



House of Representatives

December 10, 2020

The Honorable Chris Carr
Office of Attorney General
State of Georgia
40 Capitol Square, SW
Atlanta, GA 30334

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We are officially requesting the Attorney General's office to open an investigation into the Spalding County Board of Elections and Registration's (hereinafter, the "Spalding County BOE") failure to conduct its board meetings in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A.") and failing to conduct its meetings according to its own by-laws. (A copy of the Spalding County BOE's by-laws is attached to this correspondence and labeled as Exhibit 1). The Spalding County BOE's by-laws state that "meetings of the Board and any committees shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A." Rule 5-1 of Exhibit 1.

Specifically, violations have been observed in (1) scheduling and notice of meeting requirements, (2) agenda creation and posting requirements, (3) summaries and minutes of meetings requirements, and (4) executive sessions requirements as prescribed Chapter 14 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A. and the respective sections in Article 5 of the Spalding County BOE by-laws.

As evidenced via the Spalding County BOE web page, the numerous and repeated failures point to a systematic violation of the legal requirements for open meetings. (A screen capture of the Spalding County BOE's web page, which was created on December 9th at 5:22 pm, is attached to this correspondence and labeled as Exhibit 2). Further, the public's right to observe the process by which local officials make decisions that affect their communities and lives has been entirely disregarded. This violation of legal, governmental, and societal norms is troubling to us and many of our constituents. We are prepared to assist in any way possible, and we look forward to seeing the results of this investigation.

Respectfully,

David Knight
Representative, District 130

Dr. Karen Mathiak
Representative, District 73

Attachments

CC: The Honorable Brian Kemp, Governor
The Honorable David Ralston, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State
The Honorable Shaw Blackmon, Chairman, House Governmental Affairs Committee