voter of the challenge at the registered address of the challenged voter, and provide the challenged voter with a copy of the challenge, a copy of these procedures, and the opportunity to provide information in response to the challenge. If possible, the challenged voter shall provide information in response to the challenge within ten (10) business days from the date of the notice; however, nothing in these procedures shall prevent the challenged voter from providing information in response to the challenge leading up to and during any hearing.

9. If the voter supplied a phone number or email address on the registration form or in other writings such as an absentee ballot application received by the BRE, then in addition to the notice provided for in Paragraph 4 above, as soon as possible after receiving the challenge, the BRE will make at least three reasonable attempts, including at least one attempt during non-traditional working hours, to call or email the challenged voter to determine if the issue raised by the challenge can be resolved quickly, efficiently, and informally.

10. If the BRE determines that a hearing on the challenge is necessary, the BRE shall attempt to find a mutually convenient time for the BRE to hold any hearing.

11. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229, and in addition to the above efforts, the BRE will send a written notice informing the challenged voter and the challenger of the date, time, and place of the hearing along with a copy of the challenge, which hearing shall be set no later than ten (10) days following service of the notice, and shall state that either party may, but is not required to, be represented by counsel or another representative at the hearing. The notice will be sent by email (if available) and certified mail, return receipt requested, first-class mail, or in the manner provided in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-228(c). The notice must be mailed sufficiently in advance of the hearing to provide the person being challenged at least five days' notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

12. The challenged voter will have the right to at least one continuance of the hearing date upon request and may be granted additional continuances for good cause shown.

13. The written challenge will be posted on the BRE website within three business days of receipt of the challenge by the BRE.

14. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229(a) requires that a challenge "be in writing and specify distinctly the grounds of the challenge." Challenges that are not in writing or which consist of vague, generalized, speculative assertions or conjecture do not satisfy this standard and must be rejected. In particular, residency-based challenges must allege facts sufficient to specifically and distinctly identify the grounds for the challenger's contention that a registered voter has not satisfied the residency requirements of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-217.

15. Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229(c), the challenger bears the burden of proving the challenged voter is not qualified to remain on the registration list. Because O.C.G.A. § 21-2-217(b) gives presumptive effect to the registrar's decision in determining the residence of the challenged voter at the time the registration application is considered, challengers bringing residency-based challenges must produce evidence sufficient to rebut this presumption in order to sustain their burden of proving that the challenged voter is not qualified to remain on the rolls. If the challenger fails to do so, the challenge fails and it must be rejected by the BRE pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229(c) and 21-2-217(b).

16. Examples of challenges that would fail to meet the minimum standards required by Section 21-2-229(a) include, but are not limited to:

(a) Non-individualized or generalized claims (e.g., challenges to everyone registered at a certain address);

(b) Assertions that a challenged voter's name is not affiliated with the address of registration in any governmental database. For instance, challenges based on the allegation that the voter's name is not associated with the utility bill for an address as the sole basis for challenge are insufficient because there could be many residents at a particular address who do not pay the utility company;

- (c) “Voter caging” challenges—blanket challenges to large numbers of people living in certain neighborhoods—shall be rejected if they fail to specify distinctly the basis for the challenge to each voter’s qualifications.

17. In considering the evidence presented in support of or in opposition to a challenge based upon a change of residence, the BRE shall not rely exclusively upon address data on file with the Georgia Department of Driver Services (“DDS”) or other government databases, because voters often fail to immediately notify all government entities about address changes and, even if they do, there are often lag times before the government entity updates its files.

18. Where a voter is a legal resident of DeKalb County and otherwise qualified to vote within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-216 and 21-2-217, the BRE shall not remove such individual from the voter roll on the basis that the voter faces challenges causing them to live on the streets or in shelters, vehicles, trailers, transitional housing, non-traditional housing or at businesses serving homeless, ill, displaced, economically challenged or other DeKalb County residents in need of housing assistance in the county.¹ When adjudicating such challenges, the BRE shall consider the particular circumstances of the voter and the fact that the burden of proof is on the elector who brought the challenge to prove ineligibility.

19. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229, the BRE will notify challenged voters, in writing by first class, forwardable mail, and by telephone and email (if available), of any change in registration status resulting from challenge proceedings. This notification letter will specify in detail any basis for upholding the challenge.

20. Any notice sent to challenged voters indicating that the BRE has upheld a challenge will include a voter registration form and shall inform the voter that they have a right to appeal the decision by filing a petition with the clerk of the superior court within ten days after the date of the decision of the registrars and that such petition must be served upon the other parties to the challenge and the registrars. The notice shall also include contact information for the other parties to the challenge and the registrars to effectuate such service.

21. A copy of each written challenge upon which the BRE acts will be appended to the Minutes of the BRE meeting at which the action was taken.

22. Pursuant to the NVRA, the BRE shall not complete any activity with the purpose of systematically removing ineligible voters from the list of electors within 90 days prior to the date of a primary or general election for Federal office. This rule shall generally not preclude removal where a voter voluntarily requests removal or there is individualized evidence that a voter is deceased, convicted of a felony, or adjudicated mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

23. The procedures set forth herein shall apply to challenges to voter qualifications initiated pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-228 and 21-2-229.

¹ Note that this is a non-exclusive list of possible alternative locations where DeKalb County’s eligible voters may be living in the county.

24. The BRE will not remove any voter from the registration lists based on residency issues raised by rejected challenges. No state law will be construed to permit removals based on rejected challenges or residency issues raised by rejected challenges.

25. If any members of the BRE or employees or agents of the DeKalb County Department of Voter Registration and Elections challenge the eligibility of voters in their individual capacity while they remain in that position or have a personal or business interest in the mounting of such a challenge, they must recuse themselves from deliberating, voting or otherwise participating in any way in the BRE's consideration of such challenges.

26. The BRE will process all voter challenges expeditiously and objectively, while erring in all instances on the side of preserving the voter's right to remain on the registration lists, in recognition of the statutory requirement that the challenger has the burden of proving ineligibility.

DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections

**Procedures for Responding to Voter Challenges
Submitted Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230**

1. **These procedures are intended to work in tandem with, and be consistent with federal law, including the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C.A. § 20501 et seq. (“NVRA”), and the Georgia Election Code, O.C.G.A. § 21-2-1, et seq. The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections’ (“BRE”) disposition of voter challenges shall comply with the NVRA, including its requirements that any activity to ensure maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll shall be uniform and nondiscriminatory.**
2. To the extent that any state law conflicts with federal law, federal law shall control. To the extent any procedure herein conflicts with federal or state law, the statutes shall control.
3. Challenges to the right of a Dekalb County registered voter to vote in an election under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 must be in writing, must specify distinctly the grounds of such challenge, and must be filed with the BRE, in its capacity as registrar. Challenges that are not in writing or which consist of vague, generalized, speculative assertions or conjecture do not satisfy this standard and must be rejected.
4. Challenges to the right of a Dekalb County registered voter to vote in an election under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 may be made only by a registered voter of DeKalb County. Challenges may not be made by voters who are not registered in the same county or municipality as the challenged voter or by private entities, businesses, political committees, PAC, political parties, or other organizations. Therefore, before acting upon a challenge submitted to the BRE, staff must determine whether the challenger is an individual elector and registered to vote in DeKalb County and, if not, the BRE must reject the challenge on this basis.
5. Challenges to the right of a Dekalb County registered voter to vote in an election under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230 made within 45 days of a primary, run-off primary, election or run-off election shall be postponed until the certification of such primary, election or runoff is completed. Therefore, before acting upon a challenge submitted to the BRE, staff must determine whether the challenge is made within 45 days of a primary, primary run-off, election, or run-off, and if it is, the BRE shall postpone the challenge until after certification of said election on this basis.
6. If the challenge is made by a registered voter of DeKalb County and timely, the BRE should be prepared to convene a meeting to determine probable cause immediately upon receipt of a challenge under § 21-2-230.
7. The written challenge will be posted on the BRE website within three business days of receipt of the challenge by the BRE.

8. The challenger has the burden of proof to present probative and individualized evidence sufficient to meet the probable cause standard that the challenged voter does not have the right to vote in an election.

9. In determining whether there is probable cause to uphold a challenge, the BRE must consider whether there are facts and circumstances set forth in the written challenge which creates a reasonable belief that the challenged voter may not be qualified to vote in an election. The law provides several categories of probable causes, which shall include, but is not limited to:

- a. An elector who is deceased;
- b. An elector voting or registering to vote in a different jurisdiction;
- c. An elector obtaining a homestead exemption in a different jurisdiction; and
- d. An elector being registered at a nonresidential address as confirmed or listed by or in a government office, data base, website, or publicly available sources derived solely from such governmental sources.

The challenger shall still, however, put forward reliable and probative evidence to support a claim that the challenged voter falls within these enumerated “probable cause” categories.

10. Examples of challenges that would fail to meet the minimum standards required by Section 21-2-230 include, but are not limited to:

- a. Non-individualized or generalized claims;
- b. The presence of a challenged voter’s name on the National Change of Address database as having changed the voter’s residence to a different jurisdiction without additional evidence indicating the voter lost his or her residence; and
- c. Challenges to voters alleged to have gained or lost their residency due to (1) a presence or absence while enrolled as a student at any college, university or other institution of learning in Georgia, (2) being stationed on duty in this state as a member of the armed forces of the United States; and (3) moving to a federal territory, another state, or foreign country to engage in government service.

11. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-217(b) gives presumptive effect to the BRE’s decision in determining the residence of the challenged voter at the time the registration application is considered. Challengers bringing residency-based challenges must overcome this presumption.

12. Where a voter is a legal resident of DeKalb County and otherwise qualified to vote within the meaning of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-216 and 21-2-217, the BRE shall not sustain a challenge on the basis that the voter currently lives on the streets or in shelters, vehicles, trailers, transitional

housing, non-traditional housing or at businesses serving homeless, ill, displaced, economically challenged or other DeKalb County residents in need of housing assistance in the county.¹ When adjudicating such challenges, the BRE shall consider the particular circumstances of the voter and the fact that the burden of proof is on the voter who brought the challenge to prove ineligibility.

13. If the BRE does not find probable cause, then the challenge shall be denied.

14. If the BRE finds probable cause exists to uphold the challenge, the BRE shall proceed as set forth below.

Where Probable Cause is Found:

15. Where probable cause is found, the BRE must provide the list of the challenged voters, with the basis of the challenges noted thereon, to the poll officers at the challenged voters' precincts and advance voting locations, and to the absentee ballot clerk.

16. Where a hearing is scheduled pursuant to the procedures below, staff shall notify the challenged voter of the challenge and both the challenger and challenged voter of the hearing date via certified mail, regular U.S. mail, e-mail, and telephone (if available) as soon as possible after scheduling said hearing and no later than three business days prior to the hearing, where possible

17. If the challenged voter (1) submits a timely absentee ballot or (2) appears to vote in person after the BRE has determined that probable cause exists, and it is practical to conduct a hearing on the challenge prior to the close of the polls, that hearing will dictate whether the voter can vote in the election.

- a. If the challenge is denied, the voter shall be permitted to vote. An in-person voter shall be permitted to vote notwithstanding the fact the polls may have closed prior to the time the registrars render a decision, as long as the voter proceeds to vote immediately after the registrars' decision.
- b. If the challenge is upheld, the voter shall not be permitted to vote. If the challenge is based on the grounds that the voter shall not be permitted to remain on the list of electors, the challenged voter's name shall be removed.

18. If the challenged voter (1) submits a timely absentee ballot or (2) appears to vote in person after the BRE has determined that probable cause exists, and it is not practical to conduct a hearing on the challenge prior to the close of the polls, the challenged voter must be permitted to vote by casting a challenged ballot, with the ballot then sealed in double envelopes.

- a. For an absentee ballot, the absentee ballot clerk receiving the sealed ballot must write the word "Challenged," the voter's name, and the alleged cause

¹ Note that this is a non-exclusive list of possible alternative locations where DeKalb County's eligible voters may be living in the county.

of the challenge on the back of the outer envelope. The ballot should then be deposited into a secure, sealed ballot box.²

- b. For an in-person ballot, the challenged voter may cast a challenged ballot on the same type of ballot that is used for provisional ballots. The poll worker must write the word “Challenged,” the voter's name, and the alleged cause of the challenge on the back of the outer envelope. The challenged voter should then be directed to deposit the ballot into a secure, sealed ballot box.

19. If the challenge is based on grounds other than the challenged voter’s right to remain on the electors’ list, no further action by the BRE is required, and the challenged vote will be counted as valid but may be voided in the event of an election contest.

20. If the challenge is based on the challenged voter’s right to remain on the electors’ list, the BRE must complete the challenge hearing before the deadline for certification of the election results. If the BRE upholds the challenge, the name of the challenged voter must be removed from the list of electors and the ballot of the challenged voter must be rejected and not counted. Challenges to a voter’s right to remain on the list of electors must be conducted pursuant to the BRE’s adopted Procedures for Responding to Voter Challenges Submitted Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-229, with the exception of timing.

21. The procedures set forth herein shall apply to challenges to voter qualifications initiated pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230.

22. Any challenge of a voter that occurs during a primary or general election shall continue through the run-off primary or run-off election of such primary or general election unless resolved.

23. A copy of each written challenge upon which the BRE acts will be appended to the Minutes of the BRE meeting at which the action was taken.

24. If any members of the BRE or employees or agents of the DeKalb County Department of Voter Registration and Elections challenge the eligibility of voters in their individual capacity while they remain in that position or have a personal or business interest in the mounting of such a challenge, they must recuse themselves from deliberating, voting or otherwise participating in any way in the BRE’s consideration of such challenges.

25. The BRE will process all voter challenges expeditiously and objectively, while erring in all instances on the side of preserving the voter’s right to vote in an election, in recognition of the statutory requirement that the challenger has the burden of proving ineligibility.

² See O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(e) for absentee ballots cast during advance voting.

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Date: 10/6/2022 5:20 PM
Subject: The Buzz Post - Ballot Security

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A [new discussion](#) has
been posted in The Buzz by Evans, Blake on 10/6/2022 5:10 PM

I know that many counties have received an email requesting that poll workers hand count ballots at polling places on election night. **Deciding to have poll workers hand count ballots at each polling location on election night is not something your poll workers should do.**

Please see O.C.G.A. § 21-2-420(a) which states :

“(a) After the time for the closing of the polls and the last elector voting, the poll officials in each precinct shall complete the required accounting and related documentation for the precinct and shall advise the election superintendent of the total number of ballots cast at such precinct and the total number of provisional ballots cast. The chief manager and at least one assistant manager shall post a copy of the tabulated results for the precinct on the door of the precinct and then immediately deliver all required documentation and election materials to the election superintendent. The election superintendent shall then ensure that such ballots are processed, counted, and tabulated as soon as possible and shall not cease such count and tabulation until all such ballots are counted and tabulated.”

Also, SEB Rule 183-1-12-.12 states: “The poll manager and two witnesses who have been sworn as poll officers as provided in O.C.G.A. 21-2-94 and 21-2-95 shall unseal and open each ballot box, remove the paper ballots from each ballot box, and place the paper ballots into a durable, portable, secure and sealable container to be provided for transport to the office of the election superintendent.”

In order to ensure maximum security for the voted ballots, poll workers should not prolong the process of removing ballots from ballot boxes and sealing them in transport containers. This process should be done efficiently, transparently, and immediately after the polls have closed and votes have been cast. Members of the public can observe the process.

If you have any further questions regarding the law on this matter, please consult with your county attorney with this guidance in mind.

Blake Evans, Elections Director

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

9/20 SEB Meeting

3 messages

McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>
To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: Elizabeth Young <EYoung@law.ga.gov>, Danna Yu <DYu@law.ga.gov>

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 1:18 PM

John,

Please see the attached letter in response to your request for feedback on the proposed rules and petitions on the agenda for the State Election Board's next meeting on 9/20. I'm happy to answer any follow up questions you may have.

I did not put this in the letter but I will note that if the Board is going to move forward with rulemaking on the two petitions, under the APA process it is impossible at this point for the rules to take effect until after the General Election.

Charlene S. McGowan

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com> Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 2:28 PM
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Fellow Board Members:

On September 6th I had sent an email to the SOS and AG asking for their opinions/comments relating to the proposed rules and petitions that the SEB will be hearing at our September 20, 2024 meeting.

Attached you will find a copy of a letter that I received a few minutes ago from the Office of the Secretary of State. There are some very important points made in the letter that this Board should strongly consider. They mirror concerns that I have also heard from many local election officials.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
John Fervier

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Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 7:35 AM

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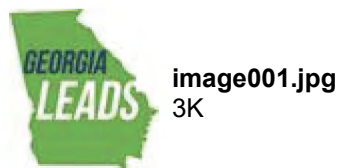
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Thank you John and Charlene.
Sent from my iPad

On Sep 16, 2024, at 2:29 PM, John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com> wrote:

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Election Board Meeting 9-20-24: Fair and Accurate Elections are a Must!

1 message

Patricia Tatem <[REDACTED]>
To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 9:44 AM

We strongly support the passage of the following proposed rules:

Rick Jeffares Rule 183-1-12-.21 County Participation and Totals Reporting Requires counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast for each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day.

Julie Adams Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center Adds specific election process areas in tabulation center where poll watcher monitoring is allowed. It includes provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, regional or satellite check-in centers and election reconciliation.

Sharlene Alexander Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. "Amended to allow an option for poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office."

Sharlene Alexander Rule 183-1-14-.02(8) (13) Advance Voting Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an advanced in-person scanner ballot box and removing the ballots.

David Cross Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections Provide for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional and Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.

David Cross Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service which offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

Garland Favorito Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns Requires memory card content and the memory card to be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state law.

Garland Favorito Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners for Election Day.

Garland Favorito Rule 183-1-14-.02 Advance Voting Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners upon tabulation of results on AIP scanners on election day.

Lucia Frazier Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a) Preparation of Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book Requires each county and the SOS to post a freely-accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. Data files shall remain posted and freely available for download for a minimum of 10 consecutive year.

Lucia Frazier Requires the SOS to post a list of voters who voted immediately after an election is conducted.

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Respectfully,

Patti & David Tatem





Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

FW: Request for recount rule-making decision at the Sept 20 meeting

1 message

Marilyn Marks [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 22, 2024 at 9:02 PM

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Cc: "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Chairman Fervier and Election Board Members,

Given that there is a continuation of the September 20 meeting tomorrow, I would again like to request that we be put on the agenda to get a determination of the proposed recount rule which we have been awaiting since May. Please see the history and rationale I recounted below.

It is important to November candidates to have the right to promptly obtain a lawful manual recount without having to litigate to achieve that, which also significantly delays the recounts and ultimate final certification of the races involved.

Thank you for your consideration. I am in Atlanta and will be standing by to hear whether I should come to the Capitol.

Marilyn Marks
[REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Marks [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10:15 AM

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Cc: "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: Request for recount rule-making decision at the Sept 20 meeting

Chairman Fervier and Election Board Members,

We wish to remind the Board that the APA requires that the Board make decisions on petitions for rule-making to either decline or accept the petition for rule-making **within 30 days of the petition's submission**. We are attempting to get a decision on the recount rule we submitted in April. We ask you again that it be brought up for a decision on Friday.

We submitted our rule making proposal to **bring the recount rule into compliance with the recount law** in April. In the May meeting the proposal was declined because the Board wanted more time to study the law and recount practices. We resubmitted our request for hearing at the July meeting and it was scheduled for hearing and then delayed until the August meeting. No decision was made in the August 6 meeting after we presented the petition, but the petition was tabled to suggest work on new legislation to be proposed next year about creating new methods of recounting. I requested that Dr. Johnston move for a vote on the recount proposal in the late August meeting, but that did not occur.

I have asked again for a decision on the rule at the September 20 meeting, but it does not appear to be on the agenda.

Close elections are expected in November and candidates should not have to litigate to obtain a lawful recount. This is quite unfair to candidates who may not have the tens of thousands of dollars necessary to litigate such a basic legal right.

Please add the decision on the recount rule to the agenda for Friday. We are happy to be present to answer any further questions.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

Coalition for Good Governance

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From: Marilyn Marks <[REDACTED]>

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:08 PM

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Cc: "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Recount Rule (revised)

Chairman Fervier and Election Board Members,

Coalition for Good Governance is submitting our slightly revised proposed amendment to the recount rule, seeking to have recounts conducted by hand count, as we believe the law requires. In the attached cover letter, we further explain our response to the determination letter we received from you. Thank you for providing that so that we could specifically address the expressed concerns.

With respect to the Board's concern that hand counts can often be subject to inaccuracies, please note our previously proposed Rule 1(k). The suggestion is that if there are meaningful discrepancies between the hand count and the original machine count, rescanning the ballots can help isolate any human errors or machine errors to allow for correction.

Signed and notarized copies of the letter and affidavit were put in overnight delivery today.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present the proposal at the July meeting, and have the chance to answer any further questions.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

Coalition for Good Governance

Cell: [REDACTED]

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Fwd: YES on SEB Rule Changes

1 message

Dane Seibert <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 4:19 PM

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From: Dane Seibert <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 3:18 PM

Subject: YES on SEB Rule Changes

To: <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

I am writing you today to give my support for the proposed rule changes you will be considering tomorrow.

As a poll worker and poll watcher, I understand part of the election process and clearly do not see a problem hand counting the number of ballots at the precinct at the end of the night.

We, the people, should trust the vote count is accurate at each phase of the voting process; advanced voting, Election Day, and absentee ballots. The number of votes should be made public at each phase of the count.

I am especially concerned that a rush to certify the election should not compromise the need to reconcile the tabulation counts with the number of voters at all precincts.

We never get action after the results are certified! If you implement these rules, we have a much better chance at transparency and accuracy. That should be the board's primary job!

ELECTION INTEGRITY and every phase of the election process should require an equal representation of both political parties without prejudice!

Regards,
Dane Seibert

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GAGOP Statewide Poll Watcher Submission List for Early Voting

2 messages

Hillary Breyel [REDACTED] Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:38 PM
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To the Georgia State Election Board,

Please see the attached Georgia Republican Party's list of statewide poll watchers, per O.C.G.A § 21-2-408(b)(3)(B). Please kindly confirm receipt of this email and attached list. Thank you.

Hillary Breyel

Regional Election Integrity Director
Trump Force 47



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Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov> Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 4:47 PM
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Good afternoon,

I am confirming receipt of your list of statewide poll watchers.

Thank you,

Alex

From: Hillary Breyel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 4:39 PM
To: Evans, Blake <bevans@sos.ga.gov>; McGowan, Charlene <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>; Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>; Ellis, Steven <sellis@sos.ga.gov>; jfervier.seb@gmail.com <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>; saraghazal.seb@gmail.com <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>; jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>; rjeffares.seb@gmail.com <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>; jking.seb@gmail.com <jking.seb@gmail.com>
Subject: GAGOP Statewide Poll Watcher Submission List for Early Voting

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Important business you are conducting

2 messages

Richard Lewenthal <[REDACTED]> Sun, Aug 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM
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Cc: David Wold [REDACTED], Jim Sease [REDACTED], Jere Barr [REDACTED]

Hello,

My name is Richard Lewenthal. I have lived in Georgia since 1979 and recently relocated to Ellijay from Marietta. I have been very concerned with the good and welfare of our great state for quite a while and try to keep myself informed about what is happening here as best I can. Having reviewed detailed analysis of the rules you will be voting on in your meeting on tomorrow, Monday, August 19, 2024, I would like to offer a citizen's voice of encouragement to you all regarding the rules I would support as well as those I would oppose. While I have great trust in your judgment to do the right thing for the State of Georgia and her citizens. I figure a little input from a constituent could be a good thing for you.

I would throw full support and encourage you all to vote in favor of these three rule changes that have made there way through the process of being at point of final vote:

1. Reconciliation & Certification Improvements – Revisions to Subject 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results
2. Count Total Ballots When Scanner Box Emptied – Amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5)
3. Public Posting of Reconciliation – Amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)

Petitioners to Request SEB to Initiate Rule-making Process on Proposed Rules:

I would not support these two proposed rule changes and hope they will be prevented from moving forward:

1. Optional Emergency Balloting - submitted by Debbie Dooley
2. Required Emergency Balloting – submitted by Marilyn Marks

I would support the initiation of the rule making process for the following three proposed rules:

1. Public Posting of Eligible Voters List Prior to Election – submitted by Lucia Frazier
2. Public Posting of Voters Who Voted after an Election - submitted by Lucia Frazier
3. Voter Roll Public Posting and downloadable for free – submitted by Lucia Frazier

I hope you will give consideration to this message and I look forward to following up on the outcome of tomorrow's important meeting.

Regards,

Richard Lewenthal
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Regards,

Richard Lewenthal
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Richard Lewenthal

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 1:55 PM

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Cc: David Wold , Jim Sease , Jere Barr

Hello again,

I am writing, today, to encourage all of you to continue the outstanding work you have been doing in efforts to ensure election integrity this coming November and in the future here in Georgia. Specifically, I would ask that you move forward and formally affirm the following rules you are voting on tomorrow:

- Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections Provide for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional and Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.
- Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners for Election Day
- Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. Amended to allow an option for poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office.
- Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns Requires memory card content and the memory card to be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state law
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- Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service which offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

I send this with the greatest respect for you all and the very important work you are doing for all Americans in general and all Georgians in particular.

Thank you so much for all you are doing!

Regards,

Richard Lewenthal



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Photographic and other electronic monitoring of ballots prohibited

1 message

BoER District 5 <BoER.Dist5@camdencountyga.gov>

Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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21-2-413. Conduct of voters, campaigners, and others at polling places generally.

(e) No person shall use photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cameras, or cellular telephones while such person is in a polling place while voting is taking place; provided, however, that a poll manager, in his or her discretion, may allow the use of photographic devices in the polling place under such conditions and limitations as the election superintendent finds appropriate, and provided, further, that no photography shall be allowed of a ballot or the face of a voting machine or DRE unit or electronic ballot marker while an elector is voting such ballot or machine or DRE unit or using such electronic ballot marker, and no photography shall be allowed of an electors list, electronic electors list, or the use of an electors list or electronic electors list. This subsection shall not prohibit the use of photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cameras, or cellular telephones by poll officials for official purposes.

The placard, as shown on page 10 of the attached poll work manual, is required to be posted at every polling location.

21-2-568.2. Photographic and other electronic monitoring of ballots prohibited.

(a) It shall be illegal for any person to use photographic or other electronic monitoring or recording devices, cameras, or cellular telephones, except as authorized by law, to:

- (1) Photograph or record the face of an electronic ballot marker while a ballot is being voted or while an elector's votes are displayed on such electronic ballot marker; or
- (2) Photograph or record a voted ballot.

(b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Opinion Notes

OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Fingerprinting required. —

Misdemeanor offenses arising under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-568.2 are offenses for which those charged are to be fingerprinted. 2021 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 21-1.

21-2-599. Punishment for misdemeanors under chapter.

Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under this chapter shall be subject to any one or more of the following, in the discretion of the trial judge:

- (1) A fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00;

- (2) A sentence of confinement in the county jail or other place of imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months; or
- (3) A sentence of confinement in a county correctional institution or other appropriate institution under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections not to exceed 12 months.

I would hope each SEB member would ask themselves the following questions concerning the issuance of a Letter of Instruction (LOI) for case SEB2023-090:

Has the SEB now set a precedence for future violations of these statutes?

Does issuing an LOI comport to 21-2-568.2(b)?

Do these statutes afford the SEB the ability to consider the intent of the accused?

Did the SEB err in issuing an LOI for a self admitted violation of the statutes?

Can/should the issuance of this LOI be reconsidered? If so, should it be reconsidered as soon as possible but prior to Nov 5 election day?

Should violations, such as this one, that fall under statutes that define the sanction for a conviction of, even be considered by the SEB to issue an LOI as the sanction?

In my opinion.

Once certain activists understand the SEB issued an LOI vice referral for a misdemeanor charge, will not hesitate photographing their ballot, plea they had no knowledge, are very sorry, and so, so embarrassed, "delete" the photo, as to say I did not know. Then turn around and brag to their other activist friends about their LOI, wear it like a badge of honor and never really be held to account. Just because a photo is "deleted" off the phone does not mean it can not be restored.

