

Subject: RE: RE: Open Records Request
Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 4:16:38 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: RooksS@dlcga.com
To: AO Records
CC: RooksS@dlcga.com
Category: PRODUCTION
Attachments: image001.png

EXTERNAL SENDER

Laurens County had no grant funding of any means to our knowledge. The Board of Registrars became the Board of Elections and Registration on January 1, 2025 and there was no records of any funding forwarded to our office from the former Election Superintendent.

Thanks,

Susan H. Rooks
Election Supervisor
Laurens County, GA

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:51 PM
To: RooksS@dlcga.com
Cc: RooksS@dlcga.com
Subject: Re: RE: Open Records Request

Thanks for letting me know. I am pasting below the entire text of the request.

VIA EMAIL

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Genola Jackson, Superintendent of Elections
117 E. Jackson Street
Dublin, GA 31040
jacksonge@dlcga.com

Re: Open Records Request

Dear Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-70 et seq.), American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office produce the following within three business days:

All FY 2021-2025 budget documents reflecting federal funding (including but not limited to Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") grants and subawards) state funding, local and municipal funding, and/or private grant funding received by the Laurens County Board of Registrars for the purposes of election administration.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, American Oversight provides the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages. Records of official business conducted using unofficial systems or stored outside of official files are subject to the Open Records Act.^[1]
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.
- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to American Oversight, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight. American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your agency can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and X (formerly Twitter).^[2]

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with you on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Danny Martinez at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 897-2465.

Sincerely,

/s/ Danny Martinez
Danny Martinez
on behalf of
American Oversight

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Danny Martinez | he/him
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PRR: GA-LAURENS-25-1131

From: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 5:49 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Cc: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>
Subject: RE: RE: Open Records Request

EXTERNAL SENDER

We have tried to open the ORR: GA-Laurens-25-1131 but does not open. Please send your request again in an explanation as to what you need and we will obtain these records for you as applicable.

Thanks,

Susan H. Rooks

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 2:29 PM
To: RooksS@dlcga.com
Subject: Re: RE: Open Records Request

I believe we did include a PDF attachment of our correspondence with Ms. Jackson – I am attaching as a .jpeg below of the PDF.

Please let me know if you need any other information – thanks.

Subject: RE: Open Records Request (GA-LAURENS-25-1131)
Date: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 1:50:14 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: JacksonGe@dlcga.com
To: 'AO Records', RooksS@dlcga.com, Registrars@dlcga.com

EXTERNAL SENDER

I am no longer the Election Superintendent please contact Susan Rooks @RooksS@dlcga.com or @Registrars@dlcga.com.
Judge Jackson

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 11:00 AM
To: jacksonge@dlcga.com
Subject: Open Records Request (GA-LAURENS-25-1131)

Dear Open Records Officer:

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

Sincerely,

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Anna Brier | She/Her
Paralegal | American Oversight
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ORR: GA-LAURENS-25-1131

From: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 11:15 AM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: RE: Open Records Request

EXTERNAL SENDER

Hi,

We have received your request, but there is no attachment to open.

Thanks,

Susan H. Rooks
Election Supervisor

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2025 10:46 AM

To: RooksS@dlcga.com

Subject: Re: RE: Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Rooks,

Hope this finds you well – I wanted to reach back out about this request. We appreciated your directing us to Ms. Jackson regarding funding/grants as she was the Superintendent of Elections. We did just that, but she replied that we should out to your office – please see the attached for reference.

I think we're at an impasse of who we should direct this to – any other direction would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Danny Martinez

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Danny Martinez | he/him

Counsel | American Oversight

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PRR: GA-LAURENS-24-2444 (refiled later at GA-LAURENS-25-1131)

From: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:44 AM

To: 'AO Records' <records@americanoversight.org>

Subject: RE: Open Records Request

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good Morning,

We are currently not a combined board of Elections and Registration. If there was any funding or grants, you will have to contact the Superintendent of Elections. Her name is Genola Jackson at jacksonge@dlcga.com.

Thanks,

Susan Rooks

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 1:07 PM

To: RooksS@dlcga.com

Cc: RooksS@dlcga.com

Subject: Re: Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Rooks:

We are in receipt of your response to our request. To be clear, our request is seeking FY2021-25 budget documents for all sources of funding – not just federal funding or HAVA grants and subawards. We are also seeking documents related to “state funding, local and municipal funding, and/or private grant funding” received by your agency, for the purposes of election administration.

If you would be able to provide all responsive documents to our request as originally submitted, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Danny Martinez

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PRR: GA-LAURENS-24-2444

From: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024 at 5:27 AM

To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Cc: RooksS@dlcga.com <RooksS@dlcga.com>

Subject: Open Records Request

EXTERNAL SENDER

The Laurens County Board of Registrars received NO grants or funding during the FY 2021-2025.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Rooks

Chief Deputy Registrar

Laurens County Board of Registrars

Phone: (478) 272-2841

Fax: (478) 277-2933

[1] O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70(b)(2).

[2] American Oversight currently has approximately 16,000 followers on Facebook and 94,900 followers on X (formerly Twitter). American Oversight, Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Apr. 21, 2025); American Oversight (@weareoversight), X (formerly Twitter), <https://x.com/weareoversight> (last visited Apr. 21, 2025).