

Subject: Open Records Request :: P009764-021624

Date: Monday, February 19, 2024 at 8:25:35 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: Columbia County Board of Commissioners

To: AO Records

EXTERNAL SENDER

--- Please respond above this line ---

02/19/2024

RE: Open Records Request on 2/16/2024 for Department - Other, Reference # P009764-021624

Dear Khahilia,

The County received a public records request from you on February 16, 2024. Your request mentioned:

"1. All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) any of the Columbia County officials listed below, and (b) any of the external entities or individuals listed below or anyone communicating on their behalf (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses and domains).

Columbia County Officials:

- i. Executive Director Nancy Gay*
- ii. Board of Elections Chairperson Ann Cushman*
- iii. Board of Elections Representative Wanda Duffie*
- iv. Board of Elections Representative Larry Wiggins*
- v. Director of Technology Services Michael Blanchard*

External Entities and Individuals:

- a. Blake Evans (bevans@sos.ga.gov)*
- b. Charlene McGowan (cmcgowan@sos.ga.gov)*
- c. Steven Ellis (sellis@sos.ga.gov)*
- d. EagleAI NETwork (eagleai.pro)*
- e. Rick Richards (drr@cathaid.com, drr@eagleai.pro, drronline@me.com)*
- f. John Richards (johnrichards@eagleai.pro)*
- g. Cleta Mitchell (cleta@cletamitchell.com, cmitchell@foley.com)*
- h. Election Integrity Network (electionintegrity.network)*
- i. Virginia Institute for Public Policy (virginia institute.org)*

j. Gina Swoboda (ginaswoboda@hotmail.com, ginaswo@asu.edu, gs@voterreferencefoundation.com, gswoboda@azleg.gov), or anyone communicating on behalf of the Voter Reference Foundation (voteref.com, voterreferencefoundation.com)

2 All email communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) sent

by any of the Columbia County officials listed above in part 1 and containing any of the key terms listed below.

Key Terms:

a. EagleAI

b. "Eagle AI"

c. "election integrity"

d. VoteRef

e. Voter Reference Foundation

For parts 1-2 of this request, please provide all responsive records from December 1, 2023, to the date the request is received.

3. All records reflecting the contents of any meetings or calls held by the Columbia County Board of Elections. This request includes any agendas, minutes, meeting notes, transcripts, lists of meeting attendees, or materials displayed or exchanged during the meetings.

For part 3 of this request, please provide all responsive records from September 1, 2023, to the date the request is received.

Please see attached request (GA-COLUMBIA-24-0111)"

The County has reviewed its files and has located responsive records to your request. Please log in to the [Open Records Center](#) at the following link to retrieve the documents.

Department: [Other - P009764-021624](#)

Your cost is \$0.00.

If submitting payment as cash, exact change is needed. Checks can be made out to the Board of Commissioners.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrice R. Crawley
County Clerk
Board of Commissioners
706.868.3379

630 Ronald Reagan Drive * Building B 2nd Floor * Evans, GA 30809

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Open Records Center](#).

From: acushman <acushman@bellsouth.net>
Sent time: 02/08/2024 01:25:10 PM
To: Gay, Nancy
Subject: Re: Eagle AI Agreement
Attachments: Eagle AI Agreement - Final.DOCX image001.png

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I am good with it. Thanks Ann

On Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 10:35:10 AM EST, Gay, Nancy <ngay@columbiacountyga.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached is hopefully the final version of the agreement between our office and Eagle AI. Please review it and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. This is the version that Dr. Richards and Chris have agreed to. If okay we will have it on the agenda for the Friday February 16th meeting for final approval.

Thank you,.



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Thank you!

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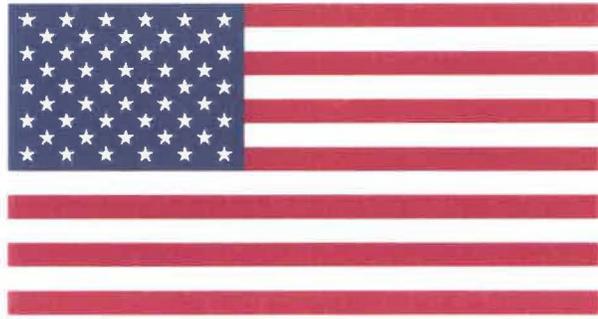
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AGENDA
Board of Elections
Board Meeting
September 19, 2023, at 10:30am