Respectfully,
Kyle C. Rapp
Chair, Board of Elections and Registration
District 5
Camden County, Georgia

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Please Approve all 11 Pending Rule Changes this Friday

1 message

Christine Propst <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 9:11 AM

To: sebpublishcomments@sos.ga.gov, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, johnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Hello State Election Board Members,

I am writing to say thank you again for your service on the State Election Board and to ask you to **please vote yes on all 11 pending rule changes and the 2 rule petitions.**

All 11 rule changes were vetted by Georgia's legislative counsel to ensure they are consistent with the law. None of the rules impact or change the voter process.

They all enhance **security, accuracy, and transparency** of our elections which will help to improve Georgia voter confidence.

I urge you to vote "yes" on all of the rules presented for a final vote on September 20th.

Security:

- Rule 183-1-12-.01: Conduct of Elections: Emergency and Provisional Ballot Distinction
- Rule 183-1-14-.11: Mailing and Issuance of Ballots: Chain of Custody. This rule will ensure that ballots are mailed to the correct recipients and returned securely, providing an auditable trail.
- Rule 183-1-14-.02: Advance Voting: Chain of Custody
- Rule 183-1-12-.13: Storage of Returns – Memory Card Retention. I am amazed that this isn't already standard practice – these are as important, if not more important than the physical ballots.

Accuracy:

- Rule 183-1-12-.12: Tabulating Results: Reconciliation
- Rule 183-1-14-.02: Advanced Voting: Reconciliation These 2 reconciliation rules will help identify discrepancies early in the counting process, allowing for immediate corrective action.
- Rule 183-1-12-.12 (a)(5): Hand Counting Election Day
- Rule 183-1-14-.02(8)(13): Hand Count Advance Voting

The hand counts are a valuable check in the process to confirm all ballots are removed and that the scanner is reading all ballots. We used to do this for Election Day – it took us around 20 minutes for about 1500 ballots.

Transparency:

- Rule 183-1-12-.19 (6)(a): Preparation of the Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book: Voter Lists
- Rule 183-1-12-.21: County Participation and Totals Reporting - Daily Reporting
- Rule 183-1-13-.05: Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center. This is a much-needed rule to clarify poll watcher access. It is inconsistent from county to county and in Fulton we have been denied access to the satellite check-in centers and the Absentee Ballot receiving area.

Thank you,
Christine

Christine Propst
Sandy Springs, GA



GA-SEB-24-2282-B-000237

Please pass the new rules

1 message

Bonnie Chappell 

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 1:37 PM

Please pass these new rules. They are logical and would assure GA voters their vote will count.

Bonnie Chappell
Tucker, GA

a. **Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections - Absentee Ballot Distinction**

Provide for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional and Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.

This rule will help poll workers to distinguish stolen ballots or special ballots that should not be scanned during regular operations

b. **Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots - Chain of Custody**

Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service which offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

This rule will maintain chain of custody of absentee ballot by ensuring they are mailed to intended recipients and returned to election office with auditable trail. This rule could have associated costs but would improve ballot control and deter ballot trafficking

c. **Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results - Hand Counting**

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. Amended to allow an option for poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office.

This rule is important to detect errors between the scanner counts and actual ballots scanned for all Election Day voting.

d. **Rule 183-1-14-.02(8) (13) Advance Voting - Absentee Ballot Hand Counting**

Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an advanced in-person scanner ballot box and removing the ballots.

This rule is important to detect errors between the scanner counts and actual ballots scanned for all advance in-person voting. This is a sister to the rule for Election Day scanned ballots.

e. **Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results - Reconciliation Reports**

This one is a mistake. It has already been accepted as a rule.

f. **Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a) Preparation of Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book - Voter Lists**

Requires each county and the SOS to post a freely-accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. Data files shall remain posted and freely available for download for a minimum of 10 consecutive year.

This rule will help deter electronic voter roll manipulation, voter identity theft and ballot box stuffing

g. **Rule 183-1-12-.21 County Participation and Totals Reporting – Daily Reporting**

Requires counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast for each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day

This rule provides better ballot control, more transparency and reduces risk of ballot box stuffing

h. **Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center**

Adds specific election process areas in tabulation center where poll watcher monitoring is allowed. It includes provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, regional or satellite check-in centers and election

reconciliation

The current rule only lists the check-in area, computer room and duplication area for poll watchers.

This rule is important for added election transparency

i. **Rule 183-1-14-.02 Advance Voting – Reconciliation**

Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners upon tabulation of results on AIP scanners on election day.

This rule is necessary to detect the QR code signature mismatch error that causes ballots accepted by the scanners to not be tabulated.

There is no current means to detect this error found in 65 of 67 counties surveyed in 2020 and observed in the May 2024 primaries.

j. **Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results – Reconciliation**

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This rule is necessary to detect the QR code signature mismatch error that causes ballots accepted by the scanners to not be tabulated.

There is no current means to detect this error found in 65 of 67 counties surveyed in 2020 and observed in the May 2024 primaries.

k. **Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns**

Requires memory card content and the memory card to be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state law

This rule is necessary to ensure that original ballot images, audit logs and cast vote records are available for the retention period



Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Please VOTE YES for Hand Counted Total Ballots to Cross-Check Electronic System

1 message

Sandy & Theresa Brown [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 10:39 AM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, mcoan@sos.ga.gov, ahardin@sos.ga.gov

Dear State Election Board:

I am emailing in **support** of **Hand Counted Total Ballots to Cross-Check our Electronic Voting System.**

To that end I am asking that you **vote in favor of both Rule 183-1-12-.12 (a)(5) - Hand Count Total Ballots at Precinct on Election Day and Revisions to 183-1-14-.02 (8) and (13) - Hand Count Total Ballots during Early Voting.**

I have been a poll watcher in Fayette County GA since 2022. I observed in real time the change from counting ballots at the precinct to merely stacking ballots neatly. I agree with the petitioner who proposed this rule that counting the number of ballots at the precinct is a crucial step in chain-of-custody integrity. How can chain-of-custody be valid if one doesn't even know the details about what is in custody? Obviously, confirming the exact number of ballots being safeguarded is a necessary cross check for the electronic system counts at each polling location on Election Day.

As we all know technology is far from perfect, a hand count with three three sworn poll officers having their eyes on the actual ballots is far superior to just trusting what the computer says.

Thank you for your service to our state.

Theresa E. Brown

Fayette County resident



John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Please vote YES on the 2 rule petitions and 10 rule changes (NOT the one that publishes voter data)

1 message

Paul Miller

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 9:46 PM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

I've been a Poll Watcher at Buckhead Library, Ocee Library, Alpharetta Library, and Alpharetta Elementary School; my shifts were during the Presidential Preference and General Primaries. The Poll Managers were very different in personality and style, but I was impressed with how each precinct consistently reconciled vote tallies throughout the day. Each hour, the counts of the poll pads, BMDs, and scanners were reconciled; as a Poll Watcher, I was able to independently perform these counts and then compare results with the Poll Manager. This was not a hostile, antagonistic process - we all were committed to ensuring everything was balanced.

I've been astounded and disappointed that the much more critical processes associated with tabulation seem to lack many of these common-sense measures. We're supposed to think it's "normal" that votes are double-counted, tabulation tapes are lost, counts from audits and recounts aren't nearly reconciled, etc. As a recently retired IT Executive (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/pmiller55/>), I'm incredibly confident that computers are exceptional at counting. We can do better.

I support the petitions because they introduce common-sense measures to reconcile counts - similar in spirit and process to what's done at individual precincts.

I am not comfortable in supporting the publishing online of individual voter information. I'd need to hear about alternative approaches to reduce risks from imperfect voter roles. I'm volunteering now as a Deputy Registrar, working with the Fulton County Voter Outreach and Education team at voter registration drives. I've learned how the processes are designed to allow the most people to vote, not to ensure integrity in the data. During the training, this was explained as: "Bad data isn't a problem - we check IDs when people vote." However, flawed data represents a risk for bad actors to exploit via absentee ballots. All to say, this change requires more study.

Our democracy needs people to vote and feel confident that their votes are being fairly counted. THANKS for the work you're doing to get us there.

Sincerely,
Paul

Paul Miller - Fulton County voter
Alpharetta, GA



Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Request for recount rule-making decision at the Sept 20 meeting

1 message

Marilyn Marks

Wed, Sep 18, 2024 at 10:15 AM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Chairman Fervier and Election Board Members,

We wish to remind the Board that the APA requires that the Board make decisions on petitions for rule-making to either decline or accept the petition for rule-making **within 30 days of the petition's submission**. We are attempting to get a decision on the recount rule we submitted in April. We ask you again that it be brought up for a decision on Friday.

We submitted our rule making proposal to **bring the recount rule into compliance with the recount law** in April. In the May meeting the proposal was declined because the Board wanted more time to study the law and recount practices. We resubmitted our request for hearing at the July 7 meeting and it was scheduled for hearing and then delayed until the August meeting. No decision was made in the August 6 meeting after we presented the petition, but the petition was tabled to suggest work on new legislation to be proposed next year about creating new methods of recounting. I requested that Dr. Johnston move for a vote on the recount proposal in the late August meeting, but that did not occur.

I have asked again for a decision on the rule at the September 20 meeting, but it does not appear to be on the agenda.

Close elections are expected in November and candidates should not have to litigate to obtain a lawful recount. This is quite unfair to candidates who may not have the tens of thousands of dollars necessary to litigate such a basic legal right.

Please add the decision on the recount rule to the agenda for Friday. We are happy to be present to answer any further questions.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

Coalition for Good Governance

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From: Marilyn Marks

Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:08 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Recount Rule (revised)

Chairman Fervier and Election Board Members,

Coalition for Good Governance is submitting our slightly revised proposed amendment to the recount rule, seeking to have recounts conducted by hand count, as we believe the law requires. In the attached cover letter, we further explain our response to the determination letter we received from you. Thank you for providing that so that we could specifically address the expressed concerns.

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With respect to the Board's concern that hand counts can often be subject to inaccuracies, please note our previously proposed Rule 1(k). The suggestion is that if there are meaningful discrepancies between the hand count and the original machine count, rescanning the ballots can help isolate any human errors or machine errors to allow for correction.

Signed and notarized copies of the letter and affidavit were put in overnight delivery today.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present the proposal at the July meeting, and have the chance to answer any further questions.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

[Coalition for Good Governance](#)

Cell: [REDACTED]

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John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Statewide Poll Watchers

4 messages

Zach Varnell

Mon, Sep 30, 2024 at 11:15 PM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, ahardin@sos.ga.gov

Cc: Gerred Bell

Dear Chairman Fervier,

On behalf of the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Georgia, we hereby designate the following individuals as statewide poll watchers and tabulation monitors for the November 5 General Election (Advanced Voting and Election Day, including tabulation center and post-election activities), pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §21-2-408(b)(2):

Ms. Aileen Nakamura

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ms. Marilyn Marks

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dr. Rutledge Forney

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ms. Elizabeth Throop

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Stephana K. Grant

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

All of the designated poll watchers have been trained and have personally had years of poll watching experience. Please let me know if any additional information is required.

Best,

Zach Varnell

Libertarian Party of Georgia

Signal: [REDACTED]

Web: lpgeorgia.com

John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 9:32 AM

To: Zach Varnell <[REDACTED]>

Cc: ahardin@sos.ga.gov, Gerred Bell [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Mr. Varnell:

Thank you for your email. The SEB paralegal, Alexandra Hardin, will handle the preparation of the documents that your poll watchers will need.

Best Regards,
John Fervier
Chairman, State Election Board

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Zach Varnell [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 1:06 PM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: ahardin@sos.ga.gov, Gerred Bell [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Thank you, Mr. Fervier and Ms. Hardin.

I have one more addition:

Ms. Rhonda Martin

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Best,

Zach Varnell

Communications Director

Libertarian Party of Georgia

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Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

GA-SEB-24-2282-B-000245 Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 8:38 PM

To: Zach Varnell [REDACTED], John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: Gerred Bell <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]

Sorry for the delay here, Mr. Varnell. I have added this poll watcher to your list and will create the credentials.

Thank you.



ALEXANDRA HARDIN
Paralegal
Georgia State Election Board

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The Draper Paper: Election Sabotage in Georgia

1 message

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Rep. Saira Draper
@SairaForGeorgia



The Georgia State Election Board is an embarrassment to our state.

And don't forget how we got here: "mainstream" republican leaders appointed far right kooks to run an important administrative agency, and refused to intervene when it went off the rails. #gapol



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The State Election Board is trying to sabotage the election

Donald Trump's three "pit bulls" on the State Elections Board (SEB) are at it again, approving a slate of election rule changes even though ballots have already started going out.

The latest betrayal by the SEB is approving a new rule that requires counties to hand count ballots after polls close on election night.

Rachel Maddow covered the meeting on her show Friday evening (and even featured some of my public comments!)



Rachel Maddow Shoutout 9.20.24

This newest rule is one of six approved on Friday. The rule change was pitched as a simple way of making sure the numbers balance and that there is an accounting for all ballots cast. Supporters of the rule said a count will reduce the chances for miscounts and will ensure all ballots are tracked.

But it's not that simple.

First, it's important to note there are already three different ways in which we confirm the number of ballots cast. These processes already exist.

Hand counts are notoriously prone to inaccuracy and will delay the release of election results. Inaccurate and late counts will give Trump and his army the ammunition they want for their expected lawsuits and to support their false claims that elections here are not legitimate.

The hand counts will strain county budgets and poll workers. The rule says there must be three people counting the ballots at each precinct, so some counties will have to hire additional staff to supplement exhausted poll workers, who by the time the polls close will have been working for 14 hours or more.

And those are just the operational considerations. Just like [the certification rule approved last month](#), this rule likely exceeds the statutory authority of the SEB, and ventures from legitimate rule making territory to illegitimate law making. Even the SEB's own attorney, AG Chris Carr, [said the rule is likely illegal](#)!

And it doesn't take a genius to understand you shouldn't change the rules of the game while the game is being played. That's unfair.

On Friday, elections officials from all over Georgia drove to the state Capitol to claim their two minutes during the board meeting's public comment period.

One-by-one and for hours on Friday almost three dozen elections officials, poll workers, election experts, and voters from both sides of the aisle pleaded with the board not to do this damage to the upcoming election.

The last-minute changes will "upend" the election, one poll worker warned. It will "introduce chaos," said another.

My remarks made clear that the board's stated goals for these rules— accuracy and security—were actually undermined by the rules. And that the real reason behind this (and all the other) eleventh hour rule change was to set up our counties to make mistakes, thereby setting the stage to call into question the accuracy of the election.

The “pit bulls” were unmoved, voting 3-2 to approve the rule.

I was invited onto BBC News tonight to discuss Friday's SEB meeting. Check out the segment here.



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What can you do? Vote Early!

Yes, lawsuits will be filed to challenge this rule. Lawsuits are pending challenging the certification rule passed last month.

BUT, even if the lawsuits are successful, some damage is already done. Since the counties can't be sure of the lawsuit outcome, they have to plan for both contingencies and that puts a strain on their already-strained resources.

The number one thing YOU can do to reduce the administrative strain on our counties is VOTE EARLY.

I recommend voting in person if you can, rather than by mail. There are several reasons for this, including the changes to the law around voting by mail, and the current reliability of the postal service. Of course, some folks must vote by mail, and to them I say do it as early as possible. [Request your ballot](#) today if you haven't already.

If you live in DeKalb County, my [early voting planning tool is up](#). Use it to find the early voting location most convenient to you, to create a digital calendar entry, and to send text reminders of your early voting time and location to yourself.

Please share with your friends and family in DeKalb County.



What can you do? Voter Protection opportunities

It is GO TIME for the Voter Protection Team in Georgia, and we need your help! Please sign up for one of our many programs to help voters in this critical election.

We especially need Poll Watchers and Ballot Monitors! These are our on-the-ground eyes and ears to keep HQ informed about what is happening where ballots are being cast and where they are being counted.

In-Person Opportunities in Georgia

Poll Watching (October 15 - November 5)

Poll Watching volunteers observe in-person voting at polling locations. They are a critical resource and serve as our eyes and ears at the polls – and, they are the first line of defense against the many issues that can disrupt voting and disenfranchise voters.

To be a Poll Watcher, you must complete two training sessions:

(1) Poll Watching 101 - [On Demand](#), or [Live](#), and then

(2) LBJ 101 - On Demand or Live (link provided after PW 101 is complete)

Once you have completed *both* training sessions, you will be assigned a poll watching shift in Georgia.

Ballot Monitoring (October 21 - November 8)

Ballot Monitoring volunteers observe as elections workers open, scan, and process ballots (typically, vote-by-mail ballots). They not only monitor the process – they also watch to ensure that other actors do not disrupt the processing of ballots, and they report back on key information like vote counts.

To be a Ballot Monitor, you must complete two training sessions:

- (1) [Ballot Monitoring Training](#), and
- (2) LBJ Training (link provided after training 101 is complete)

Once you have completed both training sessions, you will be assigned a shift time and location.

Remote Opportunities

Ballot Curing (Now - November 8)

Ballot Curing volunteers engage with Democratic voters who don't quite make it through all of the twists & turns that Georgia requires for a mail ballot or provisional ballot to actually count.

To become a Ballot Curer you must complete the [Curing Training](#) and you will then be contacted and assigned a shift.

Poll Watcher Recruitment Phone Bank (Ongoing)

Help the Voter Protection Team recruit poll watchers and other volunteers. Sign up for a Phone Bank shift [here](#).

What can you do? Knock doors with me

One of the most impactful things you can do is have earnest conversations with voters about why you are voting for Democrats. I promise, it's a lot of fun!

We want to make knocking doors as convenient for you as possible, so we created a canvass in House District 90.

Shifts are every Saturday (10 am) and Sunday (1 pm) until the election.

We meet in Candler Park to pick up a turf (and get trained if you need it). We won't send you far.

Grab a friend and meet us this weekend! [Sign up here!](#)



[Scenes from last weekend's canvass!](#)

What can you do? Support great candidates

On Oct. 8, I'll be throwing a fundraiser in Candler Park for my dear friend and Democratic colleague, State Rep. Farooq Mughal. **And I'm thrilled to share that Senator Ossoff will be the keynote speaker!**

Rep. Mughal has the tightest race in the state. In 2022 he won his race by about 700 votes. And this year, Republicans messed with his boundaries during redistricting, removing likely democratic voters from his district.

Every seat counts as we work toward a Democratic majority in the House (and all the policy changes that come with that! Expanding medicaid! Reasonable gun safety laws! A woman's right to choose! Oh my!). We've got to protect our democratic incumbents.

All are invited, and every contribution level is greatly appreciated. If you'd like to join the host committee, please email me.

FLIP THE HOUSE

A fun event supporting the re-election of
Rep. Farooq Mughal



Farooq Mughal
House District 105



Featured guest
Senator Ossoff



Saira Draper
House District 90

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One more opportunity I'd like to invite you to. This one is for Rep. Justin Pearson of the Tennessee Three. Please join us!

PLEASE JOIN US TO MEET ONE OF THE TENNESSEE THREE

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for Tennessee State Representative
Justin J. Pearson



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

About today's ruling, per November 5th

1 message

Alvin Likes [REDACTED]

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 4:37 PM

To: Julie.Adams@fultoncountyga.gov, Michael.Heekin@fultoncountyga.gov, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

To the assembled group:

I hope you all learn from this. If not, I hope, at the very least, that you stop making all Republicans in Georgia look like we can't do anything without cheating.

And if you can't do that, go fuck yourselves. I'm so sick of this party's slavish devotion to Trump, even when it's obvious he's not our man. You're all sick and demented.

Yours in Christ,
Mr. Alvin Likes



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Election monitors

2 messages

Thomas Graham [REDACTED]
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 2:34 PM

Dear Mr. Pitbull,

So now you have voted to have your handpicked election deniers monitor the presidential election in Fulton County. You and Leslie must be doing a victory dance over at Burt Jones' house on how you are going to elect that sex offender Trump. Oh, how does the pastor at the your church feel about thieves and and screwing porn stars? Since my first vote I cherished the one vote that the Constitution gave me. And now you are trying to take that away. You are no different than the burglar who breaks into my house and steals my flatscreen. Have fun. But, remember. The good guys eventually always win.

Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>
To: Burt Jones [REDACTED]

Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 7:15 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Thomas Graham [REDACTED]
Date: October 11, 2024 at 2:34:33 PM EDT
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com
Subject: Election monitors

Dear Mr. Pitbull,

[Quoted text hidden]



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Fw: FYI

2 messages

Coan, Michael (SEB) <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Sun, Oct 6, 2024 at 3:04 PM

To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 8:27:15 PM

To: Coan, Michael (SEB) <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Subject: FYI

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FYI, if you haven't already seen this from SOS. Openly telling the counties not to follow an SEB Rule.

Lisa

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 7, 2024 at 10:10 AM

To: Burt Jones [REDACTED]

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From: "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Date: October 6, 2024 at 3:04:59 PM EDT

To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, jking.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Subject: Fw: FYI

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

FW: Time sensitive --Fulton County policy re: Watchers in absentee ballot clerks' offices

1 message

Marilyn Marks

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 12:58 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: "Coan, Michael (SEB)" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

State Election Board Members,

Please see below for our objection to the Fulton policy of closing the ballot casting activity to public observation.

The policy can do nothing positive and will create a basis for wild conspiracy claims and post-election controversy that is needless.

Please ask the Fulton Board to immediately reverse this policy.

If they do not do so today, please consider this a formal complaint filed by Coalition for Good Governance. Please make it a priority complaint to be resolved immediately.

Thank you.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

[Coalition for Good Governance](#)

Cell: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Marilyn Marks <[REDACTED]>

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 12:17 PM

To: <sherri.allen@fultoncountyga.gov>, <Teresa.Crawford@fultoncountyga.gov>, <Aaron.Johnson@fultoncountyga.gov>, <julie.adams@fultoncountyga.gov>, <Michael.Heekin@fultoncountyga.gov>

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Subject: Time sensitive --Fulton County policy re: Watchers in absentee ballot clerks' offices

Fulton County Board members,

The policy to keep your absentee ballot clerks' offices open over the weekend is a good one and to be applauded. We hope that Fulton voters take full advantage of this very secure way to cast their ballots. However, the policy to conceal the ballot casting process from public observation is highly flawed, and certainly will undermine the confidence of the very voters you are serving.

Please see the attached memo we saw on social media this morning concerning the apparent policy of the board to deny

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watcher access to the casting of mail ballots. We hope that you have already acted on this to retract this highly inappropriate policy. Georgia law is clear that the act of voting is to be observable by the public and poll watchers. There can be no justification for the policy that a ballot box where ballots are being cast can be concealed from view of the public, press and appointed watchers.

Georgia's laws that make virtually all election activities publicly observable speak to the need to welcome the public and watchers to observe this process, just as they can observe dropbox and polling place voting activity. They should never be prohibited from such observation.

Election documents are being created in the process that are also available for real time review under OCGA §21-2-72.

Public observation policies that discourage public oversight of elections are anti-democratic and can only result in unnecessary controversy.

Please immediately withdraw this flawed policy and welcome public and appointed watchers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marilyn Marks

Executive Director

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Fwd: Rule Proposal

1 message

S. Grubbs

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:27 PM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: "Coan, Michael" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, jking.seb@gmail.com, Janice Johnston MD <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Dear Chairman:

I am again resubmitting the attached rule which was in fact received timely by the Board. This item should have been placed on the Agenda for tomorrow and I am again respectfully asking that the item be placed on the Agenda. As you will recall, this meeting tomorrow was placed on the Agenda months ago. If there is evidence to the contrary please let me know. However, if you do not hear the rule proposal you will likely be in violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Additionally, I would very much like a status update on the Complaint I filed quite some time ago with regard to the Cobb Board of Elections.

Again, please place this proposal on the Agenda for tomorrow.

Respectfully,

Salleigh Grubbs

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)** <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Date: Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 3:26 PM

Subject: Re: Rule Proposal

To: S. Grubbs

Hi Salleigh,

SEB Rule 183-1-1-.01(4) says the Board may decide which action to take, either within 30 days or at the next regularly-scheduled meeting, which would not be September 20. That meeting date was decided two weeks ago and was called for the sole purpose of voting on the adoption of previously passed rules. The next "regularly scheduled" meeting is October 8, as that meeting date has been planned for almost a year. Further, your petition was shipped overnight to be delivered on Saturday. I am not in the office on weekend, and SOS mail staff is not in the office on weekends. Due to the holiday, the absolute earliest the Board would have "received" your petition would have been today, September 3, which is outside of the 20 day SEB window for regular meetings.

A 2007 GA Supreme Court opinion (Wesley Education Foundation Inc v. State Election Board) has been helpful in my understanding of the APA. To summarize the opinion, the SC determined that the 30-day period was considered directory, not mandatory, meaning substantial compliance was sufficient unless explicitly stated otherwise by law. Further, the SC concluded that the petitioner had no legal grounds to demand rule-making proceedings based on the directory statute. While agencies should aim to meet statutory deadlines, the SC emphasized that a petitioner could not compel the agency to initiate rule-making proceedings if the agency missed the deadline.

Again, the Sep. 20 meeting was called specifically to vote on the adoption of rules proposals, which have been previously noticed. The Board is considering this a special called meeting, and we are anticipating the meeting will extend into a full second day. Therefore, any petitions submitted at this time will be heard at the October meeting.

Thank you,



ALEXANDRA HARDIN
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Georgia State Election Board

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From: S. Grubbs [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Re: Rule Proposal

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Dear Alex:

I don't know where my head was at. The whole purpose of me being concerned with timing is the issue of the Board complying with the the APA requirements that the Board make a decision on whether to put a proposal into rule making within 30 days of submission. The only meeting that will be before the 30 day period is Sept. 20. I made a point to get it delivered before the 20 day SEB period as well. Can you take another look at this? I hate to be a bother but it would seem to me that the Board would have to have a look at it given the calendar. Or am I missing something? Or, are they having another meeting in the allotted time?

Thanks so much for having another look.

Salleigh

On Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 12:19 PM Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

Just to make sure there is no confusion, we will not be able to hear this petition on September 20. That meeting was called specifically to vote on the eleven previously passed rules petitions. Your petition will be heard at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, which will be October 8.

I hope you had a great weekend as well.



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From: S. Grubbs [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 11:36 AM
To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Re: Rule Proposal

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o.k. thanks so much!!!! I just want be sure to get on The Precious. (Agenda)..... :)

Hope you had a great weekend!

On Tue, Sep 3, 2024 at 10:06 AM Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov> wrote:
Hi Salleigh,

I will be in the office this afternoon, so I can run by the mail room.

Thank you,



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From: Salleigh Grubbs [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
Subject: Rule Proposal

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Dear Alex:

I UPS'd a rule proposal Friday for Sat am delivery. Can you verify you received it?

Thanks!

Salleigh.



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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Important business you are conducting

2 messages

Richard Lewenthal [REDACTED] Sun, Aug 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM
To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: David Wold [REDACTED], Jim Sease [REDACTED], Jere Barr [REDACTED] >

Hello,

My name is Richard Lewenthal. I have lived in Georgia since 1979 and recently relocated to Ellijay from Marietta. I have been very concerned with the good and welfare of our great state for quite a while and try to keep myself informed about what is happening here as best I can. Having reviewed detailed analysis of the rules you will be voting on in your meeting on tomorrow, Monday, August 19, 2024, I would like to offer a citizen's voice of encouragement to you all regarding the rules I would support as well as those I would oppose. While I have great trust in your judgment to do the right thing for the State of Georgia and her citizens. I figure a little input from a constituent could be a good thing for you.

I would throw full support and encourage you all to vote in favor of these three rule changes that have made there way through the process of being at point of final vote:

1. Reconciliation & Certification Improvements – Revisions to Subject 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results
2. Count Total Ballots When Scanner Box Emptied – Amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5)
3. Public Posting of Reconciliation – Amendments to Rule 183-1-12-.12(e)

Petitioners to Request SEB to Initiate Rule-making Process on Proposed Rules:

I would not support these two proposed rule changes and hope they will be prevented from moving forward:

1. Optional Emergency Balloting - submitted by Debbie Dooley
2. Required Emergency Balloting – submitted by Marilyn Marks

I would support the initiation of the rule making process for the following three proposed rules:

1. Public Posting of Eligible Voters List Prior to Election – submitted by Lucia Frazier
2. Public Posting of Voters Who Voted after an Election - submitted by Lucia Frazier
3. Voter Roll Public Posting and downloadable for free – submitted by Lucia Frazier

I hope you will give consideration to this message and I look forward to following up on the outcome of tomorrow's important meeting.

