

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

CHRISTOPHER MORA, KELI GAMBRILL,)
and GREG DOLEZAL, individually and)
and in his/her capacity as a candidate)
for public office in the May 19, 2026)
General Primary Election and as a)
qualified elector in the state of Georgia,)

Petitioners,

vs.

BRAD RAFFENSPERGER, in his official)
capacity as Secretary of State of the)
State of Georgia,)

Respondent.

CIVIL ACTION
FILE NO. 26CV007174

ORDER GRANTING TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

This matter came before the Court on Petitioners' Verified Petition for Writ of Mandamus, Temporary Restraining Order, and Injunctive Relief and supporting affidavits filed on May 18, 2026. The Court held an ex parte hearing on the morning of May 19, 2026, for which counsel for the Petitioners was present. The Respondents had an opportunity to respond but did not.

Having considered the Verified Petition, the attached affidavits of the Petitioners, the exhibits thereto, and the entire record, and it appearing to the Court that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to Petitioners before Respondent can be heard in opposition, the Court finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action.
2. Petitioners have demonstrated a substantial likelihood of success on the merits of their claims. Georgia law expressly entitles properly designated poll watchers to observe "the conduct of the election and the counting and

recording of votes” at tabulation centers and related locations, including the Secretary of State’s central aggregation and reporting processes. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408(d). All proceedings at tabulating centers “shall be open to the view of the public.” O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-379.11(b), 21-2-483(b). The State Election Board possesses independent statutory oversight authority that requires meaningful real-time access to these processes. O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-30, 21-2-31.

3. Petitioners will suffer immediate and irreparable injury if relief is not granted. Election Day is tomorrow, May 19, 2026. Without immediate access for poll watchers and SEB observers, the transparency guaranteed by statute will be permanently lost once results are tabulated, aggregated, verified, and reported. No adequate remedy at law exists to restore the status quo after the fact.
4. The balance of equities favors Petitioners. The requested relief imposes no meaningful burden on Respondent — it merely requires compliance with existing statutory obligations. The harm to Petitioners and the public from denial of observation rights far outweighs any minimal administrative inconvenience.
5. The public interest strongly favors granting the TRO. Public confidence in the integrity of Georgia’s elections — particularly when the chief election official is a candidate in the very election being administered — depends on robust, independent observation of tabulation and aggregation processes.
6. Petitioners have satisfied the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-65(b) for issuance of a TRO without notice. Immediate and irreparable injury will result before Respondent can be heard, and counsel for Petitioners has certified the reasons why notice should not be required given the extreme time sensitivity of Election Day.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioners’ request for a Temporary Restraining Order is GRANTED as follows:

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

Effective immediately upon issuance of this Order and continuing through the close of business on Election Day, May 19, 2026 (or until further order of this Court), Respondent Brad Raffensperger, in his official capacity as Secretary of State, and his officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons in active concert or participation with him who receive actual notice of this Order by personal service or otherwise, are hereby:

1. Prohibited from excluding or restricting properly designated poll watchers (appointed pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-408 by any candidate or political party) from observing the tabulation, aggregation, verification, and reporting of election results at the Secretary of State's central office, Election Night Reporting Room, or any other facility or location where county results are received, processed, aggregated, verified, recorded or reported on May 19, 2026;
2. Prohibited from excluding or restricting State Election Board-designated observers, monitors, or authorized representatives from observing the same tabulation, aggregation, verification, and reporting processes at the locations described above;
3. Directed to immediately instruct all staff, contractors, and county election officials under his supervision to admit said poll watchers and SEB observers to the aforementioned locations and to afford them reasonable proximity and vantage points from which they can meaningfully observe all activities without interfering with the orderly conduct of election operations; and
4. Directed to take all necessary steps to ensure full compliance with O.C.G.A. §§ 21-2-408, 21-2-379.11(b), 21-2-483(b), 21-2-493, 21-2-499, and related transparency provisions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no bond shall be required of Petitioners, as this action is brought in the public interest and the TRO enforces clear statutory rights. O.C.G.A. § 9-11-65(c).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Temporary Restraining Order shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest of (i) 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2026, or (ii) further order of this Court. The Court will conduct a hearing on Petitioners' request for an interlocutory injunction on May 28, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Melynee Leftridge in the Fulton County Superior Court (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard). Respondent may appear and be heard at that time.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of May, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.



The Honorable Ural Glanville
Superior Court Judge
Fulton County, Georgia