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Quorum
- Reading and Approval of Agenda
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Old Business
 - Various Updates: GARViS , EagleAI, and Election Document Destruction Policy.
- New Business
 - Cancellation of Harlem's November 7, 2023 Municipal Election
 - Preparation of the upcoming November 7, 2023 Municipal Election for the City of Grovetown
 - Upcoming List Maintenance Activities
 - Tentative 2024 Election Schedule
 - Recently filed DOI's
 - Voter Registration Figures
 - Active - 109,785 + Inactive - 11,412 = 121,197
 - ❖ That's a decrease of 4,292 voters since last reported
 - Public Correspondence and comment
- Next Meeting
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:30am
- Adjournment

The Columbia County Board of Elections Regular Monthly Meeting The Board of Elections Conference Room September 19, 2023, Minutes

The Columbia County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 10:30am. Those present were: Board Members: Larry Wiggins and Wanda Duffie; office staff Nancy Gay; Deputy Manager Glenn Kennedy; Commissioners, Gary Richardson and Alison Couch; State House of Representative Jodi Lott, and various citizens. The sign in sheet will be kept with the minutes.

Mr. Wiggins called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Mr. Wiggins made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mrs. Duffie second. Motion passed.

Mrs. Duffie made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Wiggins second. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Nancy provided a brief update on the following:
 - GARViS update – Nancy reported that the precinct changes were finally made in GARViS. The first round of precinct cards was received, and they wouldn't run through our postage machine, so we outsourced the postage and mailing of them.
 - EAGLE AI – Mr. Wiggins provided a brief update on the public demonstration that was held. Nancy suggested to the Board to table any further discussion due to the absence of the Board Chair. Nancy did mention that she requested the county attorney draft a letter to the Secretary of State and the State Election Board as a courtesy and will hopefully have that next month.
 - Nancy provided the Board with a “sign off “confirmation sheet in regard to the document destruction policy recently present to the Board.
 - Nancy informed the Board that Homeland Security did come for a visit on September 14, 2023, and would provide a report at a later date, that is not open to open records request.

New Business

- Nancy informed the Board that now that qualifying was held – The City of Harlem canceled their election as their incumbents were the only ones to qualify and they have been deemed to vote for themselves and no election is needed. The City of Grovetown will have a Municipal General Election on November 7, 2023 for the Mayor and two City Council seats. Logic and Accuracy Testing– the

programming and testing of the election equipment used in the election will begin September 25, 2023 at 10am until completion – and will be at the former Eucler Creek Library and the Appling Warehouse. She also included an information sheet of dates for the election.

- List Maintenance Activities:
Confirmation Notices are going to be sent out again:
 - Eric Cross Mailing – 1,973 will be mailed out on September 11, 2023
 - NCOA-Out of State Mailing – 2,008 will be mailed out on September 18, 2023.
 - NCOA-Out of County Mailing – 916 will be mailed out on September 18, 2023.

- Nancy provided the Board with a tentative 2024 Election Schedule and Offices that will be on the ballot. This information is still being finalized.

- Nancy informed the Board that Rickey Meredith filed a Declaration of Intent to run for County Commissioner, District 3 next year.

- Nancy reported to the Board the most current registration numbers as of September 15, 2023. They are:
 - Active – 109,785 + Inactive -11,412 = 121,197 total voters
That’s a decrease of 4,292 voters since last meeting. This decrease is a direct result of recent list maintenance activities. Mr. Wiggins motioned to approve the registrations numbers as presented. Mrs. Duffie second. Motion carried.

- Nancy then shared with the Board various items received from citizens and opened the floor to questions and comments. Mr. Kennedy did offer a comment on behalf of the Chairman of the County Commission in support of us using the EAGLE AI program. Nancy thanked the elected officials in attendance for coming by and offered again for public comment/question. There were none.

Next Meeting

October 17, 2023, at 10:30am

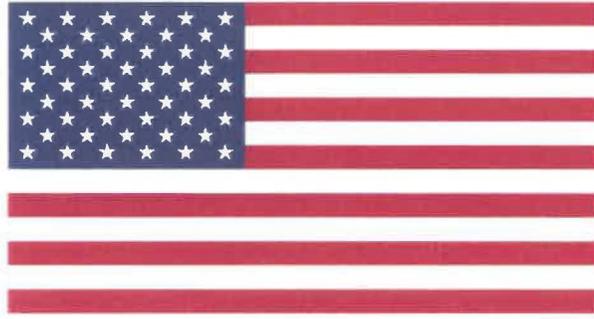
Adjournment

At 10:50am, Mr. Wiggins motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Duffie second. Motion passed.