Regards,

Richard Lewenthal

[REDACTED]

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Regards,

Richard Lewenthal

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Richard Lewenthal

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 1:55 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "saraghazal.seb@gmail.com" <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com" <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, "rjeffares.seb@gmail.com" <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Cc: David Wold, Jim Sease, Jere Barr

Hello again,

I am writing, today, to encourage all of you to continue the outstanding work you have been doing in efforts to ensure election integrity this coming November and in the future here in Georgia. Specifically, I would ask that you move forward and formally affirm the following rules you are voting on tomorrow:

- Rule 183-1-12-.01 Conduct of Elections Provide for two visually distinct types of ballots: Emergency/Provisional and Absentee to improve security and chain of custody.
- Rule 183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results Requires total ballots cast from tabulator tapes to be reconciled with the total ballots cast from ICP scanners for Election Day
- Rule 183-1-12-.12(a)(5) Tabulating Results Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an Election Day scanner ballot box and removing the ballots. Amended to allow an option for poll manager with more than 750 ballots to hand count next day at central election office.
- Rule 183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns Requires memory card content and the memory card to be retained for 24 months in accordance with federal and state law
- Rule 183-1-12-.19(6)(a) Preparation of Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book Requires each county and the SOS to post a freely-accessible link to the certified time-stamped list of eligible voters and the supplemental list prior to the start of advance voting. Data files shall remain posted and freely available for download for a minimum of 10 consecutive year.
- Rule 183-1-12-.21 County Participation and Totals Reporting Requires counties to publicly provide a breakdown of ballots cast for each absentee and in-person voting method daily during early voting and on election day
- Rule 183-1-13-.05 Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center Adds specific election process areas in tabulation center where poll watcher monitoring is allowed. It includes provisional ballot adjudication, closing of advanced voting equipment, mail in ballot verification and processing, memory card transfer, regional or satellite check-in centers and election reconciliation
- Rule 183-1-14-.02(8) (13) Advance Voting Requires poll managers to hand count the total number of ballots when emptying an advanced in-person scanner ballot box and removing the ballots.
- Rule 183-1-14-.11 Mailing and Issuance of Ballots Requires absentee ballots to be sent by USPS or other delivery service which offers tracking of such mailed ballots to maintain proper chain of custody.

I send this with the greatest respect for you all and the very important work you are doing for all Americans in general and all Georgians in particular.

Thank you so much for all you are doing!

Regards,

Richard Lewenthal



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

My vote

1 message

southern shoals [REDACTED]
To: rjeffares.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 5:58 PM

A Georgia state judge shot down a Republican-led effort to broaden the power of county election officials on Tuesday, ruling they had an obligation to certify election results without delay and had no role in declining them.

Dear Mr. Pitbull,
Hi...just checking in. In as much as you and your redneck friend Burt Jones wanted to take my constitution right to vote away from me the courts have said otherwise. So go back to that bogus company you own and work on screwing your customers instead. Unless you and those other election deniers on the board come up with other ways to steal votes from the public I might have a chance for my vote to count.

Sent from my iPhone



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Official Complaint - Intentional Manipulation of the 2020 General Election Results

1 message

Kevin Moncla [REDACTED] Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 7:30 PM
To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, Janice Johnston <JjohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <SaraGhazal.seb@gmail.com>, "jking.seb@gmail.com" <jking.seb@gmail.com>, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, joe rossi [REDACTED]

Members of the Board,

Please see the attached complaint for your review. Should you have any questions or need explanation, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Rossi or myself.

Respectfully,

Kevin Moncla
[REDACTED]

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Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Opposing the Proposed Hand Count Rules

1 message

Julie Donovan <[REDACTED]>
To: saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 6:19 PM

Dear Member of the State Election Board,

I write to you in opposition of two proposed rules seeking to require new hand-counting procedures during advance voting and on Election Day (together the "Hand Count Rules"). To begin with, the introduction of new rules less than 30 days prior to the advance voting period adds additional stress to those individuals who are entrusted with carrying out election procedures. Now is the time to train election workers on the current rules and regulations, *not to add new ones*.

Moreover, these proposed rules are simply ill conceived solutions in search of a problem that does not exist. Instead of adding certainty to validating the count of lawfully cast ballots, this rule introduces *the very real chance of human error*, opens the process up for abuse, and adds considerable workload to elections workers who will already undergo extremely long workdays both during advance voting and on Election Day.

For many years, I was skeptical of the accuracy of our elections. After serving as a poll watcher for both voting days and for the hand recounts in 2020 in multiple counties, I now have great faith in the accuracy of our elections.

This Board is entrusted with taking appropriate actions to ensure "fair, legal and orderly elections". Based on the reasons stated above, I implore you to vote in opposition to the adoption of the proposed Hand Count Rules and ensure that this election is carried out within the parameters of this Board's mandate.

Sincerely,

Julie Donovan

Long time resident of Georgia. **I love it here!**



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Opposing the Proposed Hand Count Rules

1 message

Kayla Garthus [REDACTED]

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 11:41 PM

To: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Members of the State Election Board,

I write to you in **opposition** of two **proposed rules seeking to require new hand-counting procedures** during advance voting and on Election Day (together the "Hand Count Rules"). The **introduction of new rules less than 30 days prior to the advance voting period** adds additional stress to those individuals who are entrusted with carrying out election procedures. Now is the time to **train election workers on the current rules and regulations**, not to add new ones.

Moreover, these proposed rules are **ill conceived solutions** in search of a problem that does not exist. Instead of adding certainty to validating the count of lawfully cast ballots, this rule introduces the very real chance of human error, **opens the process up for abuse**, and adds considerable workload to elections workers who will already undergo extremely long workdays both during advance voting and on Election Day.

Additionally, these changes were **pushed through by MAGA election denialists, appointed by political extremists who sought to install fake electors**, like Lt Gv. Burt Jones. This action is distasteful and inappropriate. These members of the board are unqualified to hold their positions and are **NOT cooperative** with our Governor, Sec. of State, the legislature, and the public. One cannot claim to represent the will of the people when one only listens to out-of-state residents, like a defamed, convicted felon, former president Donald Trump, and **select folks** of the Republican Party **who lean towards authoritarianism and Trump's MAGA cult of personality**. Again, these policies will only ensure Georgia is ripe for fraud and only **perpetuate the unsubstantiated claim** that Georgia had an unfair 2020 election.

This Board is entrusted with taking appropriate actions to ensure "fair, legal and orderly elections". Based on the reasons stated above, I **implore you to vote in opposition to the adoption of the proposed Hand Count Rules** and ensure that this election is carried out within the parameters of this Board's mandate.

Sincerely,

Kayla Garthus



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Raffensperger must be held accountable

1 message

davis728

Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 4:25 AM

To: "Rep. Charlice Byrd" <charlice.byrd@house.ga.gov>, "Rep. Mitchell Scoggins" <mitchell.scoggins@house.ga.gov>, "Sen. Colton Moore" <colton.moore@senate.ga.gov>, Senator Brandon Beach <brandon.beach@senate.ga.gov>, SEB J JOHNSTON <JJohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, SEB Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, SEB Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "Lt. Gov Jones" <burt.jones@ltgov.ga.gov>

All,
Secretary Raffensperger's goal and major job of what he ran for office to do was to have fair elections. It is more important that elections be correct than fast. He has denied every Georgian the peace of knowing their vote is valued and protected. The details of the Secretary's latest attack on people and elections are in two X posts. The entire Secretary of State's office is corrupted. Please hold the Secretary and accomplices accountable. This is not ethical.

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Deborah Davis



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

RE: Support for Rules

1 message

Michael Bars

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 1:07 PM

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Attached is a PDF copy, which can also be found [here](#).

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From: Ken Cuccinelli <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 12:11 PM

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Subject: Support for Rules

All,

I wanted to put the Election Transparency Initiative on record supporting certain rules that you are considering tomorrow, including:

Rule 183-1-12-.12: Tabulating Results: Reconciliation

Reconciliation of tabulator tape ballot counts with scanner ballot counts is vital for ensuring accuracy. This rule will help
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identify discrepancies early in the counting process, allowing for immediate corrective action. Such transparency is essential for maintaining public confidence in the electoral system and preventing potential errors from going unaddressed.

Rule 183-1-12-.12: Tabulating Results: Reconciliation Reports

The public availability of Reconciliation Reports will enhance transparency in the electoral process. By allowing citizens to view discrepancies between total ballots cast and the number of voters credited, this rule promotes accountability among election officials and reassures the public that the electoral process is being conducted fairly and lawfully.

Rule 183-1-12-.13: Storage of Returns

This rule ensures the preservation of electronic election data, including ballot images and audit logs. By mandating the retention of this data, we can promote accountability and compliance with legal requirements. Public access to this information is vital for maintaining transparency and trust in the electoral system, as it allows for audits and reviews when necessary.

Rule 183-1-12-.19: Preparation of the Electors List and Use of Electronic Poll Book: Voter Lists

By requiring counties to publicly post time-stamped lists of registered electors, this rule affirms citizens' rights to oversight in the election process. It not only fosters trust among voters but also ensures that any discrepancies in voter registration can be promptly addressed, contributing to the overall integrity of the electoral process.

Rule 183-1-12-.21: County Participation and Totals Reporting - Daily Reporting

Implementing a daily reporting system during advance and absentee voting ensures ongoing transparency. This rule keeps the public informed about voter participation and promotes accountability among registrars. By sharing this information, we can build trust in the election process and encourage civic engagement.

Rule 183-1-13-.05: Poll Watchers for Tabulating Center

Clarifying the roles of poll watchers enhances transparency in the tabulation process. By designating additional viewing areas, this rule allows for independent observation of election procedures, which can help deter misconduct while supporting access to ensure that election laws are upheld.

Rule 183-1-14-.02: Advanced Voting: Reconciliation

Requiring the reconciliation of ballot counts from various sources is crucial for ensuring the accuracy of election results. This rule will help identify any discrepancies before final results are reported, thus maintaining the integrity of the election process and bolstering public confidence in the outcomes.

Rule 183-1-14-.11: Mailing and Issuance of Ballots: Chain of Custody

Establishing USPS tracking for absentee-by-mail ballots is a significant step toward maintaining the chain of custody. This rule will ensure that ballots are mailed to the correct recipients and returned securely, providing an auditable trail that enhances trust in the voting process.

These essential rules will undoubtedly enhance the security, transparency, and integrity of our elections. We ask you to support these rules.

Sincerely,

Ken Cuccinelli

Chairman

Election Transparency Initiative

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Submission of Video Evidence in Support of "Request for Review of DeKalb County Voter Challenges Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230" Filed on September 19, 2024

1 message

Marci McCarthy [REDACTED]

Sun, Sep 22, 2024 at 7:45 PM

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Dear Chairman John Fervier, Ms. Sara Ghazal, Ms. Janelle King, Mr. Rick Jeffares and Dr. Janice Johnston,

I am writing to submit the entire video proceedings of the DeKalb Board of Voter Registration and Elections (BVRE) meeting held on **September 12, 2024**, in support of the **Emergency Request for Review of DeKalb County Voter Challenges Under O.C.G.A. § 21-2-230**, which I filed on **September 19, 2024**. While these videos provide a full account of the meeting, I would like to specifically highlight the following videos that directly pertain to my complaint regarding the BVRE's handling of voter challenges:

1. **Video Sep 12 2024, 6 38 14 PM.mov**
2. **Video Sep 12 2024, 6 43 41 PM.mov**
3. **Video Sep 12 2024, 6 45 23 PM.mov**
4. **Video Sep 12 2024, 6 49 06 PM.mov**

These videos document the BVRE's **denial of handling voter challenges** as required by O.C.G.A. 21-2-229 and O.C.G.A. 21-2-230. Specifically, the BVRE refused to allow Mr. William Henderson the opportunity to speak about his voter challenges, in violation of the law. Additionally, the BVRE passed a resolution creating arbitrary timelines, contradicting statutory requirements, which prevents the timely processing of these challenges.

It is also evident from these videos that **Mr. Anthony Lewis**, one of the two Republican Board Members on the DeKalb BVRE, was not **properly informed** about the resolution being presented. This raises concerns about transparency and the potentially deceptive nature of introducing this resolution without full board awareness.

Additionally, the meeting agenda was sent by Elections Director Keisha Smith **well after business hours**, at **8:43:17 PM EDT on September 11, 2024**, and less than **24 hours** before the meeting. This late notice limited adequate preparation, contributing to concerns regarding the intent behind the resolution's introduction. These actions by the BVRE represent a blatant disregard for the legal process, and the attached videos provide clear evidence of their unlawful conduct.

I respectfully request that this evidence be added to the official record and considered as part of your ongoing investigation into these matters.

Attachments/Enclosures:

1. Keisha Smith's email, sent at **8:43:17 PM EDT on September 11, 2024**
2. The BVRE Agenda for the September 12, 2024 meeting

Please Note in the Agenda (B & C): 6. ITEMS FOR DECISION

A. Advance Voting Drop Box Locations

B. Voter Challenges Scheduling Resolution (p. 16)

C. Voter Challenge Procedures

1. O.C.G.A. 21-2-229 (p. 18)

2. O.C.G.A. 21-2-230 (p. 23)

3. [DropBox Link to the DeKalb BVRE Video Evidence](#) documenting the meeting proceedings. The aforementioned videos are starred in the folder for easy identification.

Thank you for your attention and your commitment to ensuring the integrity of Georgia's election process.

Sincerely,
Marci McCarthy
Chairman, DeKalb County Republican Party

MARCI MCCARTHY

Chairman, The DeKalb Republican Party

RNC National Delegate 2024 and 2020

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Subject: BRE Meeting Materials || September 12

Good evening, BRE Members:

I've attached a copy of the board packet for tomorrow's meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Keisha

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Test Ballot Complaint

1 message

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Board members,

Please see attached complaint for your review.

Please confirm receipt.

Respectfully,

Kevin Moncla



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Re: Official Complaint - Intentional Manipulation of the 2020 Election Results

Members of the Board:

In the original July 07, 2022, filing of SEB2023-025, complainants detailed the inclusion of 3,125 ballots which were scanned twice and counted twice for the official Recount of the 2020 General Election. Further analysis has found an additional 805 ballots which were double-scanned and double counted for the Recount that were not included nor contemplated within the scope of SEB2023-025. With the addition of these ballots, Fulton County's official Recount includes a total of 3,930 double-scanned and double-counted ballots.

During the pendency of SEB2023-025, evidence and analysis has also revealed that the double-scanned and double-counted ballots at issue were not the product of mistake or oversight, but that of intentional and deliberate human acts. The way in which the batches of ballots were created for double scanning required several affirmative and deliberate steps not possible by mistake. Those steps were repeated dozens of times. Further establishing intent was that this great effort was put forth to conceal the double-scanning.

Also revealed is that amongst the 17,852 missing ballot images contemplated in SEB2023-025, further analysis has established that a large majority of the ballot images were either intentionally deleted or the results were injected using a manual or electronic method which did not require the scanning of a paper ballot. In either case, the fact that results exist for 17,852 ballots -without corresponding ballot images across multiple tabulators is not possible through normal or

natural process. Moreover, also considering that results attributed to ballots for which ballot images are missing are interspersed with those *with* ballot images, yields a constellation of circumstances which could only be possible through deliberate and intentional human acts. These facts were not included in the original filing of SEB2023-025 and therefore the potential violations of corresponding state and federal law were not investigated nor contemplated.

On August 7th, the Georgia State Election Board (“SEB” or “Board”) voted to continue its own investigation of SEB2023-025. Although this complaint details a fact pattern and potential violations of law including intentional election fraud that is outside the scope of SEB2023-025, the Board should consider investigating this complaint at the same time- or combining the two, as they are irrevocably tethered.

Complainants request that the Board take up this matter with extreme urgency as those responsible likely remain employed by Fulton County. Cases SEB2021-181, SEB2022-109, and SEB2023-025 by the same Complainants certainly establish that Fulton County should enjoy no presumption of credibility or accuracy.

What’s more, the Board should also consider the fact that thousands of ballots and votes were counted twice, which means that there are only two possibilities:

1. There are no corresponding voters for those double-counted ballots. This is only possible in the absence of basic election accounting and reconciliation as required by Georgia law.
2. There are corresponding voters whose ballots were discarded and replaced by duplicates. This is only possible in the absence of credible chain of custody practices.

Also, the following is from Fulton County’s Election Director who was in charge of the 2020 General Election Recount, from her May 02, 2024 response to SEB2023-025:

Fulton County Registration & Elections acknowledges that duplicate ballot scans during the recount may have occurred due to human error, human fatigue, and needed process improvements. Standard Operation Procedures have been revised to avoid these reoccurrences, to include, having 2 persons assigned to each scanner to monitor scanning, revised ballot container labeling and container placement.

Aside from this complaint irrefutably establishing that the cause of the duplicate ballot scans were intentional human acts and not “*human error, human fatigue, and needed process improvements*”, the stated remedies to prevent reoccurrence do not inspire confidence. Having two persons assigned to each scanner, ballot container labeling and container placement are not acceptable solutions. Reconciliation with the number of voters is both critical and required by law.

It is imperative that the Board take such action necessary to prevent those who may be willing to manipulate Fulton County’s election results using the same methods that have thus far proven successful.

VERIFIED INTENTIONAL MANIPULATION OF ELECTION RESULTS COMPLAINT

INTENTIONAL DOUBLE-SCANNING OF BALLOTS

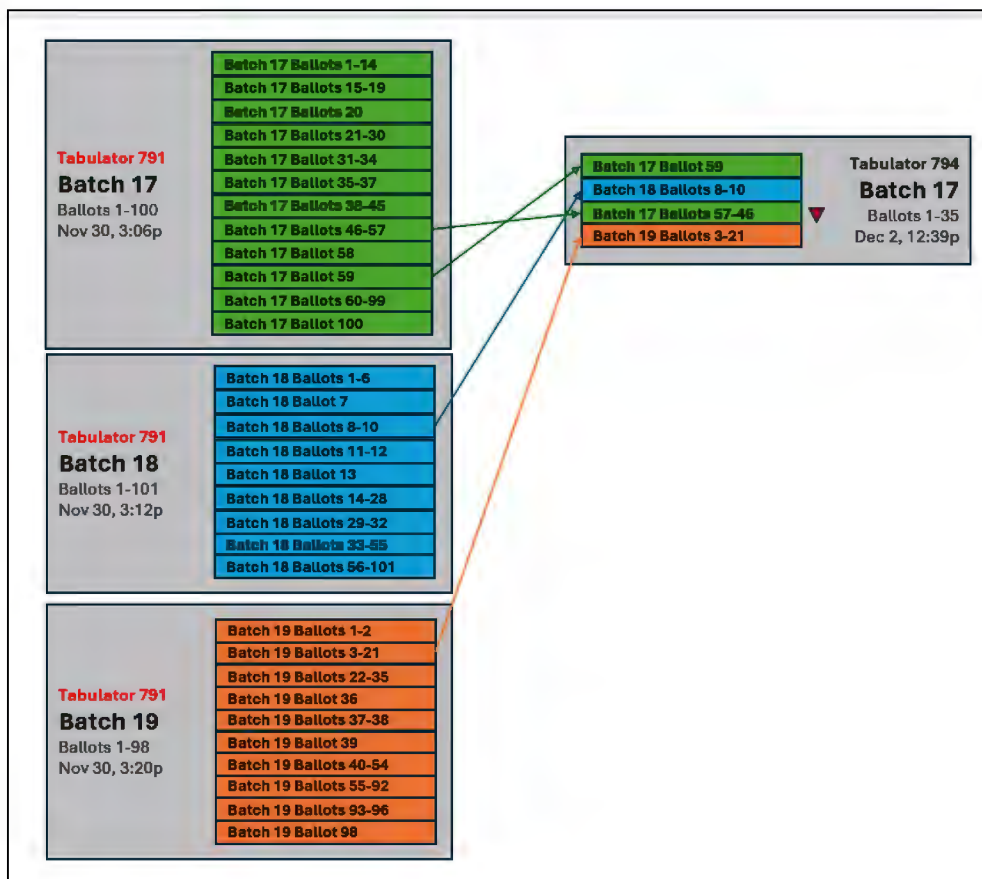
If an entire batch of ballots is scanned twice, it is easily identified in the Cast Vote Record because the same ballot styles and votes repeat in the same sequence. When this happens by mistake the second scan immediately follows the first. Here, steps were intentionally taken to ensure that no whole batches were repeated- but instead batches were created with ballots from several different batches, and the second scans were hours or days apart from the first, and on different tabulators, rendering it nearly impossible to detect.

A custom software program created by Complainant's subject matter expert, Phillip Davis of Ballot Assure (ballotassure.com), was able to identify unique characteristics of ballots and series of ballots. Then the program identified repeats of those unique characteristics and series of ballots. Said another way, the software made analysis and comparisons possible at the individual ballot level- not just by batch. This allowed for the identification of individual ballots and detection of repeat instances or ballot images of the same ballot.

The Complainants have manually confirmed each and every ballot image and corresponding duplicate ballot image for all of the findings detailed herein. Evidence reveals that new or unique batches were created with ballots pulled from different batches which had already been scanned- in many cases days earlier. For example, batches 17, 18, and 19 were initially scanned on tabulator 791 on November 30th as represented below:

Tabulator 791 Batch 17 Ballots 1-100 Nov 30, 3:06p	Batch 17 Ballots 1-14 Batch 17 Ballots 15-19 Batch 17 Ballots 20 Batch 17 Ballots 21-30 Batch 17 Ballot 31-34 Batch 17 Ballot 35-37 Batch 17 Ballots 38-45 Batch 17 Ballots 46-57 Batch 17 Ballot 58 Batch 17 Ballot 59 Batch 17 Ballots 60-99 Batch 17 Ballot 100
Tabulator 791 Batch 18 Ballots 1-101 Nov 30, 3:12p	Batch 18 Ballots 1-6 Batch 18 Ballot 7 Batch 18 Ballots 8-10 Batch 18 Ballots 11-12 Batch 18 Ballot 13 Batch 18 Ballots 14-28 Batch 18 Ballots 29-32 Batch 18 Ballots 33-55 Batch 18 Ballots 56-101
Tabulator 791 Batch 19 Ballots 1-98 Nov 30, 3:20p	Batch 19 Ballots 1-2 Batch 19 Ballots 3-21 Batch 19 Ballots 22-35 Batch 19 Ballot 36 Batch 19 Ballots 37-38 Batch 19 Ballot 39 Batch 19 Ballots 40-54 Batch 19 Ballots 55-92 Batch 19 Ballots 93-96 Batch 19 Ballot 98

Two days later, ballots- which had already been scanned and counted, were pulled from the three different batches (left), to create a “new” batch of ballots (right). More specifically, 13 ballots were taken from batch 17 (green), 3 ballots from batch 18 (blue), and 19 ballots from batch 19 (orange), which were then combined to create a new batch of 35 ballots. The new batch was then scanned on a different tabulator (tabulator 794), and the ballots and the votes they contained were counted again:

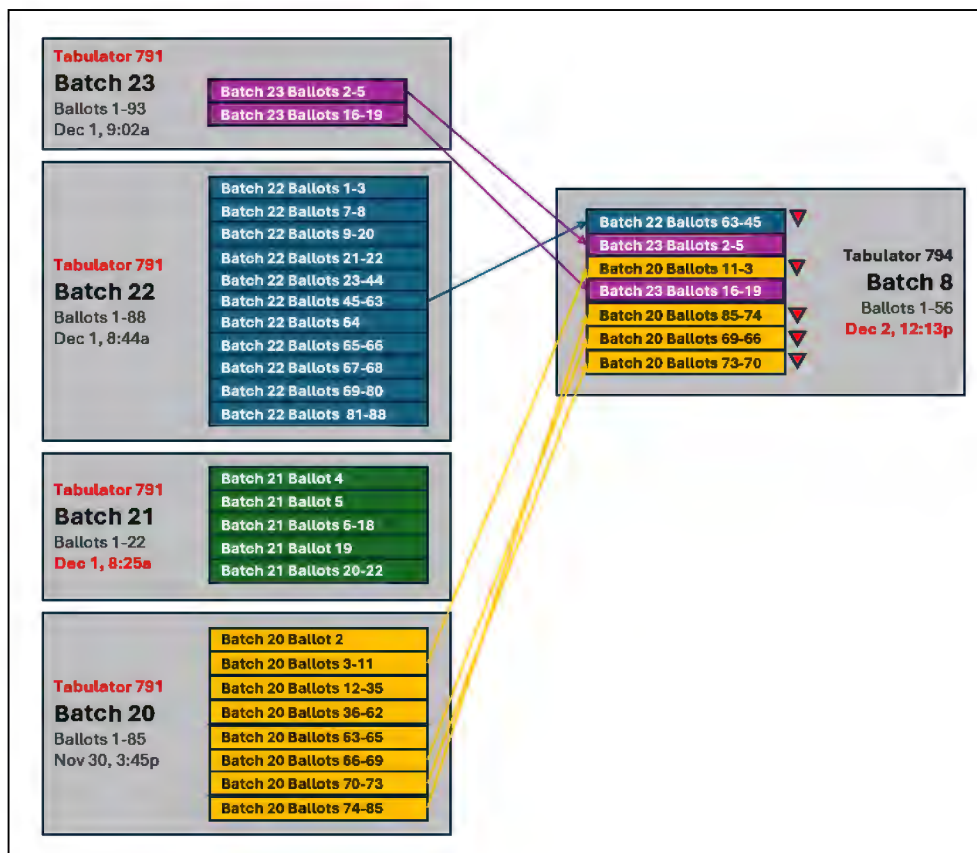


Examples of the original ballot image and corresponding fraudulent duplicate ballot image for the intentionally created batch above can be viewed side by side at the links below:

- [00794 00017 000001 - 00791 00017 000059](#)
- [00794 00017 000002 - 00791 00018 000008](#)
- [00794 00017 000003 - 00791 00018 000009](#)
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- [00794 00017 000007 - 00791 00017 000055](#)
- [00794 00017 000008 - 00791 00017 000054](#)
- [00794 00017 000009 - 00791 00017 000053](#)
- [00794 00017 000010 - 00791 00017 000052](#)

Again, the new batch was intentionally created by pulling ballots from three (3) batches of ballots which had already been scanned- and then scanning that batch on a different tabulator. Both the original and duplicate scan of the same ballot were in fact counted and included in the official results (Cast Vote Record or “CVR”).

For another example- on December 1st batches 20-23 were scanned on tabulator 791 (left). The following day, a nefarious actor pulled 19 ballots from batch 22 (blue), 8 ballots from batch 23 (purple), and 29 ballots from batch 20, to create a new batch of 56 previously scanned ballots (batch 8), which was then scanned on tabulator 794.



Examples of the original ballot image and corresponding fraudulent duplicate ballot image for the example above can be viewed side by side at the links below:

- [00794 00008 000001 - 00791 00022 000063](#)
- [00794 00008 000002 - 00791 00022 000062](#)
- [00794 00008 000003 - 00791 00022 000061](#)
- [00794 00008 000004 - 00791 00022 000060](#)
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- [00794 00008 000009 - 00791 00022 000055](#)

The ballot image below on the left was created on December 1st when a ballot (in batch 22) was scanned at 8:52 AM on tabulator 791. That same ballot was scanned again as part of a “new” batch, on December 2nd at 12:13 PM.

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Again, the ballots of batch 8, scanned on tabulator 794 were intentionally compiled of ballots from three different batches which had already been scanned the day prior on a different tabulator (791).

Mr. Davis was able to map the duplicate scan ballot image to the original scan ballot image for all 3,920 ballots. Both the original and duplicate scans were in fact counted and included in the official results. To be clear, 3,930 ballots were in fact fraudulently counted as 7,860 ballots.

These acts are prima facie evidence of intentionality. The intentionally formed batches of previously scanned ballots were scanned again, thereby fraudulently casting the ballots and votes a second time, in violation of:

O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587:

Any poll officer who willfully:

(3) Registers fraudulent votes upon any voting machine or certifies as correct a return of fraudulent votes cast upon any voting machine; shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than one nor more than ten years or to pay a fine not to exceed \$100,000.00, or both).

