Chairwoman Silas called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Recited the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda**

- Chairwoman Silas asked for amendments to the agenda. Removed new business number 3 (approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule) and 4 (Proposal to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the start of Board Meetings. Motioned to approve by Ms. Fisher, 2nd by Mr. Bruning. Passed 5-0
- Chairwoman Silas requested to add a Chair update in the Election Office Reports and Updates section. Motion to approve by Ms. Fisher, 2nd by Mr. Bruning. Passed 5-0

**Public Comment**

Chairwoman reduced time for each comment to 3 minutes per speaker due to the number signed up

**Eugene Williams (In Person)** – Commented on political enemies of President Trump trying to remove him from running from President in 2024. We have the right to vote for who we want. Cited Connecticut case. Talked about suppressing voting rights.

**John McLean (In Person)** – Glad to see they are saying the pledge. One of the members did not stand for the pledge. The reluctance has him wondering if we are going to have a fair election in this county. Hopes it isn’t political.

**Hugh Norris (In Person)** – In August he asked to have the pledge. Wanted to know the Board’s stance on the Halderman report. October 9th, pledge failed to get a 2nd. Made him question if the Board has allegiance to America and flag. Questioned why one Board Member did not stand. Chairwoman Silas interjected that no one would be personally attacking a board member.

**Salleigh Grubbs (In Person)** – Praised the Board for stating the Pledge of Allegiance. Commented on the culture of distrust. Legislature have written laws that the Board has to uphold. The SOS office implemented the equipment we have to use. She has an issue with certifying the election. Non-partisan election issue, Dekalb voted to 3-2. Discrepancy report.
Sally Riddle (In Person) – Spoke about poll worker shift work. She sent a survey to individuals in her community. 5 who had not worked but would work if shift work were available and 3 of those had friends that would work if a poll worker could work a partial day shift. Poll worker and assistant manager commented that she would not work again because of the strenuous work and having to take off the day before, after and on Election Day. Suggests sending out survey now to workers.

Pamela Reardon (In Person) – Appreciates the Board and all the workers. Would like some kind of shift work for workers. Thank you for addressing the Pledge. Concerned about certifying elections. Saw multiple addresses voting the same name because of Garvis issues. Please put pressure on the SOS to get this fixed. Also commented on the maps. Attended the federal true the vote and fair fight and is appalled at them wasting the courts time.

Bob Maynard (In Person) – Saw Normandy on recent trip. Thanked the Board for their support on the Pledge. Anytime the Board listens to the public it is a good thing. Is in support of shift work.

Christine Rozman (In Person) – Thanked the Board for pledge. We are the only nation that has free speech. Representing the people. How do you keep the Board of Elections accountable when they are not elected? Chairwoman Cupid is running for re-election and thinks this will be a priority if she is listening to the people.

Leroy Emkin (In Person) – Thanked for stating the Board. One member of the Board did not stand. For anyone to not site the pledge is disrespectful and is despicable. Recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Voter fraud in 2020 election. November 10 Judge in SOS case set for trial. There is mass voter fraud with Dominion voting machines. Urges Board to pressure the SOS.

Kathy McLean (In Person) – Really concerned for our Country. We all want the same things. There is so much hate and distrust. This is not a partisan issue. Whose rules do we live by? Where is your philosophy of life? Asked Board to do what is right.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- October 9, 2023, Regular Meeting - Mr. Bruning motioned to approve, 2nd by Ms. Fisher. Passed 5-0
- November 7, 2023 – Special Called Meeting - Mr. Bruning motioned to approve, 2nd by Ms. Fisher. Passed 5-0

New Business

- Interim Director Gerry Miller gave election summary report and scrolled the precinct. Uploaded the 18 Provisional ballots last night and did not change any results.
- Certification of the November 7, 2023 Municipal General Election Results. Moved to certify the results Bruning, 2nd by Efrat.
  - Discussion
    - Debbie Fisher – sees no reason to certify. Issues of concern: inconsistencies in reporting with the SOS; Garvis and Epulse issues. Encourage this board strongly to do a mock election and seeing if this report is syncing with our system. Only received part of the report requested. Wants to know what created the difference of 6 votes. Chairwoman Silas restated and Debbie Fisher clarified that epulse came up with 6 different votes.
    - Jennifer Mosbacher – 6 votes transferred over to Garvis from Epulse.
- Epulse is the operating system for the poll pads for check in. GARVIS is the voter management plus system. They should have been synced and there were 6 votes that checked in Epulse that were not reported in Garvis. We moved them from Epulse to Garvis so they match.

- Voted to certify the election 4-1. Debbie Fisher in dissent.

**Division Reports**

- Post-election clean up and getting evidence to reports.
- Current staffing report

November 2nd a letter was sent to the SOS from GAVREO Region 3 members. Outlined ongoing concerns for GARVIS. Received letter back from SOS on November 3rd. Shows commitment this Board has to our elections. On evening of November 7th, Salleigh Grubbs sent an email indicating anomalies in roster. Reviewed the data on November 8th and with the SOS still through this morning. Fully aware of concerns that are being raised. Some things are not within our control, but we will respond to anything that are in our control. Trying to understand these anomalies. November 12th Ms. Grubbs requested a hand recount of the election. In consultation with Daniel, the Board declined the request for a hand recount under these circumstances.

**Old Business**

- Still waiting on response from Communications Director. Looking at changing the time of the meeting.

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter Executive Session for the discussion of legal matters by Mr. Bruning. 2nd by Ms. Fisher passed 5-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 4:08 pm.

At 4:32 pm Mr. Bruning motioned to return from Executive Session. 2nd by Ms. Fisher. Passed 5-0.

**Board Member Comments**

**Debbie Fisher** - Thanked the elections workers. Thanked the fellow Board members for the Pledge of Allegiance and that America gives people the freedom to choose to say the pledge.

**Tori Silas** – Acknowledged Interim Director Miller and the Division Managers. Appreciated everyone’s work and being responsive to requests from Board. Complaint from Ms. Grubbs thanked Ms. Mosbacher for her work to help. Role of this Board, read prepared statement. We can disagree without being disagreeable. Oath to uphold the Constitution of the US and the State of Ga, do our best, true and perfect returns, Read rest of Oath. It is not often that I respond to public comment.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**
- December 11, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. Certification (BOC Room, 100 Cherokee Street)

**Adjournment**
- Chairwoman Silas adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.
November 14, 2023 minutes prepared by:
Karlie Brooks, Department Secretary

November 14, 2023 minutes reviewed by:

[Signature]
Stacy Efrat, Board Secretary