Please sign your name below:

Stephanie Hill	
Alison Couch	
Amad. Muz.	
Shen Wood	
MIKE WILTS	
Wendy Mitchell	
MAUREN FARLEY	

Meeting Date: September 19, 2023



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 - Recently filed DOI's
 - Voter Registration Figures as of October 13, 2023:
 - Active - 95,451 + Inactive - 26,071 = 121,522 total voters
 - ❖ Increase of 325 since last reported
 - Public Correspondence and comment
- Next Meeting
 - Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00pm
 - Monday, November 13, 2023, 5:00pm - or - Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10:30am for the Certification of the November 7, 2023, Municipal General Election for the City of Grovetown.
Both meetings will be conducted at the Appling Warehouse.
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Mrs. Cushman made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Wiggins second.
Motion passed.

Mr. Wiggins made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mrs. Duffie second.
Motion passed.

Old Business

- Nancy provided a brief update on the following:
 - The November 7, 2023 Grovetown Municipal General Election:
 - Absentee – 14 ballots issued on 10/16/2023
 - Advance Voting – 36 voted early on 10/16/2023
 - Poll Worker Training – Oct 18th and 19th at 10am/6pm
 - GARViS – Nancy provided the Board with an update on the new voter registration system. There are still issues ongoing with the system and the State is aware. Nancy reported to the Board that there are approximately eight voters that were once registered in Enet – but no longer appear registered when searched for in GARViS. The State is working on a resolution.
 - Eagle AI - letter to the SEB – the Board tabled this topic until December.
 - Homeland Security Report – Nancy provided the Board with a copy of the report from the Homeland Security visit. This report is not open to the public.

New Business

- Nancy informed the Board of any Declaration of Intent's recently filed; Terry Norman filed a DOI for coroner.
- Nancy reported to the Board the most current registration numbers as of October 13, 2023. They are:
 - Active – 95,451 + Inactive – 26, 071 = 121,522 total voters
This is an increase of 325 voters since last reported.

Mrs. Cushman motioned to approve the registration numbers as reported.

Mrs. Duffie second. Motion carried.

- The Board then opened the floor up to public comments/discussions.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 7:00pm/Election Night at the Appling Warehouse

Monday, November 14, 2023 at 5:30pm – Certification Meeting at the Appling Warehouse

Adjournment

At 11:42am, Mrs. Cushman motioned for adjournment. Mr. Wiggins second. Motion passed.

Please sign your name below:

Stephanie Hill	Ron Battista
Harold Mizell	EMMA ROBERSON
Gwen Wood	SUSAN McPherson
TERRY SURRENCY	Anna Dennis
ANNA MUZZ.	Lynnda Luke
Eric Robertson	MIKE WILTSE
Donald Schuback	
Karen Griffith	
Wayne Howell	
Krishn Nabers	
Rev. Christoph G. Johnson	
Jamir Robinson	
Gabriel Sanchez	
Mary Yancey	
Carol Lapp LUV	

Meeting Date: OCT. 17, 2023

**The Columbia County Board of Elections
Regular Monthly Meeting
The Board of Elections Appling Warehouse
November 7, 2023, Minutes**

The Columbia County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00pm. Those present were: Board Members: Ann Cushman (Chair), and Larry Wiggins; office staff Nancy Gay, Jarthurlynn Hosley, Terrance Herrington, Hope Medlin, Jameese Walker, Shannon Stoddard, Cassie Sasser, Bailey Riddle; and various members of the Tabulation team, Information Technology, and various members of the media/public.

Mr. Wiggins called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

No Agenda or minutes were presented or discussed.