Each of the ballot images has a unique fingerprint authentication code- called a SHA hash file that is created by the Dominion Voting System at the time each ballot is scanned. Each of the ballot images also include a timestamp when it was scanned. Every ballot image, both original and duplicate identified herein, is included and counted in the Cast Vote Record (“CVR”), and the Cast Vote Record exactly matches the official results.

Complainants and Mr. Davis have posted each of the original ballot images and their corresponding duplicate scanned ballot images, side by side, online for the SEB and the public’s independent verification. Each of the ballot images have been authenticated with their corresponding SHA hash authentication code.

The ballot images are broken down by tabulator in the links below:

- [Tabulator 742 \(93 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 773 \(124 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 787 \(15 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 788 \(30 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 791 \(386 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 792 \(27 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 794 \(692 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 801 \(214 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 802 \(162 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 816 \(2038 ballots\)](#)
- [Tabulator 5160 \(99 ballots\)](#)

Diagrams mapping the origin of each intentionally double-scanned ballot with the links to view the original and duplicate ballot images side by side are attached hereto as “Annex A”.

RESULTS WITH NO BALLOT IMAGES

Included in Fulton County's General Election Recount are 17,852 Cast Vote Records (CVR) with no ballot images. While this fact was included in the original filing of SEB2023-025, further analysis has revealed that the ballot images missing from the record are not attributed to one tabulator, or one issue or instance, rather ballot images are missing from the results of eight different tabulators.

What's more, batches (or results for batches) with no ballot images are interspersed amongst batches *with* ballot images from the same tabulator. The same is repeated for all eight tabulators and is not a possible result of the normal process.

Fulton County, Georgia – Missing Ballot Images - Recount	
Tabulator	Missing Ballot Images
Tabulator 801	Batches 113-119 973 ballots
Tabulator 802	Batches 81-86 1,604 ballots
Tabulator 803	Batches 2, 7, 20-23, 26, 45-46, 70, 81-88 4,385 ballots
Tabulator 804	Batches 73-75 268 ballots
Tabulator 805	Batches 85-88 674 ballots
Tabulator 806	Batches 124-126 457 ballots
Tabulator 816	Batches 53-97 6,887 ballots
Tabulator 5170	Batch 3 4 ballots

The following 6,078 ballot results (cast vote records) with no ballot images were added at one time to the Recount in the last ten minutes before the December 2nd 12:00 midnight deadline:

TABULATOR	RESULTS WITHOUT BALLOT IMAGES	TIME OF UPLOAD
801 Early Voting ICC 1	973	12/3/20 12:00 AM
802 Early Voting ICC 3	1604	12/2/20 11:51 PM
803 Early Voting ICC 4	2098	12/2/20 11:54 PM
804 Early Voting ICC 5	268	12/2/20 11:52 PM
805 Early Voting ICC 6	674	12/2/20 11:53 PM
806 Early Voting ICC 7	457	12/2/20 11:53 PM
TOTAL	6,078	

This is not a product of mistake.

It is important to consider that the Results Tally and Reporting application of the Dominion Voting System allows for the manual entry of results- without restriction. Should someone have deleted select batches of ballot images to enter “more favorable” votes instead, the result would be precisely what Fulton County has for the 17,852 ballot results (votes) at issue here.

The following is the distribution of votes added to the recount totals with no ballot image:

Donald J. Trump (I) (Rep)	Joseph R. Biden (Dem)	Jo Jorgensen (Lib)	Blank Contest	Write-In	Grand Total
4319	13390	107	34	2	17852

WHEREFORE, Complainants seek the following relief:

1. Following SEB verification of the intentional double-scanning and double-counting of ballots detailed herein, and for the inclusion of results for which there are no ballot images, Complainants request that the Board:
 - a. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding of fact that 3,930 ballots were scanned and counted twice for the 2020 General Election presidential contest Recount.
 - b. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding of fact that the creation of batches comprised of previously scanned ballots- and the subsequent scanning/counting of those ballots were intentional human acts.
 - c. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding that probable cause exists for one count or violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587 for each ballot found to have been intentionally double-scanned and counted.
 - d. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding that probable cause exists for one count or violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587 for each of the 17,852 Cast Vote Records for which there is no corresponding paper ballot.
 - e. Adopt a resolution that states Fulton County’s 2020 General Election results are not supported by an auditable record as required by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”).
2. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31(5), make an official referral to the Attorney General or the Fulton County District Attorney’s office for criminal prosecution for 3,930 (or number found) potential violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587 for the intentionally double-scanned ballots.
3. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31(5), make an official referral to the Attorney General and/or the Fulton County District Attorney’s office for criminal

- prosecution for a potential violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31(5) for each of the 17,852 Cast Vote Records for which there is no corresponding paper ballot.
4. Order, or include in any potential consent agreement resulting from this action, the following requirements:
 - i. Fulton County Board of Elections (Superintendent) must strictly reconcile daily all polling locations (each separately for absentee, absentee in-person (advance voting), and election day voting) with the documented list of names of voters by polling location (numbered list of voters), and the same separately for absentee ballots received, and total number of voters of each polling location, daily status tape for each tabulator, and the quantity (hand-counted) of paper ballots from each tabulator. The same shall be recorded on a form to be created and provided by the SEB called the “Daily Reconciliation Form”.
 - ii. Require the same to be submitted to the members of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections and to the SEB daily before midnight via email for the reconciliation of the previous day to include the supporting records detailed above, signed and witnessed as true and correct by the corresponding poll manager and two witnesses.
 - iii. Should Fulton County fail to comply with the terms above, (failure is defined as not providing the required documentation and supporting records for one day of voting within the time prescribed), then the SEB shall immediately issue notice to the members of the Fulton County BRE via email, informing them that they have 24 hours to comply. Should the deficiency not be cured within the time allotted, a hand-audit of the corresponding polling location(s) must be performed as directed by the SEB, which must be overseen by at least three (3) members of the BRE.
 5. Any other relief the Board deems just and proper.

Dated: September 17, 2024
Shreveport, Louisiana

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BY: Kevin Moncla

KEVIN M. MONCLA



JOSEPH ROSSI



VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CADDO PARISH

Kevin M. Moncla, being duly sworn, deposes and says that I am the Complainant in the above captioned case filed with the Georgia State Election Board, and have authorized the filing of this complaint. I have personally reviewed and verified the allegations made in the complaint, and to those allegations of which I have personal knowledge, I believe them to be true.

Kevin Moncla

KEVIN M. MONCLA

Sworn to me this 17 day of September, 20 24.

William Lance Fouts
Notary Public



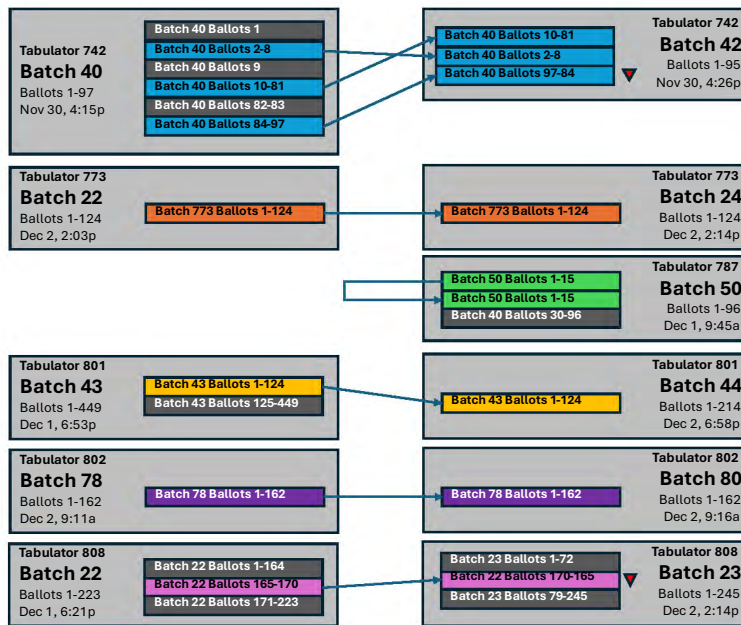
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My Commission is for life.

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ANNEX A

MAPPING OF ORIGINAL AND CORRESPONDING FRAUDULENT BALLOT SCANS

The diagrams that follow show the original ballot scan and source on the left and the corresponding duplicate ballot scan on the right:



Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

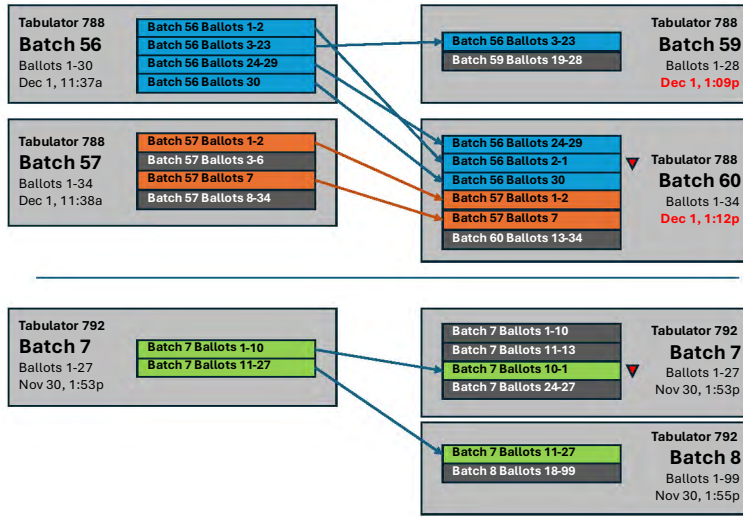
Listed are the other various tabulators who had additional doubling in their counts. There was a total of 616 doubled ballots in this list



The ballot images detailed in the diagram above are available here:

1. [Tabulator 742 \(93 ballots\)](#)
2. [Tabulator 773 \(124 ballots\)](#)
3. [Tabulator 787 \(15 ballots\)](#)
4. [Tabulator 801 \(214 ballots\)](#)
5. [Tabulator 802 \(162 ballots\)](#)

Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount



60 In-Person ballots from Tabulator 788 and 792 were used to create doubled ballots.

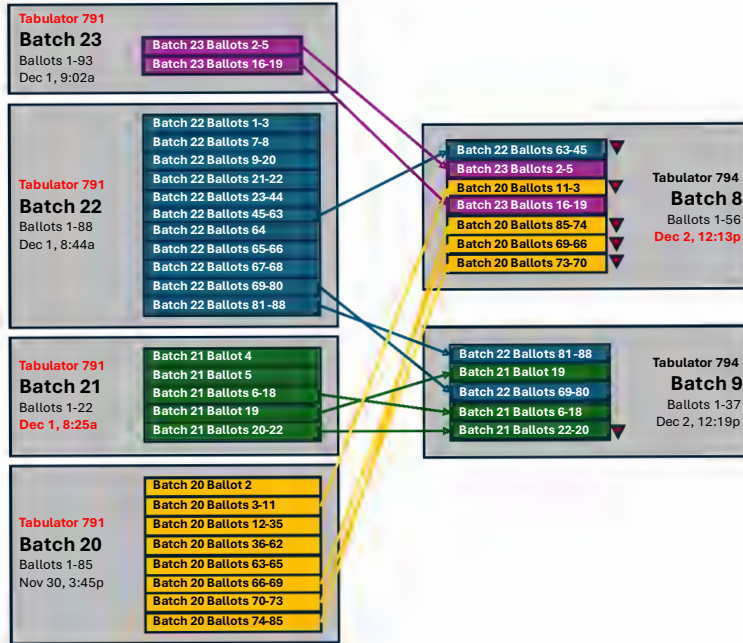
Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Note the hour and a half time difference between batch 57 and 59.



The ballot images detailed in the diagram above are available here:

6. [Tabulator 788 \(30 ballots\)](#)
7. [Tabulator 792 \(27 ballots\)](#)

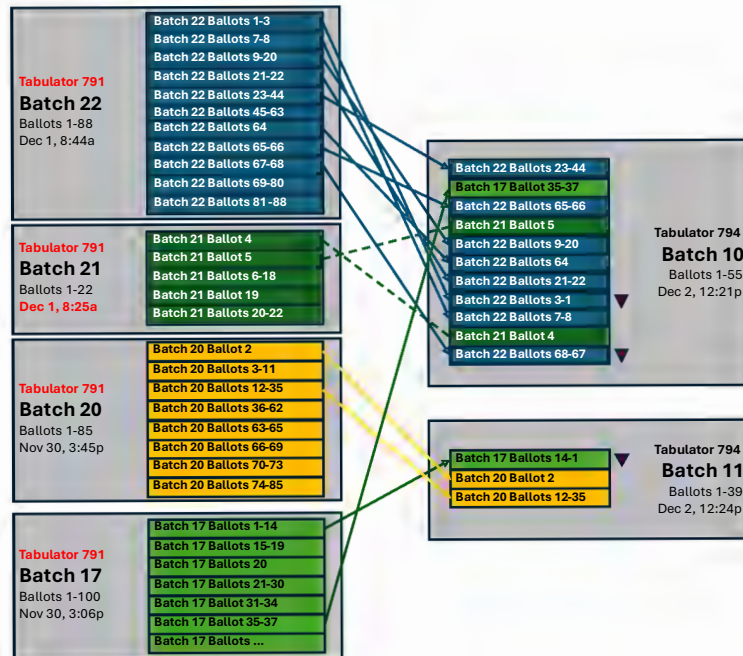


Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

93 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Notice a time change between batches 20 & 21 for Tabulator 791. They restarted scanning ballots the next morning.



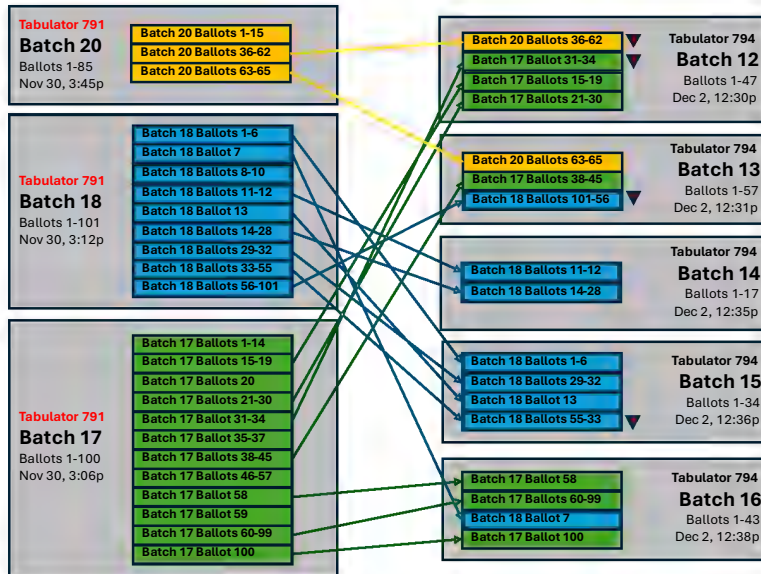
Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

94 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Most batches tend to be scanned in equal sized batches; these doubled batches vary widely in size.



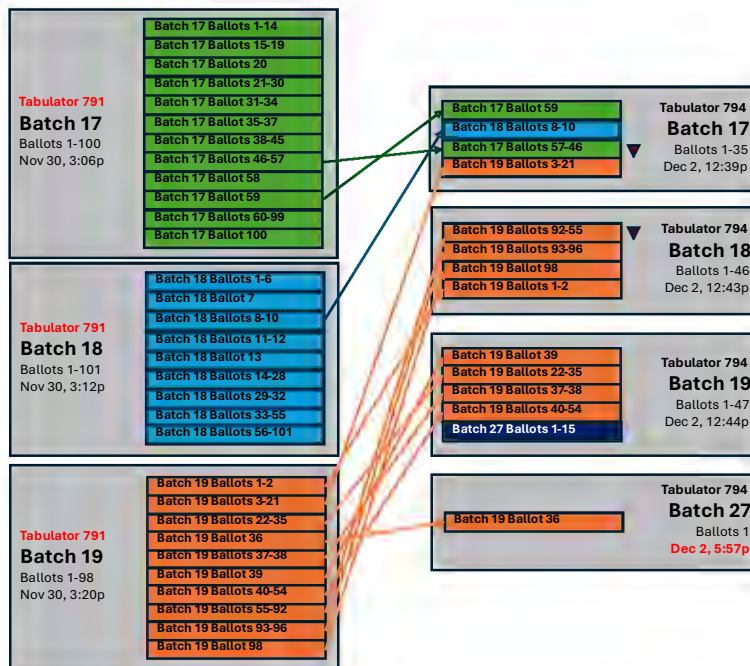


Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

198 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Most batches tend to be scanned in equal sized batches; these doubled batches vary widely in size.



Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

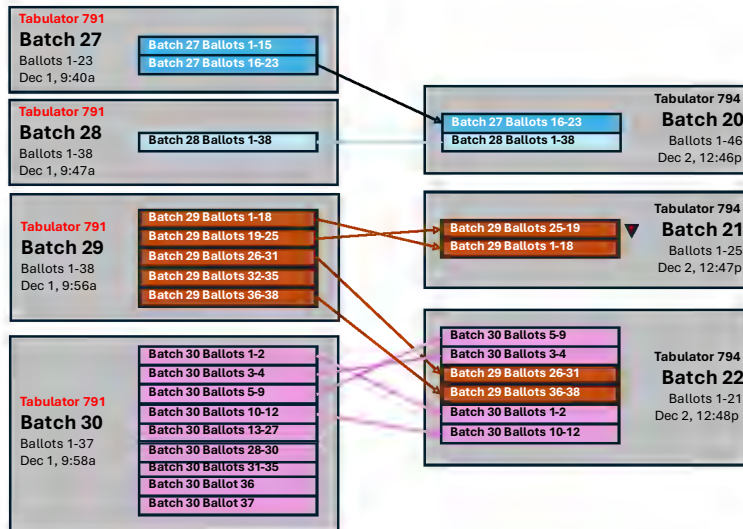
129 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Source batch 19 was used in a record five different batches.

New Batch 27 was scanned five hours later containing a left-over ballot.

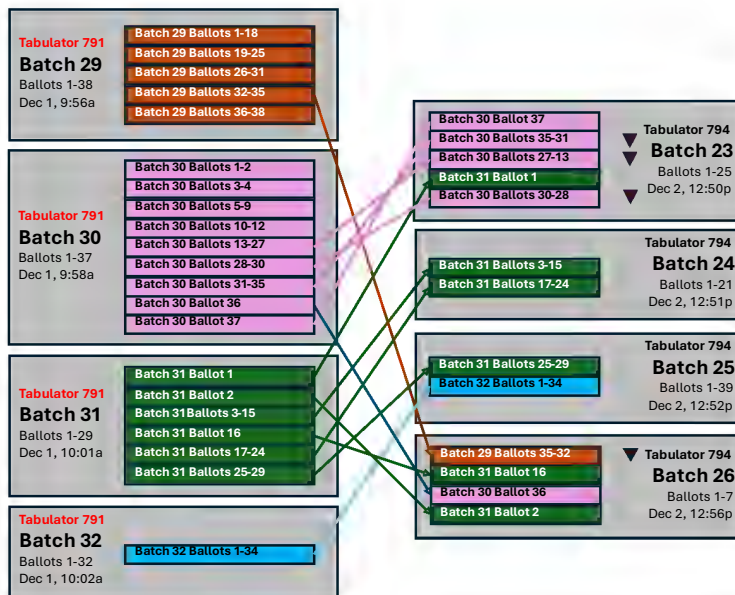




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92 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

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Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

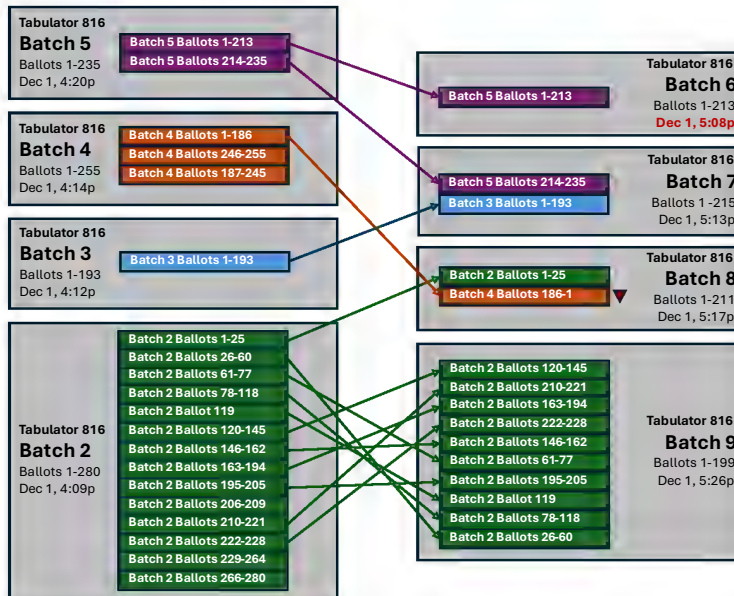
92 Absentee Ballots from Tabulator 791 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots in Tabulator 794.

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The ballot images detailed in the diagram above are available here:

8. [Tabulator 794 \(692 ballots\)](#)



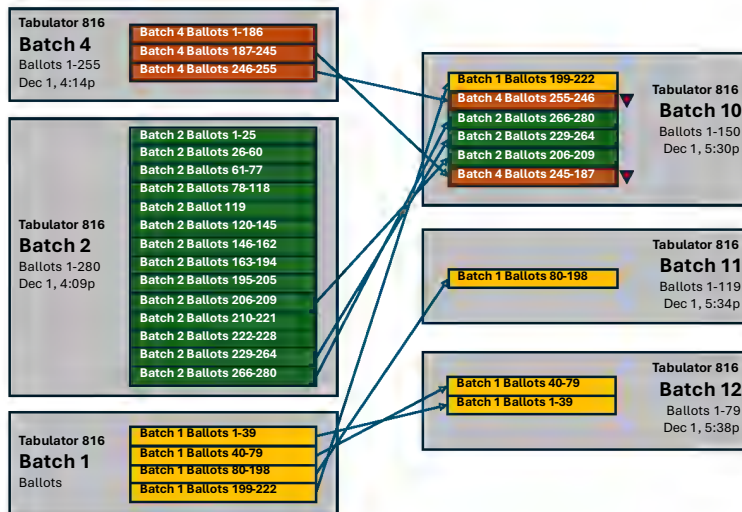
Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

838 In-Person ballots from Tabulator 816 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots.

Ballots with the icon indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Note that in contrast to the previous pages, the doubling occurred on the same tabulator. The doubling started 50 minutes after the last batch was scanned.

Notice that the **source ballots are being scanned in reverse order**. We can assume that the operator had turned all 5 batches over before doubling the ballots.



Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

348 In-Person ballots from Tabulator 816 were scrambled together to create doubled ballots.

Ballots with the icon indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

Note that every doubled ballot from Batch 4 was placed upside-down in the new batches.

All the ballots from batches 1-5 have now been used, so the doubling stops for a several batches.

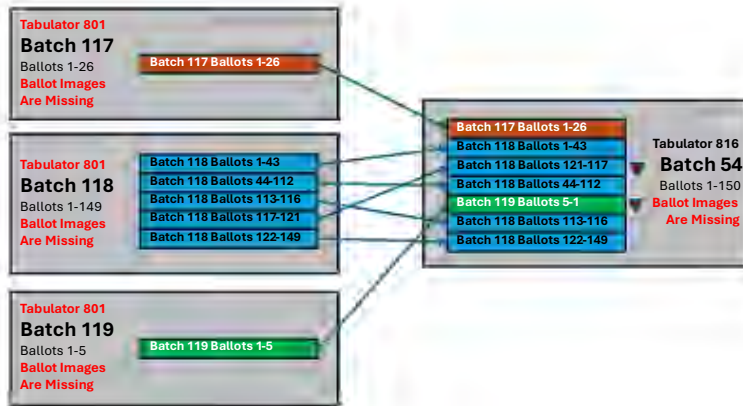


The ballot images detailed in the diagram above are available here:

9. [Tabulator 816 \(2038 ballots\)](#)

To: Georgia State Election Board

The following shows ballots and their corresponding duplication; however, both the original and duplicate ballot images were subsequently deleted:



Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

150 In-Person ballots from **Tabulator 801** were scrambled together to create doubled ballots.

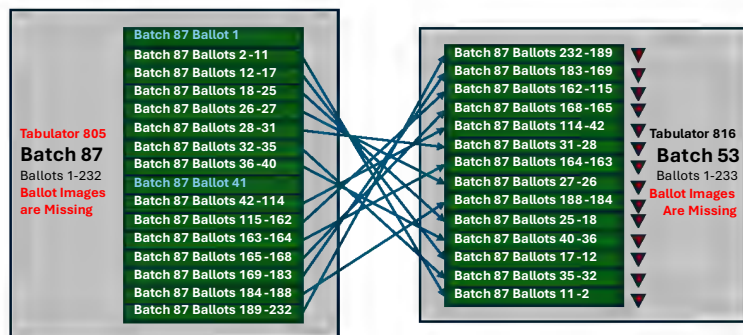
Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

The images from Tabulator 801 were **deleted starting at batch 112**, just a few batches before.

The doubled images from Tabulator 816 were **deleted starting at batch 52**, just 2 batches earlier.



Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount



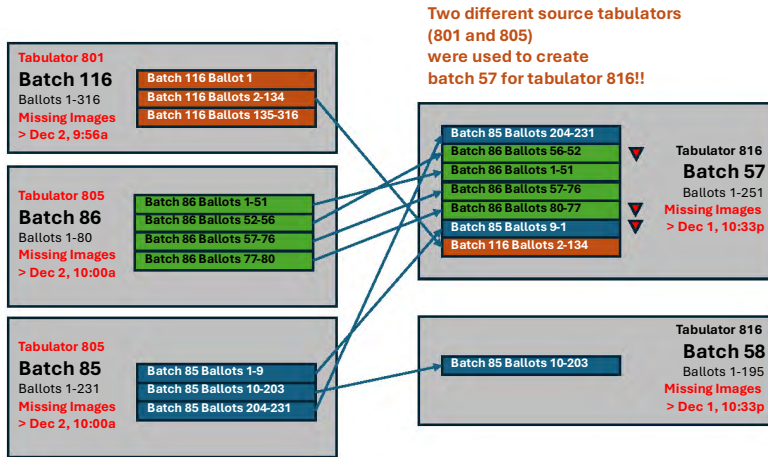
233 In-Person ballots from **Tabulator 805** were scrambled together to create doubled ballots for Tabulator 816.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside-down to reverse their order.

The images from Tabulator 805 were **deleted starting at batch 85**, just 2 batches earlier.

The images from Tabulator 816 were **deleted starting at batch 52**, just 1 batch earlier.





Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

446 In-Person ballots from **Tabulator 805** AND **Tabulator 801** were scrambled together to create doubled ballots.

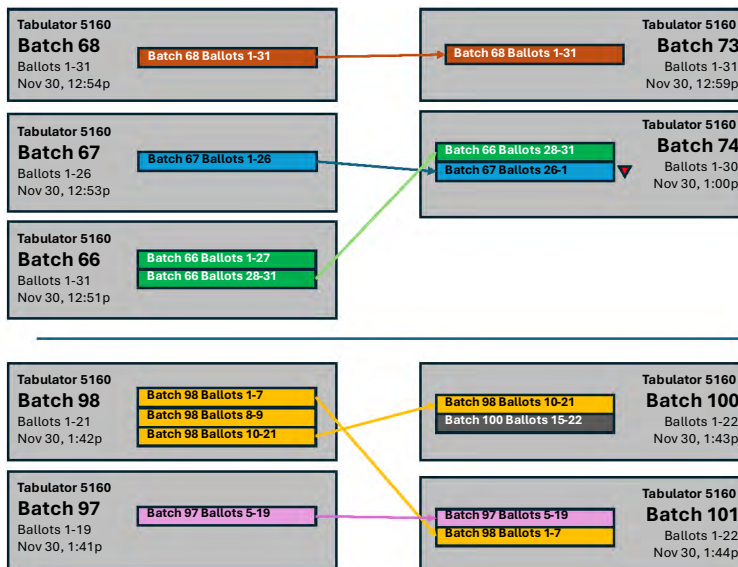
Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside - down to reverse their order.

The date/times listed here are from the last batch available for each Tabulator.

The original images from Tabulator 805 were **deleted starting at batch 85**.

