

Minutes
City of Virginia Beach
Electoral Board
Meeting of March 5, 2019

The Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting was called to order by D.A. Ablowich, Chairman at 10:04 AM, Tuesday, March 5, 2019 with other Electoral Board members present: Lauralee Grim, Vice Chairman and Tim Barrow, Secretary. Also present was Donna Patterson, Director of Elections/General Registrar, and Christine Lewis, Deputy Registrar. These minutes constitute the account of proceedings required by the Code of Virginia §24.2-107 and are prepared in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order 11th Edition.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- a. Hearing from Citizens and Delegations
- b. Approval of Minutes –February 5, 2019 Electoral Board meeting
February 25, 2019 Special Electoral Board Meeting
- c. Court Ordered Redistricting
 - (1) Implementing House District Changes
 - (2). Split Precinct
- d. Absentee Voting
 - (1) Pre-Processing
 - (2) No excuse Voting
 - (3) In-Person Absentee (Satellite) voting locations for Nov. 2020 Election
- e. Election Center Facility Status
- f. Campaign Finance Report Civil Penalties
- g. Other such business as may be brought before the Board.

Upon a motion by L. Grim and properly seconded, the proposed agenda was discussed and approved by voice vote.

There were no citizens present to address the Electoral Board.

Upon a motion by T. Barrow and properly seconded, the minutes of the Electoral Board meetings of February 5, 2019 and February 25, 2019 were approved by voice vote.

Court-Ordered Redistricting. C. Lewis provided a brief status report of the changes to Virginia legislative districts now being considered by the Supreme Court. Our local changes have been made in VERIS. After all localities have made their changes to VERIS, ELECT will specify when the new house districts will become effective. At that time letters will be sent to the affected voters.

A discussion of our single split precinct (Pembroke – 039) followed, with the Board identifying several issues that need to be addressed. C. Lewis will check with other localities that have experience with split precincts and determine best practices for additional discussion at the April Board meeting.

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Absentee Voting. Laura Kane and Annick Koumal, registrar staff, joined the meeting to participate in the absentee balloting discussions. March 28 at 5:00 PM is the deadline for candidate filings for the June primary election. Pre-processing of absentee ballots will be done for the primary election in order to establish procedures and prepare for general election pre-processing. Tentatively five days prior to the June primary election day will be scheduled and approximately 10 CAP officers of election will be involved.

At about 10:35 AM, Mr. Jeff Charity, Chesapeake Criminal Justice Board, joined the meeting as an observer.

The Code of Virginia change providing for no excuse absentee voting will become effective July 1, 2020, and will become the subject of discussion at a later date.

C. Lewis is pursuing a plan to identify additional satellite voting locations for the November 2020 General Election. In addition to the Great Neck and Bayside Recreation Centers, and the Courthouse Fire Station, the following locations are under consideration: Kempsville Treasurer's Office. Bow Creek Recreation Center, and Rudee Fire Station.

D. Patterson will be discussing with Mr. Michael Kirschman, the new Parks and Recreation Director, about a standard policy at the recreation centers used for absentee voting, including candidate signs and campaign workers outside the 40 foot line.

Election Center Status. D. Patterson reported that Gary Arnold, City Architect, will be providing draft plans for the interior configuration of the site under consideration for the new Election Center. She will be meeting again with B. Shockley, G. Arnold and the building owner next week for additional discussions. The Board noted the significant improvement in recognizing the important, but constrained, time line for this project, and the movement towards completion of the election center concept.

Campaign Finance Report Civil Penalties. D. Patterson provided an update pertaining to the two candidates who have significant civil fines remaining unpaid. They have been referred to the Commonwealth Attorney and no longer fall under the responsibility of the General Registrar/Director of Elections or Electoral Board.

Other business. Tammy Alexander, ELECT staff, will be conducting regional training sessions for campaign finance reporting on Friday, March 22 at 9:00 AM and 1:45 PM in the Building 14 Conference Room.

The current Virginia Beach City Public Schools calendar has the schools starting at the regular time on the March Presidential Primary Election Day in 2020. They may consider a two hour delay in start time.

New officer of election training will take place on March 12, 20, and 28 in the Building 14 Conference Room. This is a voluntary training session for new officers.

D. Paterson will participate in a tabletop exercise in Richmond on April 17 for general registrars/directors of election.

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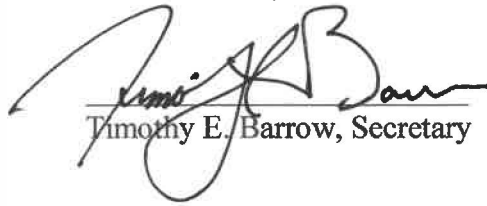
The next meeting of the Electoral Board will be held on Tuesday April 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Having completed its work, the board meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM, Tuesday March 5, 2019.



D.A. Ablowich, Chairman



Lauralee Grim, Vice Chairman



Timothy E. Barrow, Secretary