Old Business

None

New Business

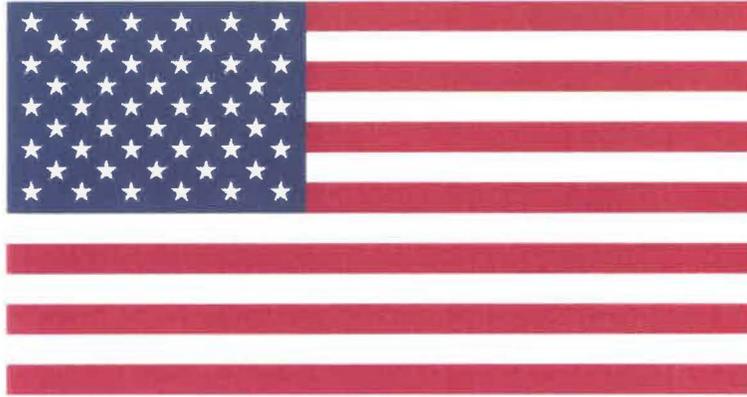
Computation/Tabulation of Election Day activities and results.

Next Meeting

November 13, 2023, 5:30pm

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Cushman second. Motioned Carried. 9:10pm.



AGENDA
Board of Elections
Special Called Board Meeting
Applying Warehouse
November 13, 2023, 5:30pm

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Quorum
- Reading and Approval of Agenda
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - None presented
- New Business
 - Provisional Ballots cast in the November 7, 2023 the City of Grovetown Municipal General Election
 - Cured absentee ballots
 - Certification of election results for the November 7, 2023 the City of Grovetown Municipal General Election
- Next Meeting
 - December 19, 2023 - 10:30am
- Adjournment

**The Columbia County Board of Elections
Regular Monthly Meeting
The Board of Elections Appling Warehouse
November 13, 2023, Minutes**

The Columbia County Board of Elections met on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 5:30pm. Those present were: Board Members: Ann Cushman (Chair), and Larry Wiggins; office staff Nancy Gay, and Jarthurlynn Hosley, and one member of the media.

Mrs. Cushman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Mrs. Cushman made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Wiggins second. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

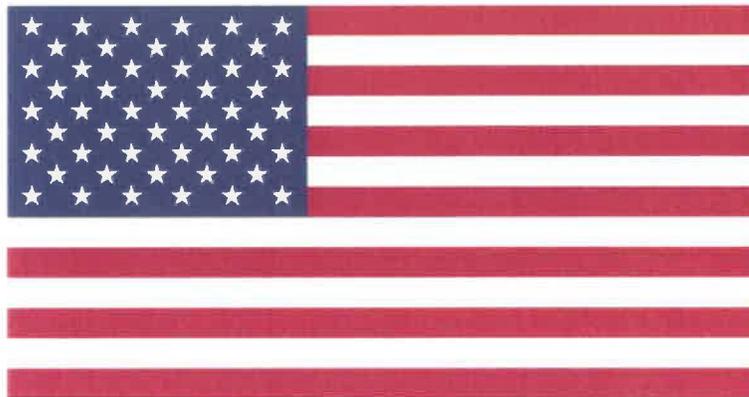
- Nancy informed the Board there were no Provisional Ballots cast in the November 7, 2023 Grovetown Municipal General Election
- Nancy informed the Board there were no outstanding cured absentee ballots to count in the November 7, 2023 Grovetown Municipal General Election.
- Nancy then presented the Official and Complete Election Results for the November 7, 2023 Grovetown Municipal General Election. Mrs. Cushman motioned to approve the results as presented. Mr. Wiggins second. Motion passed.

Next Meeting

December 19, 2023 – but Nancy informed the Board and the media that this is subject to change and will be announced – due to the City of Grovetown having a Special Election in March.

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Cushman second. Motioned Carried. 5:36pm.



AGENDA

Board of Elections

Monthly Board Meeting

Board of Elections, Conference Room

December 1, 2023, 10:30am

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Quorum
- Reading and Approval of Agenda
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Old Business
 - Policy on Destruction of Election Records/documents
 - Eagle AI Letter of response to the State Election Board
- New Business
 - Resolution for the Special Election for the City of Grovetown to fill the unexpired term of city council member Deborah Fisher.
 - Eagle AI - Questions and answers with Dr. Richards.
 - Voter Registration Numbers
 - Active - 104,479 + Inactive - 17,098 = 121,577
 - Increase of 55 new voters since last reported
 - Executive Session - Personnel Matter
- Next Meeting
 - January 16, 2024 - 10:30am
- Adjournment

The Columbia County Board of Elections
Regular Monthly Meeting
Held in the conference room of the main office
December 1, 2023, Minutes

The Columbia County Board of Elections met on Friday, December 1, 2023, at 10:30am. Those present were: Board Members: Ann Cushman (Chair), and Larry Wiggins; office staff Nancy Gay and Hope Medlin (County Registrar); Dr. Rick Richards with Eagle AI, Commission Chairman Doug Duncan, Commissioner Gary Richardson, and various members of the media/public/organizations.