The original images from Tabulator 801 were **deleted starting at batch 112**.

The doubled images from Tabulator 816 were **deleted starting at batch 52**. Only a few batches before the result of the doubling.

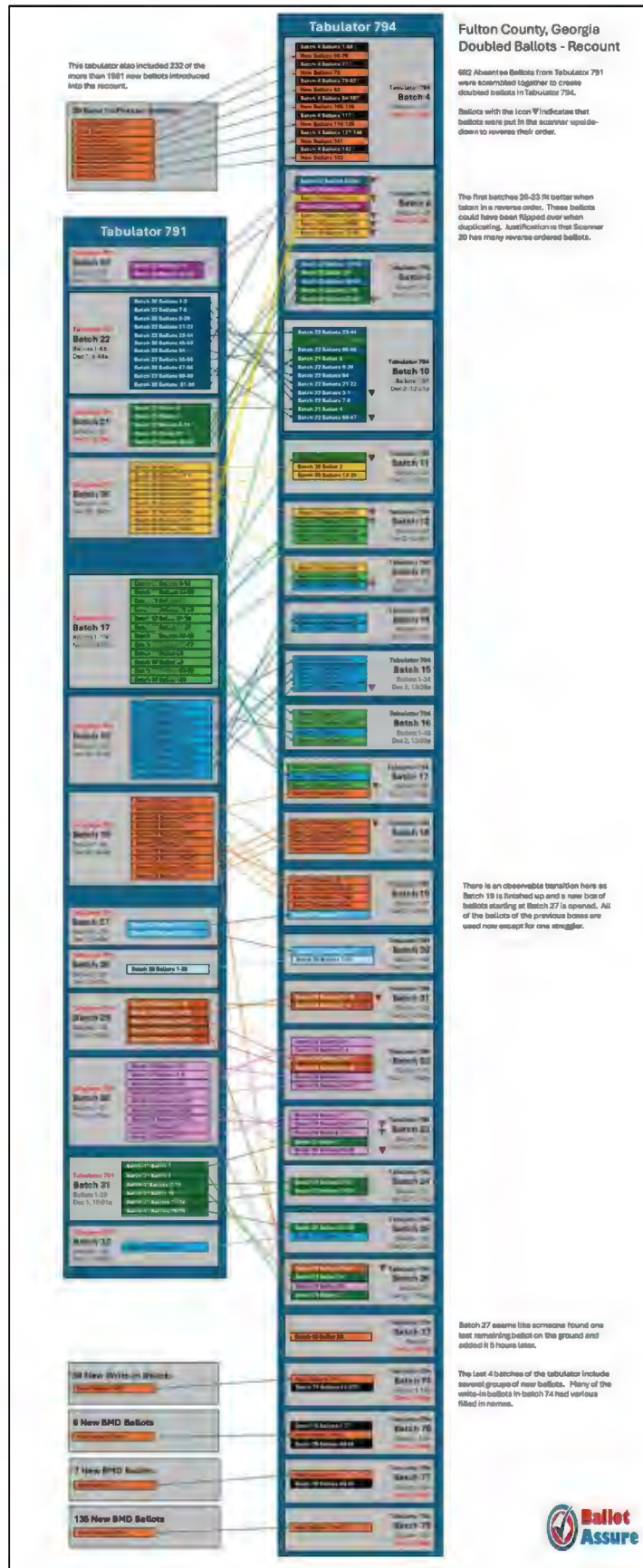


Fulton County, Georgia Doubled Ballots - Recount

80 In-Person ballots from Tabulator 5160 were used to create doubled ballots.

Ballots with the icon  indicates that ballots were put in the scanner upside - down to reverse their order.





OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

FAILURE TO PERFORM LOGIC & ACCURACY TESTING **&** **INSERTION OF TEST BALLOTS FOR 2020 GENERAL ELECTION & RECOUNT**

Georgia's purported Logic & Accuracy testing ("L&A") for the 2020 General Election was conducted behind closed doors without public notice or access in violation of Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 183-1-12-.08. Additionally, the L&A testing was performed (hands-on) by Ryan Macias and other members of The Elections Group (unauthorized by Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections) and Dominion Voting Systems Personnel at the cost of nearly \$2,000,000.00 (also unauthorized).¹ It is also important to note that all records for L&A testing are for the voting equipment used for Election Day - but we have been unable to obtain any records to establish that any L&A testing was performed on any of the voting equipment used for Advance Voting. Had testing been performed on the equipment used for Advance Voting in accordance with Georgia law- there would have been no requirement to retest the same equipment which was (unlawfully) repurposed for Election Day (see SEB2022-024 and the affidavit of Ms. Bridget Thorne attached hereto).²

For each election everything from the ballot styles, races, contests, precincts, and election counting rules must be designed and programmed for all voting machines. The only real test of those systems prior to each election is L&A testing. The entire premise behind the exercise is to test the voting systems in an end-to-end mock-election with the oversight of the public, then to preserve the operational state of the system until the polls open. Fulton County's process defied both logic and law and achieved none of those things.

Georgia's L&A testing is performed in such a way that test ballots are created for each contest selection on a Ballot Marking Device ("BMD"). The test ballots are produced in generally the same sequence over and over for each BMD tested, and then those ballots are subsequently scanned to ensure that the BMD creates- and the tabulator properly identifies each different ballot style and accurately counts every possible contest selection.

Following the 2020 General Election, Fulton County Commissioner Bridget Thorne submitted an affidavit detailing her experience working with Dominion in the lead-up to the election.³ Mrs. Thorne, a long-

¹ A true and correct copy of Dominion Voting Systems invoices for the testing is attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

² Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 183-1-12-.08(B) Voting system components that passed logic and accuracy testing for advance voting do not have to be retested for use on Election Day for the same election, unless there is a change in the programming or database used by the component.

³ A true and correct copy of Mrs. Bridget Thorne's affidavit is attached hereto as "Exhibit B".

time veteran poll manager, was assigned by Happy Faces temp agency to perform the Logic & Accuracy testing in the run-up to Election Day. Ms. Thorne participated in the testing at issue in this complaint and witnessed many of the deficiencies which, thanks to her precise and reliable accounting, we have been able to verify and document. For example, in her affidavit Mrs. Thorne described how test ballots were being printed on actual Rolland Vote-Secure ballot cardstock, thereby making the test ballots indistinguishable from genuine ballots. Also, how several batches of test ballots went missing during the process, and a person printing test ballots that she refers to as “Mike” from The Elections Group was not following protocol, but printing test ballots “randomly”. Mrs. Thorne states:

14. During the testing and calibration process, a consultant from The Elections Group named Mike (LNU) was present.
15. On November 1, 2020 approximately 10 pm, I observed Mike assisting another employee with generating test ballots for a district. Mike, however, was generating random ballots. He was not using the procedure for generating test ballots. I explained to Mike that he needed to generate the test ballots in a particular way, specifically, voting for the first candidate first, the second candidate on the next, etc. Mike asked me, “Do I have to vote for Trump?” I told him he did.

The individual Mrs. Thorne describes as “Mike” who was printing “random ballots” has since been identified as Mike Pendergast from The Elections Group. Also from The Elections Group who had full, hands-on access to the voting systems without authorization from the Fulton County Superintendent (Board of Registration and Elections (“FCBRE”)):

1. Mike Pendergast
2. Geetha Lingham
3. Omar Sheikh
4. Ryan Macias

Mrs. Thorne, who was terminated after filing the attached affidavit, also memorialized her concerns in a formal complaint to the State Election Board, which, despite numerous inquiries as to the status of her complaint, has been summarily avoided and ignored. Those concerns were well founded as our analysis (by Phillip Davis of Ballot Assure) has identified and established that at least 1,275 test ballots were included in the Fulton County November 3rd count and the Recount.

Ballot image file names are provided with links to the corresponding ballot images following this complaint. An investigator- or the Board, can also search for each of the ballot image file names in the Cast Vote Record in only a matter of hours to verify that each test ballot was in-fact included in the official results.

Lastly, although 1,275 test ballots were identified, the actual number included in the results is impossible to determine. Given the surreptitious and unlawful circumstances under which “L&A testing” was performed, the fact that such a process could have been used to produce a determinative number of fraudulent QR code ballots, and that “test” ballots from that process were injected into the count, there is every reason to believe there are many, many more. Once again, Fulton County’s unlawful actions have removed any presumption of accuracy or credibility.

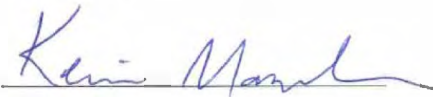
WHEREFORE, Complainants seek the following relief:

1. Following SEB verification of the inclusion of test ballots into the official results as detailed herein, Complainants request that the Board:
 - a. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding of fact that 1,275 (or number confirmed) test ballots were scanned and counted for the 2020 General Election presidential contest Recount.
 - b. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding of fact, if so found, that the scanning/counting of test ballots were intentional human acts.
 - c. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding that probable cause exists, if so found, for one count or violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587 for each test ballot found to have been intentionally scanned and counted.
 - d. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding of fact that Fulton County failed to perform L&A testing in violation of Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 183-1-12-.08.
 - e. Adopt a resolution that states Fulton County’s 2020 General Election results are not supported by an auditable record as required by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”).
2. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-31(5), make an official referral to the Attorney General or the Fulton County District Attorney’s office for criminal prosecution for potential violations of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-587 for the intentionally counted test ballots.
3. Because test ballots can only be included in the absence of strict reconciliation, order, or include in any potential consent agreement resulting from this action, the following requirements:
 - i. Fulton County Board of Elections (Superintendent) must strictly reconcile daily all polling locations (each separately for absentee, absentee in-person (advance voting), and election day voting) with the documented list of names of voters by polling location (numbered list of voters), and the same separately for absentee ballots received, and total number of voters of each polling location, daily status tape for each tabulator, and the quantity (hand-counted) of paper ballots from each tabulator. The same shall be recorded on a form to be created and provided by the SEB called the “Daily Reconciliation Form”.

- ii. Require the same to be submitted to the members of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections and to the SEB daily before midnight via email for the reconciliation of the previous day to include the supporting records detailed above, signed and witnessed as true and correct by the corresponding poll manager and two witnesses.
 - iii. Should Fulton County fail to comply with the terms above, (failure is defined as not providing the required documentation and supporting records for one day of voting within the time prescribed), then the SEB shall immediately issue notice to the members of the Fulton County BRE via email, informing them that they have 24 hours to comply. Should the deficiency not be cured within the time allotted, a hand-audit of the corresponding polling location(s) must be performed as directed by the SEB, which must be overseen by at least three (3) members of the BRE.
4. Any other relief the Board deems just and proper.

Dated: October 7, 2024
Shreveport, Louisiana

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BY: 

KEVIN M. MONCLA



JOE /s/ ROSSI /

JOSEPH ROSSI



VERIFICATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA CADDO PARISH

Kevin M. Moncla, being duly sworn, deposes and says that I am the Complainant in the above captioned case filed with the Georgia State Election Board, and have authorized the filing of this complaint. I have personally reviewed and verified the allegations, data, evidence, and records individually and collectively, made in the complaint, and to those allegations of which I have personal knowledge, I believe them to be true.

KEVIN M. MONCLA

Sworn to me this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

EXHIBIT A



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			Services for Week Ending November 8				
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			Services for Week Ending November 15				
37.00	37.00	0.00	Services (37 Days @ \$2,000)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 74,000.00	
126.68	126.68	0.00	Services (126.68 Overtime hours @ \$250)	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 31,670.00	
			Services for Week Ending November 22				
33.00	33.00	0.00	Services (33 Days @ \$2,000)	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	
72.75	72.75	0.00	Services (72.75 Overtime hours @ \$250)	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 18,187.50	

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Atlanta, GA 30353-8214

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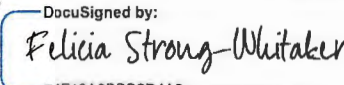
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Thank you.



Brenda E McCloud

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DOMINION VOTING



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Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 4:45 PM

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Subject: DOMINION INV # DVS139582

EXHIBIT A
(CONTINUED)

EXHIBIT B

AFFIDAVIT OF BRIDGET THORNE

Comes now, Bridget Thorne, and after being duly sworn makes the following statement under oath:

1. My name is Bridget Thorne.
2. I am over the age of 21 years, and I am under no legal disability which would prevent me from giving this declaration. If called to testify, I would testify under oath to these facts.

3. [REDACTED]

4. I was certified by Fulton County as a voting technician. I was hired as a certified technician to temporarily assist Dominion Voting Systems with preparation for the Fulton County Georgia General Election from October 27 thru November 1, 2020 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building B, where all of the Fulton County voting machinery was tested and calibrated.

5. The testing and calibration process entailed printing 21 test ballots for each ballot marking device (BMD) from each voting precinct. (The number of test ballots was dictated by the 21 candidates in the Loeffler senate race.)

6. Based on my knowledge and belief, the test ballots could have been run on plain paper, making them easily distinguishable from live Georgia ballots.

7. The test ballots were printed on the same Roland Voter Paper (heavy cardstock) as used for actual ballots, making them, in every way, indistinguishable from live Georgia ballots.

8. Over the entire course of my experience, these test ballots were handled by Dominion employees in a haphazard and careless way. At times there were stacks of “test ballots” unsecured all over the facility.

9. I am personally aware that some batches of test ballots were lost during the process and I was required to reprint entire polling districts test ballots a second time.

10. On October 28, I became concerned that these ballots were unsecure and indistinguishable from live ballots, so I began, with my daughter, Kenedy Thorne (also a technician for Dominion Voting) to “spoil” some of the ballots by either marking through the QR code on the ballot with a pen or simply tearing the ballot.

11. I spoiled approximately a couple thousand test ballots.

12. Based on my knowledge and belief, there were thousands of test ballots that were not spoiled.

13. The test ballots were ostensibly collected for shredding, but I do not know if they were ever shredded.

14. During the testing and calibration process, a consultant from The Elections Group named Mike (LNU) was present.

15. On November 1, 2020 approximately 10 pm, I observed Mike assisting another employee with generating test ballots for a district. Mike, however, was generating random ballots. He was not using the procedure for generating test ballots. I explained to Mike that he needed to generate the test ballots in a particular way, specifically, voting for the first candidate first, the second candidate on the next, etc. Mike asked me, “Do I have to vote for Trump?” I told him he did.

16. During the testing and calibration process, Richard Barron, the Fulton County Supervisor of Elections was present during much of the time.

17. On October 30, 2020, after the conclusion of early voting, all the equipment from the State Farm Arena was brought to Georgia World Congress Center, Building B to be prepared for election day voting.

18. When the equipment was brought in, Dominion personnel began to prep the equipment for election day. As part of the process, the vote tabulators (scanners) were all opened. There were approximately 50 tabulators from State Farm Arena.

19. Every tabulator had voted ballots in the ballot bins. These were, based on my knowledge and belief, actual voted ballots from early voting that were not removed and secured.

20. The ballots were removed by Dominion personnel and stacked, haphazardly. Some were left unattended for periods of time.

21. Based on my knowledge as a poll manager, these voted ballots should have been securely transported using two-person security. These ballots were simply left in the scanners and dropped at the warehouse.

22. There were Dominion personnel alone with scanners in all parts of the facility removing ballots from these machines.

23. During the process, these ballots were eventually gathered in suitcases (ballot cases) and collected into the corner of the facility.

24. At one point, I saw 50-60 ballot cases stacked in the corner. I estimate that each case could have held over 6,000 ballots.

25. I was upset by this. One of the warehouse employees, Tia (LNU) told me, “Bridget, don’t worry about it...we’ve been doing this all week.”

26. On election day, I was credentialed as the Poll Manager at the Johns Creek polling location. I was told in an email sent to all poll managers from my regional supervisor (supervisor of elections office) the Sunday before election day that we would have ACLU “clerks” for absentee ballots in each precinct.

27. I replied all and asked what, exactly, these ACLU clerks would be doing. Nobody of authority from Fulton County answered.

28. I was at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building B when the email exchange took place and Richard Barron was behind me, so I went and asked him about the ACLU clerks.

29. He gave me the impression that the supervisor should not have mentioned the ACLU. He said, "She shouldn't have said that [meaning ACLU clerk]. She should have just said you are having absentee clerks," or words to that effect.

30. I looked on the Atlanta ACLU website and they were advertising to have people come to volunteer as absentee clerks.

31. When I arrived at Johns Creek on election day, there was a woman from the ACLU there who served as the absentee clerk.

32. She told me she was a lawyer and was trained earlier that week.

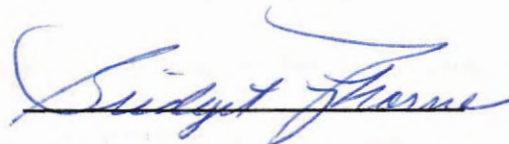
33. I was given a laptop for her to use, but we could not find the password. She told me she would just use her personal laptop.

34. She, apparently, had access on her personal device to the voter database in order to clear the absentee voter.

35. I do not recall if she had a name tag or badge, but she was in the voting area near the poll pad station.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 17th day of November 2020.

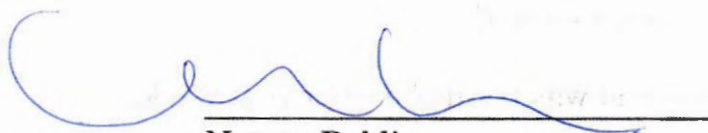


Bridget Thorne

State of Georgia

County of Fulton

Appeared before me Bridget Thorne, this 17th day of November 2020 and after being duly sworn, stated the forgoing statements are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Notary Public

My commission expires 05/04/2021



EXHIBIT C

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Dear Fulton County Board Members and Commissioners,

On October 7, 2024, the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections filed a Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief against the State of Georgia, Civil Action No. 24CV012709 (Superior Court of Fulton County).

I would like to bring to your attention some concerns I have about the legality of this case.

The petitioner is listed as the Fulton County Board of Registrations and Elections, meaning all board members. No action can be taken by the Board without a vote. If any one member is acting on behalf of the board, they are acting unilaterally and unlawfully.

I watched the live stream BRE meetings on June 24th, July 11th, August 8th, and September 12th. I couldn't recall the board ever voting on this issue. I went back through all four of those meetings to verify and I can confirm the BRE never voted on this litigation.

Pursuant to:

Ga. Code § 50-14-1

(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, all meetings shall be open to the public. All votes at any meeting shall be taken in public after due notice of the meeting and compliance with the posting and agenda requirements of this chapter.

(2) Any resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other official action of an agency adopted, taken, or made at a meeting which is not open to the public as required by this chapter shall not be binding. Any action contesting a resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other formal action of an agency based on an alleged violation of this provision shall be commenced within 90 days of the date such contested action was taken or, if the meeting was held in a manner not permitted by law, within 90 days from the date the party alleging the violation knew or should have known about the alleged violation so long as such date is not more than six months after the date the contested action was taken.

Ga. Code § 50-14-3

No vote in executive session to acquire, dispose of, or lease real estate, or to settle litigation, claims, or administrative proceedings, shall be binding on an agency until a subsequent vote is taken in an open meeting where the identity of the property and the terms of the acquisition, disposal, or lease are disclosed before the vote or where the parties and principal settlement terms are disclosed before the vote;

Therefore, as clearly stated in the statute, a vote must be taken in public or reproduced in public before the Board can act on any issue. Because there was no such public vote on litigation or taking legal action regarding this matter, leaves only two possible scenarios:

1. A vote was taken in executive session and then not done again in the open meeting, if that's the case pursuant to the Open Meetings Act such a vote would be rendered unlawful and non-binding (Ga. Code § 50-14-3).
2. There was no vote, not in executive session and not in an open forum, if that's the case someone is acting unilaterally and unlawfully on behalf of the board.

There are no other lawful ways in which this lawsuit could have been filed on behalf of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections.

Furthermore, someone has obtained outside legal counsel without authorization or consent of the board. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners should initiate an inquiry into these unlawful actions by the Chair of FCBRE, Sherri Allen. Upon confirmation of the facts as detailed herein the board should take appropriate action and make a formal referral to the Georgia Bar for willful violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct (MRPC), the Open Meeting Act, and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA).

Please include this letter in the official record for today's meeting, October 10, 2024.

Respectfully,

Rochelle Cabirac

CC: Georgia State Election Board



Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Emergency Letter Regarding Rules and Security Risks

1 message

S. Grubbs [REDACTED] >

Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 2:45 PM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston MD <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Mike Coan <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, jking.seb@gmail.com

Cc: Alex Kaufman [REDACTED], Josh McKoon [REDACTED] >

Dear Members of the State Election Board,

I am writing to you for two reasons. The first is concerning the duly, presented, posted and passed rules that also passed legislative review and should be implemented. The Secretary of State is apparently taking actions in defiance of your promulgated Rules. Why are actions being taken by the Secretary of State contrary to your Rules? Who has advised the Secretary to take such adversarial actions? Per O.C.G.A. 21-2-33.1(h) states in part,

(h) The Secretary of State shall, upon the request of the State Election Board, provide any and all necessary support and assistance that the State Election Board, in its sole discretion, determines is necessary to enforce this chapter or to carry out or conduct any of its duties.

YOU HAVE THE OBLIGATION AND POWER to ensure that the rules passed are effectuated by the Secretary of State and that the Elections Division INSTRUCTS the local boards of election abide by the Rules that YOU passed. I am receiving call after call that the Secretary's guidance is that local boards DO NOT have to abide by the Rules - as they are now being litigated. **THIS CANNOT STAND.** I ask that you **take up your own defense** and see to it that the **Secretary of State is instructed to do its job and ensure that the good, common sense rules are duly implemented.** Pending or threatened litigation is no excuse. Unless or until an Order of the Court is issued, your job is to see that these rules are implemented, please. Should you not take up your own defense in this issue, it would be a clear signaling that a Mandamus action would be in order?

Secondly, I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the cybersecurity vulnerabilities of the Dominion software and BMD Voting System set to be used in the upcoming November election, with early voting just days away. On September 29, the Cobb County Republican Party, along with 35 other District and County Republican parties, filed an amicus brief in the *DeKalb County Republican Party v. Raffensperger* case in Fulton County Superior Court. The case, heard on September 30 by Judge McAfee, raises alarming issues related to the storage and security of encryption keys, which are critical to protecting our voting systems and the data they handle. Regardless of the legal matters ensuing, one MUST NOT and CANNOT ignore the testimony presented.

The complaint highlights that these encryption keys are being stored in dangerously unprotected states, leaving them exposed in plain text within county election databases. This creates a significant risk, as anyone with access to these systems, their components, or to the transfer of election results could potentially alter the records of voter intent or the results—likely without

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detection. Accompanying the complaint are reports from voting system experts, who outline the grave nature of these security violations, noting that sensitive election data has been publicly accessible online for years, making it easier for potential attackers. Furthermore, the state has taken no effective action to mitigate these vulnerabilities or enhance system security.

During the court hearing, the plaintiffs' experts provided sworn testimony, which was live-streamed and is archived here: [Fulton Superior Court Hearing](#). As of today, the video has garnered over 17,000 views. The experts methodically walked through the steps of how the voting system could be hacked and how election results could be altered without detection. This public demonstration of security flaws could invite more would-be attackers.

The vulnerability of these encryption keys was first exposed in Professor Alex Halderman's 2021 report on Dominion ICX touch screens, which highlighted:

"This weakness causes a serious information exposure vulnerability due to cryptographic secrets stored on Poll Worker Cards. With access to the encryption and MAC keys from the Poll Worker Card, an attacker could decrypt or alter the ballot definitions used by scanners and BMDs, forge ballot QR codes, or decrypt or modify election results on scanner memory cards before the results are returned to the EMS for reporting" (pages 28-29).

You can access the full report here: [Halderman Report](#).

Since late 2021, full election databases, including encryption keys and passwords from counties such as Bibb, Appling, Jones, Telfair, and Pulaski, have been available on a public website. The Secretary of State's office has been aware of this since at least March 2024, yet no action has been taken to secure the system ahead of the 2024 election. Given the expanded public awareness following last week's "how-to" hacking demonstration that has been widely circulated, it is critical that the State Election Board take immediate steps to address these security vulnerabilities.

To enhance election security, I urge the State Election Board to immediately consider and implement the following actions, in consultation with independent cybersecurity experts:

- Strongly encourage counties to adopt emergency hand-marked paper ballots for as many polling locations as possible for the November election and future elections until the system's security is upgraded, coupled with hand-counting on the precinct level and/or inventoried and accounted for by precinct. All ballots must be accounted for - which, by the way, are in the rules you passed.
- Implement mandatory and swift security incident reporting protocols.
- Establish mandatory incident response plans to swiftly contain and mitigate any security breaches.
- Appoint knowledgeable cybersecurity professionals with the authority to handle crises in real-time.
- Improve video surveillance of voting equipment at polling places.
- Strengthen the integrity and enforcement of seals and seal-checking procedures on equipment.
- Enhance chain-of-custody procedures for ballots and equipment.
- Closely monitor and document voter reports of misprinted ballots or ballot display errors, (if emergency balloting not implemented).
- Strengthen canvassing requirements with more accurate reconciliations and thorough accuracy checks of reported results.

- Appoint a non-partisan professional team to scientifically monitor and investigate any anomalous election results.
- Increase the scope and number of contests audited in post-election audits.
- Conduct comprehensive poll manager training on security risks and monitoring procedures.

I am confident that cybersecurity professionals will have additional, more specific recommendations, and I strongly urge the Board to engage them without delay. Under your statutory authority, **you have the power to issue orders to the counties to implement these necessary precautions or to adopt emergency rules.**

It is not too late to take preventative measures. The SEB must acknowledge the heightened risk posed by the public demonstration of how easily the system can be compromised, which was live-streamed during last week's court hearing. Immediate action is needed to protect the integrity of the upcoming election.

Also - remember that you cannot claim ignorance as to the security risks. You know, have been told over and over. It is upon YOU to do the right things.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if I can be of service to you.

Respectfully,

Salleigh Grubbs

Cobb County Republican Party Chairwoman

GAGOP Over 80K Chairwoman

[Redacted Signature]



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Fulton County Signature Verification

1 message

Rochelle Cabirac <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 4:35 AM

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Dear Board Members,

Please see the attached complaint as it pertains to Fulton County failing to conduct the statutorily required signature verification during the 2020 Primary & General Election. Many of the same individuals are involved in the management and the monitoring of the 2024 General Election. They were either aware of Fulton County's unlawful conduct during 2020 or observed it occurring in real time without recourse.

Thank you,

Rochelle Cabirac



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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Monitor team additions

2 messages

Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 8:58 PM

To: Sherri Allen <sherri.allen@fultoncountyga.gov>, John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, Michael Coan <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>
Cc: Bridget Thorne <bridget.thorne@fultoncountyga.gov>

Good afternoon Sherri,

It was nice to meet you yesterday and have an open and frank discussion with John and me about the monitor team. Would you please send the contract and financial plan concerning the monitor plan? I hope that Fulton County will comply with the agreement of the May 8th meeting as proposed by Ed Lindsey. The State Election Board would like to consider John Fervier or Mike Coan as the monitor team leader.

It is my understanding that you were able to add a last minute agenda item to the county commissioner's last meeting regarding the addition of two polling places. I think the addition of eight people to the monitor team is a priority agenda item for consideration and approval. I request you and Commissioner Thorne add this to the agenda for the meeting tomorrow.

The following people are recommended by SEB Fervier, Jeffares, King, and Johnston for addition to the monitor team.

Christine Propst
Heather Honey
Elizabeth Delmas
Colonel Frank Ryan
Mark Davis
George Balbona
Alton Danielson
Tom Moore

Best to you,
Janice W Johnston MD

Sent from my iPhone

Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 9:07 PM

To: Janice Johnston <JJohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, "Coan, Michael" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

The original proposal from Edward Lindsay included the approval of the Secretary of State. Have you shared this proposal with anyone in that office?

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Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Unauthorized Lawsuit

1 message

Rochelle Cabirac [REDACTED]

Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 6:26 AM

To: sherri.allen@fultoncountyga.gov, Aaron.Johnson@fultoncountyga.gov, Michael.Heekin@fultoncountyga.gov, Teresa.Crawford@fultoncountyga.gov, julie.adams@fultoncountyga.gov, robb.pitts@fultoncountyga.gov, bridget.thorne@fultoncountyga.gov, bob.ellis@fultoncountyga.gov, dana.barrett@fultoncountyga.gov, natalie.hall@fultoncountyga.gov, Marvin.Arrington@fultoncountyga.gov, Khadijah.Abdur-Rahman@fultoncountyga.gov, Public.Comment@fultoncountyga.gov

Cc: jfervier.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Please see attached.

Thank you,
Rochelle Cabirac



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Auditor

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	Fulton County	For County Commission District 4 (Vote for One) ☐ Mo Ivory Democrat ☐ Write-in
House of Representatives - District 61 (Vote for One)	For District Attorney Atlanta Judicial Circuit (Vote for One) ☐ Courtney Kramer Republican ☐ Fani T. Willis (Incumbent) Democrat ☐ Write-in	For County Commission District 6 (Vote for One) ☐ Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (Incumbent) Democrat ☐ Write-in
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House of Representatives - District 63 (Vote for One)	For Sheriff (Vote for One) ☐ Patrick "Pat" Labat (Incumbent) Democrat ☐ Write-in	Proposed Constitutional Amendments
House of Representatives - District 64 (Vote for One)	For Tax Commissioner (Vote for One) ☐ Arthur E. Ferdinand (Incumbent) Democrat ☐ Write-in	- 1 - Provides for a general law state-wide homestead exemption that may differentiate among political subdivisions. House Resolution No. 1022 Ga. L. 2024, p 1191 "Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to authorize the General Assembly to provide by general law for a state-wide homestead exemption that serves to limit increases in the assessed value of homesteads, but which any county, consolidated government, municipality, or local school system may opt out of upon the completion of certain procedures?" ☐ Yes ☐ No
House of Representatives - District 65 (Vote for One)	For Surveyor (Vote for One) ☐ Fred Quinn, Jr. Democrat ☐ Write-in	
House of Representatives - District 66 (Vote for One)		
House of Representatives - District 67 (Vote for One)		

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RE: Official Complaint- Fulton County- 2020 - Signature Verification

Board members:

Please accept this filing as my formal request for this complaint to be fully investigated by the Georgia State Election Board (SEB) or an investigator on their behalf.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

Failure to Perform Signature Verification 2020 Primary & General

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Fulton County's elections have long been plagued by incompetence, failure to follow the law, gross mismanagement, and excuses- but never accountability. Almost as if someone or something has been preventing reform or remedy. As shown here- Fulton County's legacy of inexplicable failure (through no fault of their own) continues.

Pursuant to Georgia law, registered voters who wish to cast an absentee ballot must provide the requisite information and swear to the oath printed on the envelope, by signature.¹ The signature on the oath envelope is supposed to be compared with a known signature exemplar. Upon receipt of the ballot, the registrar or clerk “***...shall compare the signature or mark on the oath with the signature or mark on the absentee elector's application for absentee ballot..***” as required by GA Code § 21-2-385 (2020).

Following the 2018 midterm election, the State of Georgia agreed in a settlement to provide uniformity in the absentee ballot process. After new standardized laws and procedures were implemented, Fulton County chose to break those laws by failing to perform signature verification during the 2020 Primary. In response to quite literally hundreds of complaints filed with the State Election Board (“SEB” or “Board”), Fulton County entered into a Consent Agreement which, among other things, specifically required absentee ballot signature verification to be performed in accordance with Georgia law. The agreement also established a monitor (Carter Jones and Seven Hills Strategies) to ensure compliance with the agreement.

¹ GA Code § 21-2-385 (2020) “...the elector shall vote his or her absentee ballot, then fold the ballot and enclose and securely seal the same in the envelope on which is printed "Official Absentee Ballot." This envelope shall then be placed in the second one, on which is printed the form of the oath of the elector; the name and oath of the person assisting, if any; and other required identifying information. The elector shall then fill out, subscribe, and swear to the oath printed on such envelope.”

The shocking fact is that even after being admonished twice -Fulton County, once again, did not perform absentee ballot signature verification for the 2020 General Election. Let us be very clear in our characterization so there are no misunderstandings- The undersigned are not simply alleging that Fulton County did not perform signature verification accurately, effectively, or correctly-

Fulton County did not perform absentee ballot signature verification for the 2020 General Election.

The Elections Director at the time- and his executive staff (including the current Elections Director) all knew this and intentionally concealed the same. Also, the monitor who was contracted to verify compliance with the terms of the Consent Agreement either failed to verify that absentee ballot signature verification was being performed- or intentionally concealed the same. There is no third option. The same for Gabriel Sterling, the Secretary of State and his General Counsel.

BACKGROUND

Signature verification has been an ongoing issue in Georgia stemming back to the 2018 Gubernatorial Election, when Stacy Abrams narrowly lost the governor's race. At that time Georgia lacked a standardized state procedure for notifying voters if their absentee ballot was rejected during signature verification. In response to this issue a federal lawsuit was filed in 2019, *Democratic Party of Georgia v. Raffensperger*, seeking uniformity in the Absentee signature verification process. The parties in this case reached a compromised settlement agreement (Exhibit A) on March 6th, 2020. The agreement standardized official procedures for notifying voters when their absentee ballots were rejected due to missing or mismatched signatures. The compromise included the SEB agreeing to promulgate and enforce GA R. & Reg. §183-1-14-.13. which required county election officials to provide prompt notification, within 3 days of absentee ballot rejection providing voters with ample time to cure their ballot. The rule also required a review by 3 election officials prior to the rejection of an absentee ballot due to signature

mismatch. As part of the compromise, the SOS also agreed to issue an Official Election Bulletin to all Georgia counties prior to all statewide elections in 2020 with guidance to properly conduct absentee signature verification review.

On May 1, 2020, two months after the compromised agreement was reached and one month prior to the June 9th GA Primary Election, the SOS issued the first Official Election Bulletin to all Georgia counties.

(5/1/2020 Official Election Bulletin - Exhibit B)

TO: County Election Officials and County Registrars
FROM: Chris Harvey, State Elections Director
RE: Absentee Ballot Signature Review Guidance
Verifying that a voter's signature on his or her absentee ballot matches his or her signature on the absentee ballot application or in the voter registration record is required by Georgia law and is crucial to secure elections. Ensuring that signatures match is even more crucial in this time of increased absentee voting due to the COVID-19 crisis. The

This emphasized the importance of lawfully conducting signature verification on all absentee ballots. Due to the pandemic, they anticipated a drastic increase in the number of absentee-by-mail ballots cast. To safeguard the election all counties needed to be prepared.

Regardless, Fulton County's 2020 primary election was, once again, riddled with problems well documented by the hundreds of complaints filed with the SEB. These complaints presented a multitude of failures: hundreds of Fulton County voters never received the absentee ballots they requested. Fulton County failed to provide voting equipment accessible to individuals with disabilities (a violation of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.21 and federal law, specifically including the Help America Vote Act), failed to provide the lawfully required forms to all polling locations (violations of O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-401 and State Election Board Rule 183-1-12- 6b), failed to train poll workers (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-99(a)), and failed to provide sufficient voting equipment to polling locations (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-267 and State Election Board Rules 183-1-12-.09(2) and 183-1-12.1 I(c)).

In October 2020, Fulton County and the SEB agreed to resolve these complaints with a consent order (Exhibit C).² This order stipulated remedial measures for Fulton County to follow and appointed an independent monitor for the upcoming November 2020 General Election (Do these actions sound familiar?).

The SEB also ordered Fulton County to pay a civil penalty of \$50,000, but agreed to waive the penalty if the remedial measures were fully implemented for the 2020 General Election, including:

“2. Respondents agree to put in place sufficient resources and procedures to accurately process all returned absentee ballots by the close of business on the next business day after the ballot is received (but no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day after Election Day).

“Processing” absentee ballots means the signature on back of the ballot is compared to the signature on the absentee ballot application or other signature on file, the ballot is entered into ENET as accepted or rejected as appropriate, and any required cure notification is sent to the voter if needed.”

Fulton County failed to conduct signature verification on all absentee ballots returned for the November 2020 General Election. Not only did Fulton County fail to “accurately process all returned absentee ballots” which includes [accurate] signature verification, they **failed to perform signature verification at all**. This is important- Fulton County did not put their best foot forward in good faith, “try their very best”, or even work hard. Fulton County did not even try!

This was clearly stated by Mark Wingate, former member of the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections (FCBRE) on which he served from 2017-2023. In his sworn affidavit submitted in the case of *Frazier v. Fulton County 2023-cv-2023* (Fulton County Superior Court), Mr. Wingate declared under the penalty of perjury that the Board was informed:

“...Fulton County did not perform any signature verification on any absentee-by-mail ballot in the 2020 election” (Exhibit D).

² Resolving SEB Cases 2020-016 and 2020-027.

By not performing signature verification, Fulton County willfully failed to implement the remedial measures in accordance with the terms of the consent agreement as required for the waiver of the \$50,000 civil penalty. Georgia law required the signature verification of all absentee ballots and as this complaint will demonstrate, like the consent agreement, Fulton County failed to comply with the law.

Through open records requests, responsive documents showed communications between former Elections Director Richard Barron, and Amber McReynolds, the CEO of the Vote at Home organization. The emails were discussing a plan for the 2020 General Election absentee process. An email sent on 7/22/2020 by Ms. Reynolds suggests Fulton County did not conduct the lawfully required signature verification during the 2020 Primary Election:

*“Also, with the primary, **it sounds like you did not compare signatures, other than to look and see that a signature was present for acceptance.** This will help us think about how to work with you to formulate plans for November”* (Exhibit E).

For the 2020 Primary Election, Fulton County accepted all absentee ballots with a signature- any signature, without comparing it to another signature on record (voter registration, driver’s license, etc.). This same unlawful process was then repeated once again for the November 2020 General Election.

THE EVIDENCE & RECORDS

The Evidence presented in this complaint was compiled from numerous open records requests submitted to Fulton County. The relevant records are organized chronologically and separated into two timeframes: 1- leading up to the 2020 General Election; 2- following the 2020 General Election. Fulton County’s records show they failed to conduct the lawfully required absentee-by-mail signature verification.

LEADING UP TO THE NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Summary:

After the disastrous June 2020 Primary, Fulton County was awarded numerous CTCL grants which provided the elections department with almost 11 million in funding and additional support throughout the General & Runoff Elections. Fulton County took advantage of CTCL's partner "support" (Exhibit F) via The Elections Group, National Vote at Home (NVAHI), and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as well as United States Digital Response (USDR). The NGOs played a major role and were involved in almost every aspect of both elections. The former elections director Richard Barron even expressed frustration with the overwhelming number of organizations reaching out to help.

On Fri, Oct 2, 2020 at 9:28 PM Barron, Richard L.
<Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov> wrote:
Gabe,

I run my department. You can contact me if you want to make inquiries about Fulton County Registration and Elections. I've already told her we'll meet with her.

We had an election this week in case you have forgotten. In addition, we are preparing for another one.

I told Chris and Helen that we have been receiving welcome help from NVAHI, US Digital Response and Elections Group, as well as our internal working group. Finding a project for someone else is going to be difficult, even being unopposed to help.

Rick

Former board member Mark Wingate testified at Jeffrey Clark's Board of Responsibility hearing on April 1, 2024. Mr. Wingate explains the BRE was told the county's BlueCrest (incoming mail sorting machine) platform, which had a signature verification component, would be used during the General Election to electronically verify the signatures on the absentee ballots received.

(Mark Wingate Testimony - Exhibit H)

1 So they found a terminus system that is
 2 called BlueCrest, and the BlueCrest platform
 3 primarily was an absentee by mail or paper ballot
 4 processing application. And that would, you know,
 5 scan in the outer oath envelopes, it would open
 6 them, pull them out, flatten them as they call it
 7 and then put them in bundles for later processing
 8 and scanning.

9 Part of that or one of the applications or
 10 elements of that BlueCrest platform was an
 11 electronic signature verification component.

12 And of course, we all, as that was
 13 reported, we all thought that that was going to be
 14 up and running and how exactly that the department
 15 people there for managing the absentee by mail
 16 ballot processing would have a very fine function in
 17 the electronic signature verification component.

Fulton's equipment did NOT have the Reli-Vote software that was required to perform electronic signature verification. The last thing the board heard was BlueCrest technicians were on-site to get the signature verification component up and running.

(Mark Wingate Testimony - Exhibit H)

18 Well, as I recall, I believe that time
 19 frame was in October, at the board meeting for
 20 October, I had asked the question where are we with
 21 regards to the functionality of the electronic
 22 signature verification component.

1 And I was told that the technicians from
 2 BlueCrest were in our building that day and that
 3 they were working to functionalize the electronic
 4 signature verification.

5 Q Now, when you say functionality and
 6 functionalize, what's the plain English meaning of
 7 that?

8 A Meaning getting it to work.

The required update was NEVER completed. The Fulton County BRE didn't know the BlueCrest machine was inoperable and couldn't perform electronic verification. Fulton County had 4 months to prepare for the General Election with additional funding and numerous organizations offering endless support. There was NO additional backup plan or procedures put in place to conduct "manual" signature verification.

The facts show Fulton County chose to utilize electronic signature verification, they knew the Blue Crest wouldn't function without additional components, the system was inoperable, they never informed the board, they didn't reach out for help, they didn't even try to get the resources to do it manually, and then they chose to process the 147,000 absentee by mail ballots unlawfully without verification or authentication.

The Evidence:

1.) July 22, 2020

(7/22/2020 Vote at Home Correspondence - Exhibit E)

From: Amber McReynolds [amber@voteathome.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:24 PM
To: Barron, Richard L.
Cc: Hillary Hall; Jacob Panfel
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Ok - so it's not prohibited so we can work with blue crest to get you that software on your equipment. Also, how did that work for the primary - do you have a process document that shows your current mail ballot process?

Amber McReynolds | CEO
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>

On 7/22/20, 1:20 PM, "Barron, Richard L." <Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov> wrote:

I asked Ryan Germany today. We can use signature verification.

From: Amber McReynolds [amber@voteathome.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Barron, Richard L.
Cc: Hillary Hall; Jacob Panfel
Subject: Follow-up

Hi Rick,
Thank you for taking time today and we look forward to follow-up calls. Jake and Hillary will coordinate that with you and your team.

I wanted to ask about one question. You mentioned state law doesn't allow you to use automatic signature verification and thus the state told you that you could not. Can you send us the applicable law or where the state said that? I really want to see what they are saying because I do not see the law that way and wonder if we can work that out. Also, with the primary, it sounds like you did not compare signatures, other than to look and see that a signature was present for acceptance. This will help us think about how to work with you to formulate plans for November.

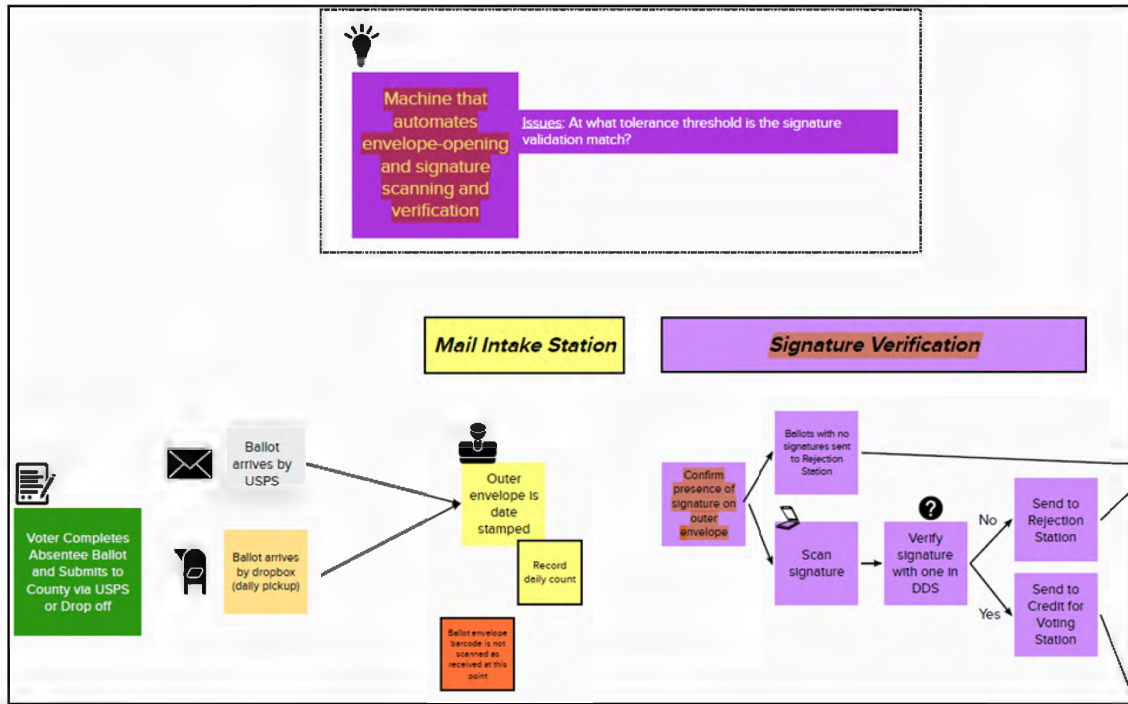
Amber
Amber McReynolds | CEO

In July 2020, emails between Amber McReynolds, National Vote at Home Institute (NVAHI) CEO, and former elections director Rick Barron, show they were working to formulate a plan for the processing of absentee by mail ballots. Rick Barron didn't think they could lawfully use the BlueCrest system for electronic signature verification; However, Ryan Germany (Fmr. SOS General Counsel) gave Rick Barron the approval. Learning that it could be used, NVAHI agreed to work with Blue Crest to get the signature verification software added.

2.) July 27, 2020

Draft July 27, 2020

Absentee Ballot Plan – November 3 General Election (continued)	
Processing Significant Volume of Absentee Ballots	
Approach	Status/Issues
Plan A: Contract with vendor that has equipment that can automate opening the ballot envelope, scanning the voter signature, and verifying it with the signature in DDS	Obtained initial quote/proposal from vendor Need to conduct a "site visit" with Tax Commissioner's office and the equipment they use for similar functions {Ralph} Need to confirm feasibility, specs, and cost with vendor {Ralph} Need to submit request to SOS for written confirmation of prior verbal agreement permitting County's use of automated ballot signature verification {Rick?} Need to work with Purchasing to prepare for potential contract {Ralph}
Plan B: Hire significant number of people to process absentee ballots (prior to Ballot Opening & Scanning) using the current process and technology	Developing staffing model to determine number of staff needed to accommodate different volumes of absentee applications {Steve S.} Need to prepare Happy Faces for potentially large staffing need for ballot signature verification and initial processing from October 1 to end of October (can be converted to ballot tabulation when that begins)



NVAHI put together flow charts and tables showing a multi-plan approach for Fulton County to consider, which included two options for absentee ballot signature verification. They could have been processed electronically using BlueCrest or performed manually having enough staff and temporary workers available. Fulton County decided to solely rely on the BlueCrest Platform. There were no further discussions to implement an alternative or backup plan.

3.) October 6, 2020

From: [Steve Struthers](#)
To: [Barron, Richard L.](#)
Subject: Absentee ballot topics at today's leadership meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020 9:37:14 AM

Rick –

I am anticipating Dick will ask in the meeting today how things are going with AB processing. Sounds like you all are getting into decent shape in terms of being caught up on application processing and doing the vote-crediting for ballots. Yesterday, you acknowledged some frustration with the Bluecrest automated signature verification system – are you planning to raise this issue at the meeting today? Because if automated signature verification is not going to be viable, it means we need a lot more people assigned to that task. Fortunately, the people who were doing VR processing will soon be freed up from that task. But we may need a temporary surge of folks until that happens.

Steve Struther's sends a follow-up email to Rick Barron regarding his obvious anger and frustration with the BlueCrest automated signature verification. Struthers makes an important and obvious note, that if it *"is not going to be viable, it means we need a lot more people assigned to that task."*

As of October 6th, Fulton County was already short staffed due to COVID, they did not have enough people on-hand to conduct the process manually. The processing of absentee ballots was allowed by law to begin 45 days prior to an election. Conducting manual verification lawfully was a long and tedious process. This required having the large number of staff and temporary workers prepared with training and the necessary equipment available. How were they processing all the absentee ballots received prior to Oct. 6th, without the staff and resources to do so? Why didn't they immediately make emergency preparations for manual verification knowing it was Oct 6th and the Blue Crest was still not functioning?

4.) October 8, 2020

(10/8/2020 Fulton County BRE Meeting - Exhibit G)

Mr. Wingate inquired about the BlueCrest platform

Mr. Barron informed the Board that the **DRE** has not begun the mailing of **ABM**; however, the **DRE** is currently using BlueCrest as a mail sorter. **Mr. Barron** directed **Mr. Jones** to expound

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Mr. Jones mentioned the Technician from BlueCrest was onsite to assist the **DRE** by enabling the **DRE** to complete signature verification and give voters credit for voting, while maintaining the security of ballots

Mr. Barron informed the **BRE** that the **ABM** received 39,274 and 35,500 ballots were scanned, thus far

In the months leading up to the 2020 General election the board was told the department was working with Bluecrest to get the Reli-vote set up for use. Director Rick Barron at the BRE October 2020 meeting said Bluecrest employees were in the building "getting it up and running". This occurred on October 8th, with less than a month to go till Election Day. As we saw in the October 6th email above, they were not prepared to do this manually nor did they want to be. When it became apparent the Blue Crest system could not be fixed in time, they did and said nothing about it. They just didn't do it!

5.) November 13, 2020

(11/13/2020 Fulton County BRE Meeting - Exhibit I)

Mr. Wingate expressed that before he votes, he wanted to provide justification.

" First of all, we do have as we recognize we do have a hand count going on of this election that will be by Wednesday of next week of this election. I was sent in conjunction with a pending lawsuit of over 14,000 voters that are being challenged on the voter registration list, this information I have received, again I am only reporting what was given to me but there was at that time around 9am this morning. Whoever it is that was looking at this has already found 4,000 voters that cast a vote in this election on that list. And I don't know where it will end up or where this is going but I do just fine as a voter myself in Fulton County but I find this concerning. The other thing is that through this process and through all the hard work that Rick, Dwight, Ralph, and everybody has done it is a confoundingly hard process but it's indisputable from Election Night that there was an observer issue of around an hour and half of processes that was still going on and having observers, from Election Night we were still finding flash cards, still finding missing provisional ballots, and unscanned ballots that happened to be in a couple precincts (one in East Point and one in Alpharetta). My point to that is we did our final reporting/ final upload of this last night at 8:17pm just FOR THE RECORD. Final thing: Back in the minutes of our meeting on October 8th reporting, that day we had a technician from BlueCrest onsite assisting our staff so they could enable and get the electronic signature verification component of the BlueCrest platform enabled..... Talking only for myself I left there and I was never given any other updates and my question to the department subsequent to that is how that was going. Well it was never used, we couldn't get it to work, as I was stated... From Runbeck and because of that they gave up on the process and of the 147,000 absentee paper ballots that were processed in I just think that for the record it just needs to be known that all of those were derived by a manual process. They was not electronically verified signatures. With those reasons and there are others, I have to cast a "NO" vote to certify this election."

During the Certification of the General Election Mr. Wingate refuses to certify the results. He makes note that he was never informed by the department that the BlueCrest couldn't and wouldn't be used for electronic signature verification. The department stated, *"that they gave up on the process"*. He says that all 147,000 absentee ballots were derived by a manual process. The manual process that the Elections Department never prepared for, never trained, never secured the equipment to use, and never hired the additional staff to perform.

6.) MR. WINGATE'S TESTIMONY

(Mark Wingate Testimony - Exhibit H)

1 and I can't -- I am sorry, I can't remember exactly
2 when it was, but I had asked the question, well,
3 okay, well, what did we do for signature
4 verification?

5 And the comment I got back was, which
6 frankly at that time floored me, was well, you know,
7 we didn't do any. And I remember kind of -- I
8 forget where I was, if we were on a phone call, I
9 forget exactly, and I apologize, it's been so long.

10 But I do remember that comment that, you
11 know, we didn't do any.

12 Now, of course, I took that saying all
13 right, well, by law, you've got to do signature
14 verification, you've got to at least have somebody
15 looking at this. And one side of that is that
16 whomever you have that is looking at it and is
17 supposed to be, you know, verifying signature, that
18 if there is no signature on the both envelope, then
19 how are you curing it or what are you doing with it?

20 And I remember going down, you know, on
21 from that and said well, you know, there weren't
22 many so we just sent them back out and if they reply

Mr. Wingate details that the Elections Department didn't do ANY signature verification. He further explains that they did cure the envelopes without a signature, which would be sent back to the voter. All evidence points to exactly this, any signatures or mark on the oath was accepted without any further verification.

Monitoring Team Observations:

(Carter Jones Monitor Report - Exhibit J)

Fulton County's Compliance with the Terms of Sec. 12 of the Consent Order

In addition to this report on compliance with the terms of Consent Order, SHS believes that is necessary to share this observation: From October to January, I spent nearly 270 hours at various locations observing every aspect of Fulton County's election processes. At no time did I ever observe any conduct by Fulton County election officials that involved dishonesty, fraud, or intentional malfeasance. During my weeks of monitoring, I witnessed neither "ballot stuffing" nor "double-counting" nor any other fraudulent conduct that would undermine the validity, fairness, and accuracy of the results published and certified by Fulton County.

Carter Jones, the Fulton County Election Monitor during the 2020 General and Runoff election, and currently serving as a monitor for the 2024 General Election in Fulton, makes strong assertions that he witnessed no fraudulent conduct in Fulton County and that the results are valid, accurate, and fair. That is the problem with a monitor, whose only role is to observe and record what is seen without the ability to investigate or look further into questionable conduct. Fulton County knew what GA law required and when they were caught not following the law, they simply made excuses. They told the monitor exactly what he needed to hear every time their conduct was called into question and there was nothing Carter Jones could do about it.

(Carter Jones Monitor Report - Exhibit J)

The system, created by Ralph Jones, Registration Chief for Fulton County, seemed to function, but there were many processes that seemed to be *ad hoc* solutions to problems caused by a lack of organization or permanent staff with the expertise to manage the system in place. For example, the room which housed the team doing additional voter verification was also a temporary housing location for ballots between the mail room (which receives, opens, and records the numbers of ballots) and the ENET processing room. Staff in this room seemed to not understand the process, and Jones had to intervene to stop a temporary staffer from moving a pile of recently-accepted but unverified absentee ballots into the stack to go straight to State Farm Arena for scanning/counting. Had Jones not been there with me to catch this mistake, it is safe to assume that those ballots would've been counted as if they had been verified.

While Carter Jones was observing Ralph Jones's operation, he witnessed a temporary staffer moving ballots without any signature verification into the ballots being sent to State Farm for counting. Great news, Ralph Jones saves the day! Carter notes

that these ballots could have easily been counted if Ralph wasn't there to stop it. What Carter Jones witnessed was Fulton County's daily absentee ballot process of unlawfully accepting all ballots without conducting the required signature verification. Ralph Jones didn't save the day; he came up with a great excuse to make it look like an accident. The monitor, who could only take Ralph's word on it, couldn't investigate or question the process further to make sure signature verification was being done properly. It wasn't being done in Fulton County during the 2020 General Election and all 147,000 absentee-by-mail ballots received with a signature present were accepted, given voter credit, and then counted.

Failing to Conduct a Signature Audit in Fulton County:

On November 20, 2020, Governor Kemp called for a signature audit of the absentee ballot envelopes. This would have immediately uncovered Fulton County's unlawful processing of absentee ballots without signature verification.

Despite certifying the state's election results, Georgia's Republican Gov. Brian Kemp has also joined Republicans' calls demanding the secretary of state carry out a signature audit, saying "it seems simple enough to conduct a sample audit of signatures on the absentee ballot envelopes" in order to address any lingering concerns Georgians may have about the integrity of the voting system.

[Fact-checking claims signature audits in Georgia would uncover fraud | CNN Politics](#)

On December 4, 2020, Donald Trump filed a verified petition contesting the election results which included the issue of absentee ballot signature verification.