Mrs. Cushman called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Quorum was established.

Reading and Approval of Agenda

Nancy requested to amend the Agenda and move the Eagle AI Letter of Response to the State Election Board (under Old Business), move it to coincide with the Eagle AI listed under New Business. Mr. Wiggins motioned to approve the change and the Agenda, as changed. Mrs. Cushman seconded. Motion passed.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wiggins motioned to approve the minutes for the following meetings: October 17, 2023, November 7, 2023, and November 13, 2023, as submitted. Mrs. Cushman seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Nancy presented the Board with the Election Document Destruction Policy as previously discussed. Nancy requested the Board vote on the policy as drafted by the county attorney. After a brief discussion, no changes were made. Mrs. Cushman made a motion to adopt the policy as written. Mr. Wiggins seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

Nancy presented to the Board a Resolution accepting the call for a Special Election to be held for the City of Grovetown in conjunction with the March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary. This special election is to fill the unexpired term of City Councilmember Deborah Fisher, who resigned. Mr. Wiggins motioned to adopt the Resolution issuing the call for the special election. Mrs. Cushman seconded. Motion passed.

Nancy then presented the Board with the letter of response to the State Election Board in reference to their letter regarding use of Eagle AI. Nancy suggested to the Board that if the Board's desire was to go into agreement with Eagle AI, then the letter be sent to the State Election Board – if the Board's desire was not to go into agreement with Eagle AI, then the letter didn't need to be sent. Nancy then wanted to first acknowledge to the Board several letters from various organizations and one local voter asking the Board to not use Eagle AI.

Nancy then offered a brief explanation of the intended use of Eagle AI – that it would be a tool to help us research and keep a clean voter list. Dr. Richards approached us almost a year ago to beta test this product to see if his research/data was viable and that request has led us to this point, almost a year later. Nancy then showed the Board and those in attendance two boxes and a mail tray of returned confirmation notices from the State's list maintenance activities this year all of which have been returned undeliverable to which the best practice is, we then go in and type up an address label from the yellow sticker from the post office (because it isn't forwardable) and mail a letter and cancelation form. It is our hope that the use of Eagle AI will give us control of reaching out to voters on our timeline, and his program would be formatted to produce mailing labels instead of us manually typing them. Hope (the Registrar) then explained in reference to the box of returned mail how time consuming it is for the State to issue confirmation notices to the address on file, those come back returned undeliverable, they are entered into the system – and some counties stop at that point, but best practice is to send correspondence to the voter, which is what we do and that is all done manually. Nancy then explained the best example is this – Eagle AI gets the voter list from the State, compares the Columbia County list through his database and it will produce a list of voters who may have moved out of state (for example) and then our office would then send a letter to the voter informing them our office received information that they no longer reside in Columbia County and if that is correct – please complete the removal/cancelation form and return it to our office. Once the signed, completed removal/cancelation form is received – only then may a voter be removed. If the voter does not respond to the letter, no action is taken. Mr. Wiggins then commented that Eagle AI would not have any connection or access at all with our information or the voter registration system and that they would still need to get the voter list from the Secretary of State. Mr. Wiggins stressed this would be nothing but a tool to help us have an accurate list. Nancy added to that – that our office may not have time in 2024 to even utilize the tool due to the election calendar but, having the tool to use in regard to research challenges might be of use. Dr. Richards of Eagle AI then took an opportunity to address the Board and room. Dr. Richards then spoke and offered an official response as to where his data is received from: Voter list comes from the SOS, voter history comes from SOS, corporate data from SOS, Google Business, property address from county databases across the country, permanent move data is from the NCOA from the Post Office, obituary data is from funeral homes, newspapers, and county coroners death affidavits and will be getting it from social security death index as well, and the felony records from the State. They will also get the affidavit of death from involuntary lien from Probates which is an additional avenue. He acknowledged that he does not get information from Driver Services and Social Security.