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Respondents then, jointly and severally, improperly counted these illegal votes in the Contested Election. *Id.*

RESPONDENTS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH GEORGIA LAW PROVISIONS FOR MATCHING SIGNATURES AND CONFIRMING VOTER IDENTITY FOR ELECTORS SEEKING TO VOTE ABSENTEE

Trump's filing and the additional exhibits (Exhibit P) were based on rough calculations of Fulton County's signature mismatch rejections having no granular data available at the time. Even so, the filing correctly pointed out a major irregularity in Fulton County's absentee signature verification process. Had the information included in this complaint been available, it could have directly affected the outcome of Trump's election contest.

The same day the election contest was filed, December 4, 2020, Harrison Deal, the aide to Sen. Kelly Loeffler and the boyfriend of Governor Kemp's daughter, passed away unexpectedly when his car exploded. Following this incident, the strong push for a statewide signature audit diminished.

Ten days later, the Secretary of State, who was repeatedly against doing a signature audit, suddenly announced on December 14th that a limited sampling signature audit would take place in Cobb County.

On December 14, 2020, Secretary Raffensperger announced a signature match audit in Cobb County following credible allegations that the process was not followed in the June primaries. The Secretary of State's Office partnered with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) to conduct the audit. Of the 150,431 absentee ballots received by Cobb County elections officials during the November elections, the audit "reviewed 15,118 ABM ballot oath envelopes from randomly selected boxes," or around 10% of the total. The sample size was originally chosen to meet the 99% confidence threshold.

[3rd Strike Against Voter Fraud Claims Means They're Out After Signature Audit Finds No Fraud | Georgia Secretary of State](#)

Why did the SOS suddenly change course? Why did he choose to do this token signature audit in just one county? Why would he choose Cobb? Fulton County had repeatedly violated the law, a consent order stipulating additional requirements for signature verification was already in place for problems in the previous election, so why wasn't this done in Fulton?

On January 2, 2021, during the "perfect phone call" with SOS Brad Raffensperger, Donald Trump inquired about the signature verification issue in Fulton County.³

"We think that if you check the signatures — a real check of the signatures going back in Fulton County you'll find at least a couple of hundred thousand of forged signatures of people who have been forged. And we are quite sure that's going to happen."

Donald Trump presented the very same questions to Raffensperger.

"So you sent us into Cobb County for signature verification, right? You sent us into Cobb County, which we didn't want to go into. And you said it would be open to the public. And we could have our - So we had our experts there they weren't allowed into the room. But we didn't want Cobb County. We wanted Fulton County. And you wouldn't give it to us. Now, why aren't we doing signature — and why can't it be open to the public?"

SOS Brad Raffensperger conducted this limited sampling signature audit in one predetermined county behind closed doors, not allowing the public or observers to witness the process.

"When are you going to do signature counts, when are you going to do signature verification on Fulton County, which you said you were going to do, and now all of a sudden you're not doing it. When are you doing that?"

³ [Full transcript: Trump's audio call with Georgia secretary of state Brad Raffensperger | CNN Politics](#)

Did the SOS pick only one county that undoubtedly did signature verification during the election to give the state a false sense of security and cover-up the truth?

FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 3RD, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Summary:

Records and correspondence following the 2020 General and leading up to the January 2021 Runoff Election prove the validity of this complaint. The Blue Crest machine was inoperable and unable to perform electronic signature verification throughout the General Election and remained that way throughout the Runoff. Ryan Macias from The Elections Group took the lead and tried to get the issues resolved for a 2nd time. When that failed Fulton County was out of options and excuses. They had to perform manual signature verification.

Georgia was facing multiple allegations of unlawfully processed signature verification during the General Election and all eyes were now on Fulton County.

There was an enormous amount of preparation required for Fulton County to conduct manual signature verification during the Runoff Election. The lack of the same during the General Election proves it did not occur. Even with all the planning, the county was still falling short of reaching their daily ballot processing goals and continuously needed additional resources and staff to help complete the process.

The Evidence:

7.) November 16, 2020

From: Ryan Macias <ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com>

Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 4:12 PM

To: Rick Becerra <Rick.Becerra@bluecrestinc.com>; Elvis De Freitas <elvis.defreitas@bluecrestinc.com>

Cc: Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov; ralph.jones@fultoncountyga.gov

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fulton County Blue Crest Setup & Configuration

Rick and Elvis,

We met a few weeks ago on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) call with Matt Masterson. In addition to my consulting work with CISA, I am assisting Fulton County with the January 5, 2021, Senatorial Runoff Election. One of the things they have requested my

assistance with is getting the BlueCrest system setup and configured in advance of the election. Fulton County, in conjunction with your hardware and software support team, were unable to get it operational leading into the November Presidential Election. Therefore, they would like to revisit this. Specifically, Fulton County is looking for assistance with the following:

- Upgrade the OS to Windows 10 from Windows 7, along with any software updates/patches
- Configure the Blue Crest system for inbound processing of Runbeck ballot packages/envelopes
- Install and configure the automated signature verification software
- Configure the system for inbound processing of the ballot envelopes/packages that are developed using the Blue Crest outbound processing system

With that stated, Fulton County would like to have a call to discuss timelines, resources, and scheduling so that it can have all these items completed in advance of the January 5, 2021 election.

I appreciate your assistance and look forward to speaking with you again.

Thanks,
Ryan

Two weeks after the 2020 General Election, Ryan Macias reached out to BlueCrest seeking help to set up and configure Fulton County's BlueCrest system. Ryan Macias from the Elections Group, involved in all aspects of the election, knew the BlueCrest system was inoperable during the General Election. As of November 16th, Fulton County's BlueCrest system still needed

the Windows 10 update, installation & configuration of the signature verification software, and configuration for the processing of Runbeck's envelope and the Blue Crest outbound printed envelope. The problems that prevented the system from functioning during the 2020 General Election were never resolved and prevented the system from being used once again, during the January 2021 Senate Runoff.

8.) November 20, 2020

(11/20/2020 Blue Crest Proposal - Exhibit K)

BLUECREST

Scope of the proposal:

This proposal will address the following items discussed and requested on November 19,2020 those items were:

- **WIN 10 Upgrades (Both Inserter & Sorter) –**
- **ASV software – The proposal includes the ASV volume bands for 300K, 500K and 1M images to be verified. Each look up is a click whether accepted or not accepted is a click.**
- **Timeline/scope – As stated on the call we do not suggest making any changes just before an election – We will have to source the components for the WIN 10 updates, at the present moment our lead times for the components is 8 to 10 weeks. Therefore, it would be possible to get the upgrades done around the end of January to Mid-February. However, we are not able to provide any firm dates until we have an actual order. Once we have order we can obtain a scheduled ship date from Manufacturing and provide an actual timeline.**

BlueCrest provided the Fulton County Registration Chief with a proposal for the upgrades requested. This included a timeframe of between the end of January to mid-February for completion,

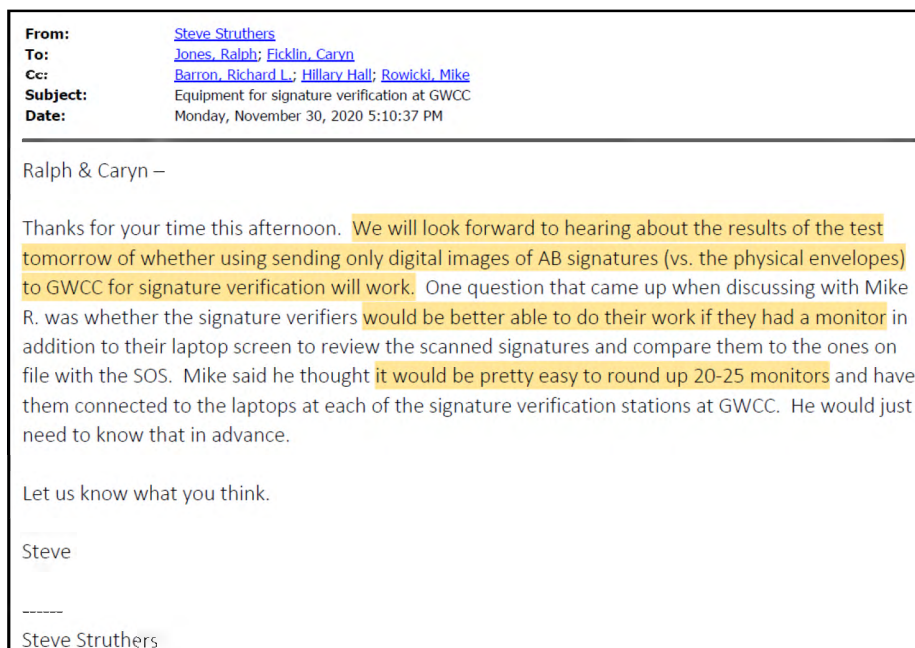
after the runoff election. This begs the question- why was Fulton County just getting a proposal to do what Rick Barron told the BRE was already underway? BlueCrest states:

"However, we are not able to provide any firm dates until we have an order. Once we have order [sic], we can obtain a scheduled ship date from Manufacturing and provide an actual timeline."

This suggests Fulton County never received a proposal or time estimate for the modifications necessary to have the signature verification process automated in time for the 2020 General Election.

Blue Crest also emphasized, they *"do NOT suggest making any changes just before an election."* So why did Fulton attempt to make these changes two times right before the General and Runoff elections? It's almost as if the signature verification process was intentionally thwarted from within.

9.) November 30, 2020



At the end of November 2020 Fulton County started preparations to conduct manual signature verification. This included a test to

scan the envelopes and then send only the digital images to GWCC for comparison. The email goes on to suggest getting additional computer monitors to ease the verification process and *"Mike said he thought it would be pretty easy to round up 20-25 monitors."* Had Fulton County done manual signature verification during the General Election they would have known exactly what was needed, how they could improve the process, a good estimate of the additional staff necessary, and already have the equipment available.

10.) December 8, 2020

THE MANUAL SIGNATURE VERIFICATION PROCESS

>>>> On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:01 PM, Barron, Richard L.
<Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> 1. Signatures are verified by comparing the signature on the outer envelope with what is in eNet or against the original voter registration file if the signature isn't available in eNet. Approximately 80% of signatures are in eNet. They are from the DDS file. If a signature isn't available in eNet or if it requires more research based on a mismatch, the original VR application is reviewed through our image files. All signature verification is done manually by humans. We have been working to get signature verification automated. Bluecrest was unable to make it happen before November because of time constraints with many other customers. Automated signature verification will eliminate 30% of signature verification from human verification. We will, however, always have a large percentage being done by humans.

Rick Barron provides a description of the manual signature verification process.

11.) December 9, 2020

(12/9/2020 Official Election Bulletin - Exhibit L)

OFFICIAL ELECTION BULLETIN

December 9, 2020

As set forth in Georgia law a thorough process for signature verification is required at both the absentee ballot application and absentee ballot stage. As you are all aware, numerous allegations have been raised about the signature match process following the November election. While we have not seen any evidence to the contrary, please be sure that your office is following the thorough signature verification requirements set out in Georgia law. If you have any question as to the validity of a signature on either an absentee ballot or absentee ballot application after following your signature verification process, you should utilize the cure procedures set forth in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-386(a)(1)(C), O.C.G.A. § 21-2-381(b)(3), and SEB Rule 183-1-14-.13.

Your policies and procedure regarding signature match must follow Georgia law, and they should also be accomplished in a manner that helps provide confidence in the process to the voting public.

One month prior to the Senate Runoff election, the Secretary of State released the final 2020 Official Election Bulletin to all Georgia counties. This served as a reminder that all signature verification policies and procedures must follow GA law. The SoS also points out the numerous allegations made following the 2020 General Election regarding signature verification but makes sure to note they've "*not seen any evidence*".

12.) December 21, 2020

From: [Barron, Richard L.](#)
To: [Steve Struthers](#)
Cc: [Jones, Ralph](#); [Hillary Hall](#); ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com
Subject: Re: Available to chat at end of day today (or first thing tomorrow morning)?
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 4:20:52 PM

I can do 5:30 for a short meeting.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2020, at 4:14 PM. Steve Struthers <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Rick and Ralph –

Now that we have one full week under our collective belt of AB signature verification and we have some data on the productivity levels of the staff to date, Hillary, Ryan and I think it would be a good idea for all of us to hop on the phone to review where things stand in terms of how many ballots are in-house waiting to be verified, how many more are likely to come in between now and Election Day, and how well the planned staffing levels are lining up with that expected volume (given current productivity levels). We think that it is important that everyone is clear on what it will take staffing and productivity-wise to be in a good place to cover the final push on Election Day. We have some updated projections we would like to share with you.

So... any chance you two might be able to hop on a call at, say, 5:30 or 6:00 this evening? If not, how about first thing in the AM? (I am guessing that Rick, you might need to be at the stadium for the start of EV there; but let us know what works best for you.)

Thanks

Steve

One week after Fulton County began their manual signature verification process, Steve Struthers sent Rick Barron and Ralph Jones an email to discuss the county's progress & predictions. Steve Struthers helped Rick Barron and the elections department with the planning and preparations for the General Election and continued this role throughout the runoff election. He managed the processes, productivity, strategic planning and even helped coordinate support from outside groups (brought in Vote at Home in July 2020). Since Steve was so heavily involved in both elections and included in the communications with Vote at Home since July 2020. This forces you to question what Steve

says, “Now that we have one full week under our collective belts of signature verification,” when they should have had many weeks of signature verification under their “collective belts” during the general election.

Here are the numbers we want to review on the call (in case you aren't able to connect to Zoom in a way where you can see the shared screen)

Signature Verification Processing Update			
Total absentee ballots expected	120,000		
Number expected by Sunday, January 3	110,000		
Number with sig verification processed to date	20,000		RocketFile
Number to be processed between now and January 3	90,000	35% -- ----->	31,500
Number of person-shifts remaining thru 1/3	180		45
<i>assumes 9 shifts at 25 people per shift, with 5 of them doing RocketFile @ Peachtree</i>			
Productivity rate needed to achieve goal of zero SV backlog to start on 1/4	500		700

Steve Struthers

The signature processing chart above was included with Steve Struthers email. This shows the large amount of planning necessary to organize the manual verification process. To stay on track with processing the received absentee ballots, Fulton required a certain number of staff available working continually to meet the daily processing quota while functioning at a high productivity rate.

13.) December 21, 2020

From: [Steve Struthers](#)
To: [Barron, Richard L.](#)
Cc: [Jones, Ralph](#); [Hillary Hall](#); ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com
Subject: Re: AB processing check-in
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 6:26:58 PM

No worries. Ralph indicated that he would follow up with you.

Headlines are:

- the signature verification productivity level needed per worker to achieve the desired goal of being at near-zero sig ver backlog on Monday morning Jan. 4 is reasonable

BUT

the County staff to date have not been hitting those numbers.

SO, there are a number of things we agreed should be done:

- get some more barcode scanners moved over to GWCC
- add more SV stations and redeploy people from Peachtree to GWCC (Ralph is already working on those 2 fronts)
- ask for 10 more temps from Happy Faces starting ASAP as a cushion against low County staff productivity (this may be something you and I should raise at the leadership team mtg tomorrow)
- give people an explicit daily numerical goal that they should be meeting and report daily on how the team as a whole (and maybe individually) are doing at meeting that goal - to hopefully inspire them

The other issue is accounting for the 30% of ballots that don't have sigs in Enct and require RocketFile access to verify. Sounds like Ralph is already working with IT to establish more stations at GWCC with RF access so that those ballots can be verified on-site

Ralph, Ryan, Hillary - pls add anything I missed (or mis-stated).

Happy to connect directly later this evening or tomorrow morning if you'd like.

Steve

A few hours later, after getting the up-to-date signature processing numbers, Steve Struthers emails Director Rick Barron. He explains the county staff doing manual signature verification were falling behind on reaching their daily quota. The productivity rate was lower than they previously expected. Struthers suggested adding more signature verification stations, deploying some people working at Peachtree over to GWCC to help verify, and additionally get 10 extra temps from Happy Faces. The problems and obstacles they overcame daily during the Runoff to make sure they could process enough ballots and had enough workers available, would have similarly been

documented during the General Election had they conducted the lawfully required signature verification.

Monitoring Team Observations:

(Carter Jones Monitor Report - Exhibit J)

Despite the aforementioned deficiencies during the general, Ralph and his team were able to both streamline and improve processes for the Jan. 5 runoff. The Fulton team migrated the entire signature verification process to the facility established at GWCC and for several days even attempted to do the voter credit step on-site before resolving to handle that at Pryor St. before bringing credited ballots to GWCC. Performing the entire process¹ linearly and in full view of the public was a tremendous improvement on the labyrinthine system concocted for the general. In my opinion, Fulton clearly made available sufficient resources to handle the influx of ballots for the Runoff.

Carter Jones documents a major improvement made by Fulton County in streamlining the absentee-by-mail ballot process during the Runoff. He credits this improvement to having the entire signature verification at one location, GWCC. He mentions, “*performing the entire process linearly*” allowed the public to witness the whole process and corrected the chain of custody issues seen during the General Election, where ballots were jumping from one location to the next. However, what Carter Jones witnessed and believed to be correct, wasn’t accurate.

From: Ryan Macias [ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2021 6:15 PM

To: Barron, Richard L.

Cc: Jones, Ralph; keisha.dixson [REDACTED]; Omar Sheikh; Geetha Lingham; Mike Prendergast

Subject: Re: Daily Update from GWCC

RocketFile was not setup at GWCC until Tuesday. Prior to that it was all being sent back to Peachtree to be done. Now ElectionNet and RocketFile are being done at GWCC, but all further research is being done at Peachtree.

On Sat, Jan 2, 2021, 6:09 PM Barron, Richard L.

<Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov<<mailto:Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov>>> wrote:

I thought all research was being conducted at GWCC. No?

From: Ryan Macias [ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com<<mailto:ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com>>]

Sent: Saturday, January 02, 2021 6:04 PM

To: Barron, Richard L.

Cc: Jones, Ralph; keisha.dixson@gmail.com [REDACTED]; Omar Sheikh; Geetha Lingham;

Mike Prendergast

Subject: Re: Daily Update from GWCC

Rick,

This was discussed previously, the number in the "Research" is the aggregate of everything that was sent to Research. Up until last Tuesday, December 29th, all research (i.e., Rocketfile lookup, signature mismatch, other cures, etc.), all took place at Peachtree. This totaled 16,913 ballots that went back to Peach tree to be researched. Out of those we have not received any data on how many were "Accepted" and how many were ultimately "Rejected". This is why there are so many blanks in Columns I-L of the "Summary" tab. Until the data is provided, the 16,913 will remain in "Research" status - making that number look inflated - even though we know most of them were further researched and ultimately "Accepted" while at Peachtree.

Since Tuesday, all ballots have been tracked at GWCC, since some staff have RocketFile. Therefore, the numbers can be maintained there and are reflected in Rows 13-15 of Columns I-L. With that stated, since Tuesday, December 29th, there have been 1316 - as reflected in Column K - that have been through ElectNet & RocketFile and still needed further research - the remaining 5277 were found in RocketFile.

Hopefully this clarifies things. If you need further explanation, do not hesitate to reach out and we can discuss.

Thanks,
Ryan

The absentee ballot process wasn't conducted at one location, as the emails above show. In fact, the runoff was more like the General Election than Carter Jones even realized. Around 30-35% (estimate from other emails above) of the received absentee ballots couldn't be verified through the ENET system. Prior to December 29th all 30-35% of the ballots not in ENET had to be sent from GWCC to Peachtree for verification and if accepted sent back to GWCC. So, ballots were bouncing around from location to location, which even elections director Richard Barron wasn't aware of. So yes, Fulton County did make improvements in

the Runoff by performing signature verification, but what Carter Jones witnessed and believed to be correct about the process was not.

(Carter Jones Monitor Report - Exhibit J)

- 2) Although Fulton County allocated ample resources for absentee ballot processing leading into the general elections, the processes themselves were extremely sloppy and replete with chain of custody issues as the massive tide of ballots bounced around the Fulton Gov't HQ building.

This statement regarding the General Election, included in Carter Jones' report should be corrected, as it also applies to the January 2021 Runoff.

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Thanks,
Ryan

On Sat, Jan 2, 2021 at 5:24 PM Barron, Richard L.
<Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov<mailto:Richard.Barron@fultoncountyga.gov>> wrote:
Something is out of balance on the research items. Ralph said we don't have enough bins to have that many in research. We've scanned more than have been accepted so the count in the research number us of. One bin contains a little not than one thousand. Ralph said that we don't have that many bins in research. He will look at that tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2021, at 5:13 PM, Ryan Macias
<ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com<mailto:ryan.macias@electionsgroup.com>> wrote:

Attached is the updated spreadsheet that includes all of the numbers from today.

Rick Barron questions why an absentee processing spreadsheet tracking the number of ballots was missing data in multiple columns. The numbers weren't adding up by all accounts. Ryan Macias from the Elections Group explained that 16,913 ballots went to Peachtree for verification and research. At that time, they didn't have any data on those ballots. Ryan continues with *"until the data is provided, the 16,913 will remain in 'research' status-making the number look inflated."* Rick Barron, confused about the situation, checked with Ralph who said, *"they didn't have enough bins to have that many in research."* The chain of custody problems from the General Election were never resolved and persisted in Fulton County throughout the Runoff.

THE DATA

Ralph Jones's testimony details the initial process an absentee ballot must go through once received.

(Ralph Jones Testimony - Exhibit M)

15	A.	(Unintelligible) was that anybody -- any ballot
16		that has come in, we want to recognize that the ballot was
17		in just in case we get a phone call or anything else. So
18		we log the ballot in as far as that we have the ballot in
19		to Fulton County.
20	Q.	Okay. So once it's in the mailroom, the first
21		thing that happens is the time and date stamp, correct?
22	A.	Yes, sir.
23	Q.	Second thing that happens is credit for voting?
24	A.	Yes, sir.
25	Q.	And what is -- again, what has to happen in order
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CAROLINE JEFFORDS, ET AL. vs MARY CAROLE COONEY, ET AL. Page 118		
Ralph Jones on 05/17/2021		
1		for somebody to get credit for voting?
2	A.	They just have to make sure that there was a
3		signature on the ballot and that the ballot belongs to
4		Fulton County.

When a ballot first comes in the mailroom, it gets stamped with a date/time. Then, they must verify a signature is present (any signature or mark) on the envelope and that the ballot belongs to Fulton County. Following that, voter credit is given to the voter to document the ballot was returned and the date it was received. Then after all those steps are completed the ballot is sent to signature verification. The steps Ralph Jones documents here, are important to consider looking at the absentee voter data below.

The Secretary of State's absentee voter file for the November 3rd, 2020, General Election was used to create the following pivot chart. This shows only Fulton County's rejected ballots, sorted by reason for rejection and the date Fulton received the ballot.

Ballot Status	R		R = Rejected
Count of Voter Registration #	BALLOT STYLE		
Status Reason/Date	ELECTRONIC	MAILED	Grand Total
Ballot Received after Deadline		1	1
11/3/2020		1	1
Invalid Signature		36	36
10/4/2020		2	2
10/13/2020		3	3
10/25/2020		1	1
(blank)		30	30
MIDR - ID not Provided		1	1
(blank)		1	1
Missing Signature	2	409	411
11/02/2020		1	1
9/28/2020	1		1
9/29/2020		1	1
10/13/2020		1	1
10/14/2020		2	2
10/15/2020		3	3
10/20/2020		1	1
10/23/2020		1	1
10/27/2020		1	1
10/29/2020		1	1
11/2/2020		1	1
11/3/2020		1	1
(blank)	1	395	396
Grand Total	2	447	449

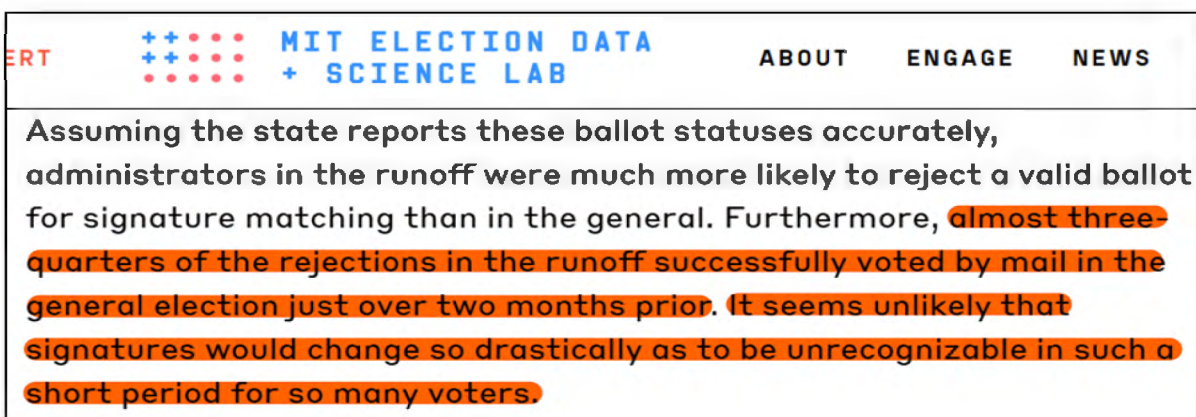
Fulton County had a total of 146,029 absentee-by-mail ballots cast in the 2020 General Election. The chart above shows they rejected a total of 36 absentee ballots with invalid mismatched signature. Out of the 36 invalid signatures only 6 have a documented showing when the ballot was received. How do you reject a ballot for an invalid signature that wasn't received or returned to Fulton County? Ralph's testimony is important because he clearly states that voter credit is given, and the date received logged prior to signature verification. If the ballot was missing a signature the date didn't need to be logged, it would go straight to curing.

Out of the 36 total rejected invalid signature ballots in Fulton County, 30 were never recorded as being returned or received in the mailroom. The total absentee ballots documented as received by Fulton County and subsequently rejected for an invalid signature in the General Election is 6. The

number between 5 and 7. A small token of rejected ballots to say they conducted signature verification.

Fulton County's signature verification rejection rate for the 2020 General Election was $\frac{6}{146,029} = 0.00004109$ or 0%. Fulton County's failure to follow the law disenfranchised voters across the state of Georgia, considering they make up 11% of the state's absentee-by-mail votes.

An article by the MIT Election Data and Science Lab discusses the differences found in Georgia's number of absentee signature rejections between the 2020 General Election and the 2021 Runoff.



MIT Election Data & Science Lab - [The Shifting Standards of Signature Matching in Georgia | MIT Election Lab](#)

This would imply that either, little to no signature verification occurred across the state for the General Election (Fulton County was not alone) or there were much stricter signature requirements during the Runoff.

State of Georgia v. Harrison Floyd Proceedings

On January 19, 2024, a hearing was held in Fulton County Superior Court for Defendant Harrison Floyd (case 21-cv-2024) on a subpoena for 2020 election records. At issue was the amount of time Fulton County estimated it would take to produce images of the ballot envelopes bearing the signature of each voter- and the images of the signatures on file for each registered voter. Those two images would have been used to comply with the mandatory signature verification process required by Georgia law, and the terms of the Consent

Agreement. In response to the subpoena, Fulton County estimated that it would require 57,406 hours to produce images of the absentee ballot envelopes and registered voter signature exemplars.⁴

Executive assistant and Fulton County BRE Secretary, Mariska Bodison, and the attorney for Fulton County, admitted that they did not use the Bluecrest machine to scan absentee ballot envelopes for the 2020 General Election:⁵

Harrison Floyd's Attorney:

Your honor, the Blue Crest sorting and signature verification machine would take the ballot envelope and scan it and create an image of it. The image appears on screen with a signature exemplar, and the two are compared that way. Now it's my understanding that the Blue Crest sorting and signature verification machine was not working?

Fulton County Attorney:

No. We did not use it.

Judge:

They didn't use that. So for the item you're requesting to obtain for the scans of all the outer envelopes, they would have to rescan those again- is what we're hearing.

Harrison Floyd's Attorney:

It sounds like they were never scanned to begin with. If they were scanned I want the scanned version. That they had on that day.

Judge:

So are there any documents in the County's possession of these items having already been scanned?

⁴ Harrison Floyd subpoena with Fulton County's time estimates (interspersed) is attached _____

⁵ Video of the proceeding can be found here: <https://youtu.be/TmKF4ASFjM?t=4453>

Fulton County Attorney:

Not that I'm aware of, but I can check at headquarters and see if they do have it.

Judge:

So the difference here is not so much there's a total new rescanning, it's what was scanned and still in your possession from that day. Are we making the distinction here?

Mariska Bodison:

Nothing was scanned, your honor.