Dr. Richards then offered examples of data entry issues he has found with some data received from the state voter list. After several minutes of that information, Mr. Wiggins motioned to

bring a vote to go into agreement with Dr. Richards/Eagle AI, as it had been discussed in some form or fashion at almost every meeting this year, demonstrations had been given, and to include in the agreement that – Dr. Richards/Eagle AI will continue to obtain the voter list data from the Georgia Secretary of State and if our office found the data to be incorrect or flawed, we could exit the agreement without penalty; the amount recommended was approximately \$150 a month plus licensing fee – or \$2000 annually. Mr. Wiggins motioned to go into agreement with Eagle AI and have the agreement updated to reflect the above, and to send the letter to the SEB. Mrs. Cushman seconded. Motion passed.

Nancy then presented to the Board the voter registration figures as of November 30, 2023: Active voters- 104,479 + Inactive voters- 17,098 = 121,577 total voters in Columbia County, for an increase of 55 new voters since last reported. Mrs. Cushman motioned to approve the registration numbers as presented. Mr. Wiggins seconded. Motion passed.

The Board then informed those in attendance that an executive session was needed to discuss a personnel matter. Board entered executive session at 11:08am and exited at 11:38am.

Next Meeting

January 16, 2024, at 10:30am

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins motioned for adjournment. Mrs. Cushman second. Motioned passed. 11:38am.



Ann Cushman, **Chairperson**
Wanda Duffie, **Board Member**
Larry Wiggins, **Board Member**

Nancy Gay, **Executive Director**
Jarthurlynn Hosley, **Assistant Director**
James Walker, **Absentee Clerk**
Terrence Herrington, **Warehouse Clerk**

Hope Medlin, **Registration Supervisor**
Shannon Stoddard, **Elections & Registration Ast.**
Bailey Riddle, **Elections/Registration Clerk**
Cassie Sasser, **Elections/Registration Clerk**

November 21, 2023

Dear Members of the State Election Board:

We received your letter dated May 11, 2023, which expressed concerns about the Columbia County Board of Elections' ("CCBOE") potential use of Eagle AI's Voter Integrity Software. The CCBOE understands your position and concerns over our possible use of Eagle AI's software. The Columbia County Board of Elections, however, will only utilize Eagle AI's software to help audit its voter registration list and will specifically never use it as the sole means to remove a voter from the voter registration list.

We appreciate you pointing out the potential implication of O.C.G.A. § 21-2-225(a) and SB222. Our proposed agreement with Eagle AI would not result in any public inspection of the original applications for voter registration, nor any copies. Moreover, any agreement entered into with Eagle AI would include a yearly payment for use of its software. Our arrangement with Eagle AI would therefore be for value and not in violation of O.C.G.A. § 21-218.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We always support an open discussion in our efforts to improve accuracy and protect our elections. Please note that we intend to begin utilizing Eagle AI on or about January 1, 2024.

On behalf of the Board of the Columbia County Board of Elections,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Gay".

Nancy L. Gay
Executive Director
Board of Elections

Cc: Columbia County Board of Elections Members
Chris Drive, County Attorney



STATE ELECTION BOARD

May 11, 2023

Ms. Anna Cushman (accushman@bellsouth.net)
Ms. Wanda Duffie (welzabethduffie@bellsouth.net)
Mr. Larry Wiggins (lwwiggins@bellsouth.net)
Members, Columbia County Board of Elections

Re: Eagle AI

Dear Members of the Board,

We learned that the Columbia County Board of Elections is in discussions and may have contracted with Eagle AI to provide the Board of Elections or its representative with Eagle AI's Voter Integrity Software. A description of the software forwarded to a member of our Board describes a broad summary of the range of data sources available from Eagle AI, although it is unclear which of these data sources or services will be provided to, used, or employed by the Board of Elections.

The State Election Board ("SEB") is responsible to perform the duties listed in O.C.G.A. §21-2-31. The SEB is tasked with "obtaining uniformity in the practices and proceedings" of election officials and the "legality . . . in all election primaries and elections." The SEB is also charged with the responsibility to "formulate, adopt, and promulgate such rules and regulations, consistent with law as will be conducive to the fair, legal, and orderly conduct of primaries and elections." A critical piece of fair and orderly elections is the use of voter rolls that are current and accurate and contain only individuals who are eligible to vote in Georgia's elections. These efforts must be balanced with the need to maintain absolute integrity of voter rolls and our election systems. We are working closely with the Elections Division of the Secretary of State's office to enhance the

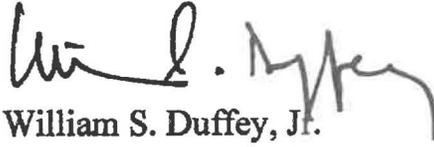
development of accurate voter rolls and their availability to poll workers on voting days.