Ms. Bodison testified (under oath) that **the absentee ballot envelopes were never imaged.** *"Nothing was scanned, your honor"* is the cold, hard fact we're only hearing after four years of lies, gaslighting, and concealment. This means they did not take images of the signatures on the absentee ballot envelopes with which to compare to the voter's signature on file. Without images of the ballot envelopes- signature verification would have been impossible with the circumstances, time, training, space, workstations, and labor required.

CONCLUSION

Fulton County estimated some 57,000 hours just to scan the ballot envelopes and provide the images of voter signatures already on file. Given the time needed to conduct a "manual" signature verification i.e. having to physically look at every outer return envelope's signature (while maintaining chain of custody of each envelope) then looking up the voter in the State's voter registration database- or if necessary the county's RocketFile database for the signature comparison, and documenting each ballot envelope in

accordance with Georgia law- would have required an army of trained workers, space for that army, oversight, and management which did not occur.

Under 2020 law it was illegal to count a vote without first verifying the signature on the oath. It was not a chose given to the counties; it was an unambiguous statutory requirement written in law to perform. There was no signature verification for Fulton County's 2020 Primary Election, and there was no signature verification for Fulton County's 2020 General Election- Full Stop.

For the past four years citizens have been investigating the 2020 General Election and working to secure our future elections. These citizens have sacrificed both time and money to do what the Secretary of State and other elected officials should have been doing all along. Regardless, with their help or without it, we will continue to seek the truth and expose the lies. The purpose of this complaint is not to overturn the 2020 election results, but to ensure that the same unlawful procedures, blatant inaccuracies & mistakes don't happen again. Or is it proper to say again, again, and again?

The truth is, Fulton County has repeatedly broken the law because there is no accountability. Getting punished, with the same punishment you were already punished with before for the very same thing is insanity. It hasn't worked in the past and it's not going to work now.

The Georgia legislature has vested the State Election Board with the duty and authority to investigate election frauds and irregularities, including to subpoena records and conduct hearings of ANY persons (GA Code § 21-2-33). The Board- and only the Board, has the power, authority, and duty to successfully pursue its mandate- to investigate frauds and irregularities- and to prevent reoccurrence. We have provided the investigation and the evidence. Please fulfill your responsibility to the voters of Georgia and this Republic. The people of Georgia deserve true, fair, and accurate elections and they are depending on you!

Wherefore, due to the foregoing, complainants seek the following relief:

1. Open an investigation into this matter and provide a case number immediately.

2. Pass a resolution to issue a subpoena to Fulton County for scanned images of the ballot signature envelopes and the signature exemplars on file for every Fulton County voter who received credit for casting an Absentee by-mail ballot for the 2020 General Election.
3. Pass a resolution which finds that Fulton County willfully failed to comply with the terms of the October 2020 consent agreement. And because the waiver of the \$50,000 fine was subject to compliance with those terms, reissue Fulton County a fine for \$50,000 for the 2020 primary.
4. Pass a resolution which finds that by repeatedly and intentionally failing to comply with the terms of the consent agreement and willful violations of GA Code § 21-2-385 (2020), Fulton County's actions have eclipsed the threshold for willful misconduct resulting in the disenfranchisement of thousands of Georgia voters. Issue Fulton County a fine as the SEB finds is just and proper.
5. Pass a resolution which makes a finding of fact that Fulton County willfully and knowingly failed to perform absentee ballot signature verification as required and in accordance with Georgia law.
6. Any other relief that the Board deems necessary.

Dated: October 15, 2024
San Antonio, Texas

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MELISSA /S/ WHITE.
MELISSA WHITE

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ROCHELLE /S/ CABIRAC
ROCHELLE CABIRAC

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June 17, 2024

Georgia State Election Board
2 MLK Jr. Drive
Suite 802, Floyd West Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: Petition for Rule Changes pursuant to GA Regs. 183-1-1-.01

Dear State Election Board Members,

I, the undersigned respectfully submit this petition for adoption of a rule pursuant to Rule 183-1-1-.01.

Please find enclosed three copies of the revised petition. The intent of this petition is to have the State Election Board adopt a rule to affirm existing Georgia law. As discussed during the May SEB meeting, this rule is necessary to allow county Superintendents/ Boards of Registration and Elections to exercise their authority to oversee the conduct of elections. Members of the SEB expressed concerns about excluding entire precincts from the certification and fears that voters would be disenfranchised. The proposed rule would not allow for that because Georgia Law describes the steps that must be taken when discrepancies are found and how the returns from precincts with discrepancies will be counted justly.

While there are ongoing discussions and debates about access to other documents and election records – this rule does not address those issues. This simply seeks to operationalize an existing statutory requirement to allow counties to uniformly conduct the minimum level of review as described in the law. Further explanation of the need for this rule is provided below in sections (c), (d), and (f) of the petition. There is a crisis in confidence in our elections and the oversight of elections in each county is critical to restoring trust.

I respectfully request that this revised proposed rule promulgation be considered at the next SEB meeting as required by GA Regs. 183-1-1-.01(4).

(a) Name and address of the petitioner / co-petitioner.

Name:
Address
City State
Email

(b) Full text of the rule desired to be promulgated.

See Addendum A

(c)(d) Statement of the reason such rule should be promulgated and pertinent facts.

Superintendents/County Boards of Registration & Elections (BRE) serve an important role in the oversight of elections in Georgia. The powers and duties of the Superintendent described in GA Code § 21-2-70 include the critical duty to “inspect systematically and thoroughly” the conduct of elections “to the end that primaries and elections may be honestly, efficiently and uniformly conducted.” The oversight of elections includes the duty to “receive from poll officers the returns of all primaries and elections, to canvass and compute the same, and to certify the results thereof to such authorities as may be prescribed by law.”

Recently, various parties have suggested that the BRE has no discretion to inspect the conduct of elections and no permission to review the returns from poll officers. In fact, some outside entities have asserted that the certification of election results in a county is nothing more than a ministerial task and that the members of the board have no discretion but to rubber stamp results – sight unseen.

Although the language of the statutes is clear and unambiguous, the State Election Board should promulgate the proposed rule to ensure that members of the County Boards can perform, at minimum, their statutory duty unencumbered by outside influences and misunderstanding of the law.

One common-sense requirement in the Election Code is a mandatory comparison of the number of ballots cast to the number of voters who voted. GA Code § 21-2-493(b) requires this reconciliation to be done prior to the computing and prior to certification. This is a duty of the Superintendent that is explicitly required in the law.

It should be noted that issues such as double scanning of ballots – which the SEB has recognized as a problem -- would be detected if the reconciliation required in 21-2-493 (b) were properly completed. Errors should be identified and corrected before certification.

(e) Parties who may be affected by the proposed rule.

The SEB should adopt the proposed rules to ensure that every Superintendent/Board follows the same procedures as required in §21-2-493(b) in order that the citizens of Georgia will have confidence that the counties uniformly, properly, and lawfully fulfill their duties, reconcile the number of ballots to the number of voters so that certification of election results accurately reflects the will of the voters in every county.

(f) Citations that authorize, support, or require the action requested by petition.

After the close of the polls on Election Day, the Superintendent/Board must ensure that canvassing of the absentee ballots continues until all lawful ballots have been tabulated, and ensure all advance voting and election day and provisional ballots are tabulated and the results released to the public.

GA Code § 21-2-493(a) The superintendent shall, after the close of the polls on the day of a primary or election, at his or her office or at some other convenient public place at the county seat or in the municipality, of which due notice shall have been given as provided by Code Section 21-2-492, **publicly commence the computation and canvassing of the returns and continue until all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls, including those cast by advance voting, and all ballots cast on the day of the primary or election have been counted and tabulated and the results of such tabulation released to the public and, then, continuing with provisional ballots** as provided in Code Sections 21-2-418 and 21-2-419 and those absentee ballots as provided in subparagraph (a)(1)(G) of Code Section 21-2-386 from day to day until completed...

As a common sense check and balance of election returns, the General Assembly described a mandatory step to ensure one person-one vote. **Before the board computes or certifies any votes**, they must first compare the number of unique voters who participated to the number of ballots cast from each precinct. Certainly, prior to the time for certification, the County has a list of all people who voted absentee, by advance voting, in person on election day and provisionally. No person is permitted to vote if they do not first identify themselves and confirm that they are a qualified elector. That list must be available for the Board to review the record of unique voters who participated in the election separated by precinct so they can compare the **number of voters to the number of ballots**.

If total number of votes for candidates exceeds the total number of people who voted in a precinct that discrepancy must be examined by the Board. In fact, the law says that no votes from that precinct can be recorded until the discrepancy is first investigated. There is no way for the Board to perform this mandatory responsibility if the member of the board are not permitted to view the list of the people who voted to compare that to the precinct results.

GA Code § 21-2-493 (b) The superintendent, **before computing the votes cast in any precinct**, shall compare the registration figure with the certificates returned by the poll officers showing the number of persons who voted in each precinct or the number of ballots cast. If, upon consideration by the superintendent of the returns and certificates before him or her from any precinct, it shall appear that the total vote returned for any candidate or candidates for the same office or nomination or on any question exceeds the number of electors in such precinct or **exceeds the total number of persons who voted in such precinct or the total number of ballots**

cast therein, such excess shall be deemed a discrepancy and palpable error and shall be investigated by the superintendent; and no votes shall be recorded from such precinct until an investigation shall be had. Such excess shall authorize the summoning of the poll officers to appear immediately with any primary or election papers in their possession. The superintendent shall then examine all the registration and primary or election documents whatever relating to such precinct in the presence of representatives of each party, body, and interested candidate. Such examination may, if the superintendent deems it necessary, include a recount or recanvass of the votes of that precinct and a report of the facts of the case to the district attorney where such action appears to be warranted.

The law requires that for any precinct in which a discrepancy exists, the poll officers shall bring **all registration and election documents** for examination. The superintendent shall then examine all of the registration and election documents relating to such precinct. The expectation is that there would be few precincts, if any, with discrepancies between the number of voters and the number of ballots but the Board still has the statutory duty to reconcile the ballots to voters. If an error is found that cannot be resolved, the Superintendent/Board must determine a method to compute the votes from that precinct justly.

GA Code § 21-2-493 (i) If any error or fraud is discovered, the superintendent shall compute and certify the votes justly, regardless of any fraudulent or erroneous returns presented to him or her, and shall report the facts to the appropriate district attorney for action.

GA Code § 21-2-493 (k) As the returns from each precinct are read, computed, and found to be correct or corrected as aforesaid, they shall be recorded on the blanks prepared for the purpose until all the returns from the various precincts which are entitled to be counted shall have been duly recorded; **then they shall be added together**, announced, and attested by the assistants who made and computed the entries respectively and shall be signed by the superintendent. The consolidated returns **shall then be certified by the superintendent in the manner required by this chapter**. Such returns shall be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.

GA Code § 21-2-70 (15) requires an oath by each member of the board that includes,

“I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as a member of the board of elections duly attend all ensuing primaries and elections during the continuance thereof, that I will to the best of my ability prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying on the same, that I will make a true and perfect return of such primaries and elections, and that I will at all times truly, impartially, and faithfully

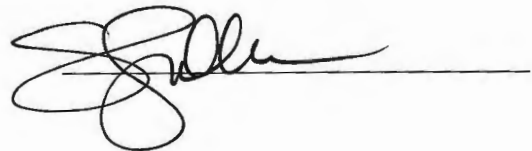
perform my duties in accordance with Georgia laws to the best of my judgment and ability.”

A member of the Board who swears an oath to make a true and perfect return of elections must certainly be permitted to review the documents and perform the required voter to ballot comparison prior to voting on certification. Denying Board members access to returns and documents upon which the results and certification rely would be inconsistent with GA law.

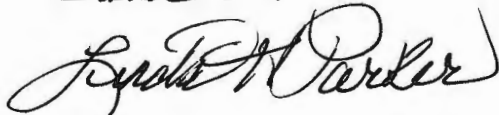
I hereby sign this petition asking that the State Election Board adopt the proposed/attached rule.

I, Salleigh Grubbs, personally appeared before the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths and on oath deposes that the facts stated in the Petition are true and accurate.

Respectfully submitted this the 17th day of June 2024.



Subscribed and sworn before
me on this 17th day of
June, 2024.


LINDA H Parker

LINDA H PARKER
NOTARY PUBLIC
Cherokee County
State of Georgia
My Comm. Expires Jan. 12, 2028

Addendum A

Rule 183-1-12-.12.1 Pre-Certification Reconciliation of Number of Ballots to Number of Voters

(1) Preparing for County Certification

1. After each election but not later than 3PM on the Friday following the date on which the election was held, the Board shall meet to conduct a review of precinct returns.
2. After all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls, including those cast by advance voting, and all ballots cast in person on Election Day and all provisional ballots (that have been validated) have been tabulated, the total number of ballots cast by each vote method shall be reported for each precinct.
3. A list of all voters who voted in the election shall be compiled including by category the number of voters who voted Election Day In Person, Advance Voting, Absentee and Provisionally. The list shall be examined for duplicates. The list shall then be sorted by precinct. The total number of unique voter IDs from each precinct shall be counted. The total number of unique voters who voted by each vote method shall be reported for each precinct.
4. For each precinct, the board members shall compare the total number of ballots cast to the total number of unique voter ID numbers. In any precinct in which the number of ballots exceeds the number of unique voters, the Board shall determine the method of voting in which the discrepancy exists. The Board shall investigate the discrepancy and no votes shall be counted from that precinct until the results of the investigation are presented to the Board as required in GA Code § 21-2-493(b).
5. If any error is discovered that cannot be properly corrected, the Board shall determine a method to compute the votes justly as required in GA Code § 21-2-493(i). If fraud is discovered, the Board shall determine a method to compute the votes justly and report the facts to the district attorney for action as required in GA Code § 21-2-493(i)
5. Board members shall be permitted to examine all election related documentation created during the conduct of elections prior to certification of results.

(2) Certification Meeting

1. After all precinct discrepancies have been investigated and resolved as required by GA Code § 21-2-493, the correct or corrected returns shall be recorded until all the

returns from each precinct which are entitled to be counted are recorded; then they shall be added together, announced, and verified as accurate.

2. The consolidated returns shall then be certified by the superintendent not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Monday following the date on which such election was held and such returns shall be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of State.



Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

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1 message

Ginger Bradshaw [REDACTED]

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 1:59 PM

To: "jfervier.seb@gmail.com" <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Bcc: jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com

Dear members of the State Board of Election,

I am writing to ask your support to approve the rule petitions that seek to improve transparency, accuracy, and security of our elections.

Having worked several elections as a poll manager, I feel these changes are not confusing and would be easy to implement. Restoring voter confidence is an added benefit.

Thank you for all you do to insure the integrity of our elections.

Thank you for your hard work to help ensure one person one vote.

Ginger Bradshaw
Fulton County



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Availability

1 message

Clay Parikh 

Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:14 AM

To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Dr. Johnson,

I find myself available for consultation on technical matters the week of the 14th to the 18th. I have extensive experience in vulnerability management and mitigation strategies.

R/

Clay Parikh



Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Ballot Image copy rates

2 messages

Clay Parikh [REDACTED]

Mon, Sep 23, 2024 at 10:53 PM

To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Dr. Johnston,

I am sending this email to answer the "How long does it take to upload 10,000 ballot images?"

There are several variables that come into play when talking about copying (read/write) rates with SD cards. So, please bear with me.

1. I'm assuming that the SD card reader is attached via USB port (this is usually how most counties do it, they have a multi SD card reader device connected via USB)
2. I'm assuming the USB is the 2.0 version.
3. The .tif file sizes for the ballots (on average) are:

- 84480 Bytes = 0.080MB this is average from BMD
- 235,648 Bytes = 0.22MB this is average regular ballot

4. Other information for you:

*USB 2.0 was released in April 2000**USB 2.0 (aka Hi-Speed) blew that out of the water with 480Mbps speeds, or 60MBps.*

Write at 35.5MBps and Read at 40.5MBps give as an average USB

SD card rate for 30MB/sec "UHS Speed Class" Mark 3

So, with all that information above here is what I went with for calculating the copy rate, 30 MB per second. That is the sustained write rate of a lower end SD card. This allows a very conservative rate as the read rate from SD cards is a little faster and this falls well within the bus rate of the USB 2.0. I used Telfair, GA recount results from the tabulators they had in the results folder. Tabulator: 00150, 00160, 00200, 00210. Tabulator batches were usually a 100 ballots.

Tabulator00150 10 batches: (984 files) 7.25 seconds

Tabulator00160 1 batch: (10 files) 0.07 seconds

Tabulator00200 21 batches: (2,070 files) 5.53 seconds

Tabulator00210 16 batches: (1,290 files) 3.48 seconds

This is **4,354 files** (ballot images, combined .tif size **495MB**) copied in **16.5 - 17 seconds**. Again, this is just account for the image files to be transferred. However most other files on the cards are smaller in size.

NOW REALIZING I did this calculation for SD cards. Dominion still using CF cards.

So, a SanDisk 1GB Ultra II CompactFlash Memory Card with up to 15MB/sec read/write speed. The SanDisk Ultra II SD Plus USB is a 60x card, reading 10-MB a second and writing 9-MB a second. So, if I use 10MBps speed the time for the **4,354 files** will take 48.98 seconds (**50 seconds**).

I based this CF rating off an old Dominion Technical Data Package.

I hope this explains things. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. So, my conclusion is it should only take a couple of minutes longer to download the ballot images for 10,000 ballots.

R/S

Clay

Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 7:37 AM

To: Clay Parikh [REDACTED]

Please call when you get a chance. No rush. Just some technical questions.

Thanks

Sent from my iPad

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12/5/24, 4:33 PM

Gmail - Ballot Image copy rates

On Sep 23, 2024, at 10:53 PM, Clay Parikh <clayparikh@gmail.com> wrote:

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Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

comment to the Georgia State Election Board in regard to the petitions to amend rules 26 days before in-person voting

1 message

gina stamm

Mon, Sep 16, 2024 at 11:24 AM

To: SEBPublicComments@sos.ga.gov, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, sarag hazal.seb@gmail.com, jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com

Dear Members of the Georgia State Election Board,

My name is Gina Stamm and I am a registered voter in Fulton county.

I am writing to urge you to not accept any petitions that are currently in the rulemaking phase with the State Election Board and would go into effect on October 10, 2024. I especially urge you to reject revision 183-1-12-.12 addressing hand counting ballots in polling places and revision 183-1-14-.02 addressing hand counting ballots in early vote locations.

No petitions should be passed this close to an Election Day

- These new rules would be effective on October 10th. That is just five days before the early vote period begins.
- It is also well after September 17th when counties begin sending absentee ballots to voters.
- Less than 60 days out is far too late to initiate a new rule into the rulemaking phase and if a rule was passed this late, it could lead to significant confusion for voters and burden on local elections administrators.

The proposed petitions to amend rule 183-1-12-.12 and rule 183-1-14-.02 are unreasonable because it is unnecessary and unreasonable, causing further delays to precincts' ability to report election results. Our state takes pride in its effectiveness and efficiency in reporting election results in a timely manner.

This rule directly harms me as a voter by preventing my vote from being counted expeditiously in accordance with the processes already in place.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2), I request that the Board include this comment in the rulemaking record and, if the Board ultimately adopts the Proposed Rule, we request that it issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption as required by statute.

Sincerely,
Gina Stamm



Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Fulton County Monitoring Team - NO to Ryan Germany and the Carter center

1 message

Victoria Cruz

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:10 AM

To: "sebpubliccomments@sos.ga.gov" <sebpubliccomments@sos.ga.gov>

Cc: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Janice Johnston <jjohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>

Dear Chairman Fervier and SEB members:

There must be a monitoring board to closely monitor Fulton County's election processes in the upcoming 2024 General Election. However, I strongly oppose any involvement of Ryan Germany or the Carter Center in that monitoring process.

Germany and the SOS have lied repeatedly to the American people and to Congress, saying that the election was the most secure in Georgia's history, despite the undeniable evidence of malfeasance, such as that outlined in SEB2023-25 (the Joe Rossi/Kevin Moncla investigation), ballot drop box stuffing, missing ballot images, and many thousands of invalid voter registrations.

Ryan Germany played the "fixer" in the aftermath of the 2020 debacle by:

1. opposing any forensic audits of the malfunctioning Dominion machines in Coffee County,
2. accusing six witnesses who swore they saw 10s of thousands of fraudulent absentee ballots during the FC hand recount of deceit and fabrication,
3. perpetuating falsehoods about the infamous Trump/Raffensperger phone call,
4. Burying the report of 2020 election monitor Carter Jones who witnessed repeated, unobserved absentee ballot scanning at State Farm Arena.

Germany has been showcased by David Becker of CEIR (Center for Election Innovation and Research), a disgraced partisan activist attorney, who was ejected from the Department of Justice for blatantly working against the interests of the DOJ. In one collaboration, Germany and Becker extolled the virtues of Automatic Voter Registration which has contributed to the swelling and inaccuracy of GA's voter rolls. David Becker's Frankenstein monster, ERIC, does NOT help Georgia clean its voter rolls. In contrast, ERIC and Becker's CEIR add many more registrations than they ever remove.

Nor should the **Carter Center** be allowed yet again to interject itself into Georgia's elections. This group is quite left of center on election issues and receives its massive funding largely from left leaning and globalist corporations. It also collaborates closely with the Chinese Communist Party and the United Nations - neither of which have the best interests of our Republic at heart. For example, in recent years they have compelled former president Jimmy Carter to walk back the finding of the Carter-Baker Commission that "**Absentee ballots remain the largest source of potential voter fraud.**" That statement is as true now as it was then, and we find massive abuse of mail voting that is destroying public confidence in our elections.

Instead, the State Election Board should appoint a truly bipartisan group of election integrity experts that does not include any of the previous monitors who have obviously not done enough to improve the infamous election performance of Fulton County. The County should not be allowed to continue to sweep its failures under the rug. The rest of Georgia is tired of being blamed for what Fulton does.

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Victoria Cruz
Athens, GA
Oconee County



Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Monitoring Team

1 message

Ginger Bradshaw

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 6:34 PM

To: jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com, jfervier.seb@gmail.com, jking.seb@gmail.com, rjeffares.seb@gmail.com, saraghazal.seb@gmail.com

Dear SEB members and Chair,

I attended the Friday and Monday meetings. I was disappointed that several of the rules did not get passed and I do think it would be great if there was more working together ahead of the presentation. I do believe most of you are in favor of the meat of the rules but of course the details are important. I know you all have full lives but I do think the meetings would be much shorter if there was some helpful dialog before the presentation. I do want to thank all of you for being open and listening to the problems We the People are addressing. I also want to thank you for taking the heat from misinformation and out right lies regarding the rules being passed.

I thank you for not letting Fulton County run all over you. They are so used to doing exactly what they want even when it is against the law. I would like to ask you do your best to make sure that Ryan Germany is NOT in charge and make sure you have monitors of your choosing during this critical election. The SEB imposed the requirement for monitors and the SEB should be able to choose them.

Also another big thank you!!! We must do everything possible to make the counties follow the law regarding maintaining accurate voter rolls. I feel like we live in a third world country. Thank you for bringing attention to this important issue and again, the counties think they can just ignore the law as well as the SOS. Sunshine is a part of the exposure but still more will need to be done. Please keep up the pressure to follow the law.

The SEB continually is asking "is this legal" or "is this within our authority" and the counties just do what they want without any consequences. I hope that will change.

Thank you all again for all your hard work.

Ginger Bradshaw
Fulton County



Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

State-wide Poll Watchers for Election Day

8 messages

Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 12:44 PM

To: Alex Hardin <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Tindall Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Mike Coan <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>

Alex,

There may be some question or confusion about what you told the GOP State-wide Poll Watchers for Election Day. I think it would best that the SEB send the list of State-wide poll watchers to the counties. An official communication from the SEB might decrease any chance of conflict. The same would apply to the Democrat list of State-wide poll watchers. These folks may be called to any number of counties throughout the day.

Thanks,

Jan



GAGOP Statewide Poll Watcher List Nov. 5h.xlsx

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Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 1:31 PM

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Hi Dr. Johnston,

What is the confusion about? All of the counties have received the lists of statewide poll watchers for the GAGOP, GADems, and the Libertarian party. They received it from myself and SOS. They also received examples of what their SEB issued badges would look like, and told that they'd be carrying credential letters from the SEB. Let me know if there's anything that I can clarify.

Thank you,

Alex

From: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2024 12:45 PM**To:** Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>; John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>; Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>; Sara Tindall Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>; Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>; Coan, Michael (SEB) <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>**Subject:** State-wide Poll Watchers for Election Day

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To: "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

I believe it was about whether you would send the statewide poll watcher list to the counties, or whether you instructed the political parties to send the communication to the counties
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On Nov 2, 2024, at 1:31 PM, Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov> wrote:

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To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 2:24 PM

I see! As I mentioned in my last email, I forwarded the lists for the three parties to all the counties. I did so on Monday (Oct. 28). I also told the party representatives who were picking up the badges and letters that they needed to make sure that copies of the letters were forwarded to the superintendents of the counties in which the statewide poll watcher might serve.

The last sentence of OCGA 21-2-408(b)(2) says: "At least three days prior to the election, a copy of the letter shall be delivered to the superintendent of each county in which the poll watcher might serve."

Thank you,

Alex

From: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 1:56:43 PM
To: Hardin, Alexandra (SEB) <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>
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To: "Hardin, Alexandra (SEB)" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 2:32 PM

I see, could you be a sweetheart, and also Email the copy of the letters to the counties? I think it may save you from election Day headaches.
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Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 2:40 PM

Better to come from our office, then political party office.

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To: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 2:47 PM

Yes! We're in the car headed to visit family, but when I get back home, I can send that out.

Alex

From: Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 2:41 PM

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Sat, Nov 2, 2024 at 3:40 PM

Alex, thanks so much. Have a good visit. Talk to you later.
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Threats

2 messages

John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 28, 2024 at 3:51 PM

To: Janice Johnston <JJohnstonMD.seb@gmail.com>, Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, "Coan, Michael" <Mcoan@sos.ga.gov>
 Cc: "McGowan, Charlene" <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>, Elizabeth Young <EYoung@law.ga.gov>, Danna Yu <DYu@law.ga.gov>, "Koth, Sara" <skoth@sos.ga.gov>

All:

I wanted to let you know that I just received a call from the GBI related to the threat that I received on my home phone a few weeks ago. The GBI was able to track the individual down and interview him. He is a resident of Gwinnett County. The GBI will be referring the case to the D/A for potential prosecution.

Hopefully this nonsense will stop soon and civility will come back. None of us should be exposed to threats simply for serving our community.

Best regards,
 John Fervier

Janice Johnston <jjohnstonmd.seb@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 29, 2024 at 10:01 AM

To: John Fervier <jfervier.seb@gmail.com>
 Cc: Janelle King <jking.seb@gmail.com>, Sara Ghazal <saraghazal.seb@gmail.com>, Rick Jeffares <rjeffares.seb@gmail.com>, "Hardin, Alexandra" <ahardin@sos.ga.gov>, "Coan, Michael" <mcoan@sos.ga.gov>, "McGowan, Charlene" <cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov>, Elizabeth Young <EYoung@law.ga.gov>, Danna Yu <DYu@law.ga.gov>, "Koth, Sara" <skoth@sos.ga.gov>

I do not know what the threat was, but I am glad that you are safe.

Did the GBI investigate and track a similar threat that was sent to Rick?

The inflammatory pieces by the media, by the SOS, and others have been worrisome and in my opinion are the cause of some of these threats.

As seen on the internet and the SOS website, the Secretary of State has made some outrageous and derogatory claims about the State Election Board. There are reports that Gabe Sterling, the SOS, and Ryan Germany are secretly raising money to use for legal attacks on election officials. Is this true? What are their intentions?

In today's NYT article, Bauer, Ginsberg, and Sterling are reported as promoters of legal actions (including arrests) against individual election officials who refuse to certify an election result. This posturing seems to be intimidating and threatening. Mr. Sterling and Mr. Becker have been massaging this issue in webinars for quite a while.

The legislature removed the State Election Board from the Secretary of State - the State Election Board did not "take over" anything.

It is unfortunate that the Secretary of State has resorted to attacking the Board that was removed from his agency. There should be a retraction and/or apology by the SOS for what appears to be a lack of civility and sabotage of the SEB.

Nonsense indeed.

Sent from my iPad

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