In recent weeks, the Board has stated its intent to reach out to counties to address issues that come to the Board's attention rather than use the complaint process to identify and address problems only once they have occurred. We are contacting your Board because of the report of a beta test you intend to conduct using third-party Eagle AI's Voter Integrity Software. Based on Eagle AI's description of its software and the data they make available, and the absence of a description of what data or services will be made available to your Board by Eagle AI. The use of Eagle AI software and services may implicate two Georgia statutes: O.C.G.A § 21-2-225 (a) which prohibits voter registration forms or copies of them from being shared with the public. There may also be privacy laws that prohibit sharing of or access to information such as complete dates of birth, driver's license numbers, and social security numbers that would necessarily be included in registration forms and data compilations. Second, SB 222, that was signed into law by the Governor last week, prohibits a private person or entity from providing value for use by county election officials. Not knowing the financial or other details of your proposed arrangement with Eagle AI, if value is provided, this new bill may be implicated.

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage you and your county attorney discuss with Blake Evans, the State Elections Director, the proposed contract, how and what data is shared between Eagle AI, prior to engaging Eagle AI for election related services. Mr. Evans, his counsel at the Secretary of State's office, and their technical staff can help you and your counsel evaluate what Eagle AI offers and identify any legal issues raised by the relationship.

The Board and the Secretary of State's office continue to seek ways to improve the accuracy of our voter registration rolls while protecting the voting process and each eligible voter's right to participate in elections. It is important that voters trust that election administrators protect the data and the processes for which they are responsible. Balancing these occasionally competing interests may be challenging at times. The State Election Board is serious and intentional about serving to protect the election process and help you and other counties navigate these often-complicated issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S. Duffey, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William S. Duffey, Jr.
Chair
State Election Board

cc: State Election Board Members

Blake Evans

Please sign your name below:

Alexander W	Pam Lighty
Mike Wiltse	Ye Sun Wiltse
John Goodrich	Chris Noah
Joe Paricka	Tracy Greenwood
Karal Finch Paricka	John Surrency
Maria Russell	TERRY SURRENCY
Carol + David Lapp	Carolyn Schneider
Kristin Nakers	Tom Schneider
Dana Spitzer	Charles Allen
Ruth Prohaska	Joe Zekun
Betty Surrency	Parin Amin
Celestine James	Kate Allen
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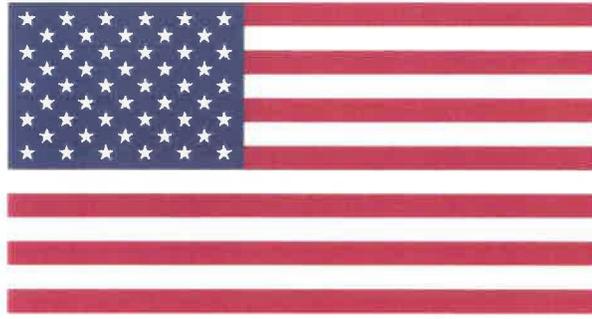
Meeting Date:

December 1, 2023

Please sign your name below:

Priscilla Bence	
Jennie Rahn	
Rev. Christopher Johnson	
Phil Alexander	
Kathy Alexander	
Wendy Sawyer	
Anne Muga	
STEPHEN MUZA	

Meeting Date: Dec 1, 2023



AGENDA

**The Columbia County Board of Elections
Regular Monthly Meeting
BOE Conference Room
January 16, 2024, at 10:30am**

- Call to Order
- Roll Call/Quorum
- Reading and Approval of Agenda
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Old Business
 - Eagle AI - update
- New Business
 - February 13, 2024, Special Election for House District 125
 - 2024 Qualifying, March 4, 2024 - March 8, 2024
 - March 12, 2024, Presidential Preference Primary
 - FY 24/25 Budget
 - Voter Registration Figures
- Next Meeting
 - February 13, 2024 - Election Night, Appling Warehouse
 - February 16, 2024 - Certification, Appling Warehouse
- Adjournment