

Virginia Beach Electoral Board Minutes
Emergency Hearing
June 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM by Vice Chair Lauralee Grim with Board Secretary Tim Barrow and Director of Elections and Voter Registration Donna Patterson in attendance. Chairman Al Albowich could not attend this meeting. Also, in attendance were Justin Burns, Chris Marston, and John Doucette of the Princess Anne Independent News.

This emergency hearing was called for the expressed purpose of determining the sufficiency of signatures for a potential 2020 School Board Candidate. In advance of the meeting, the potential candidate received notice that of the 143 signatures submitted, only 119 were verified and thus did not meet the 125-signature threshold. Supporting documents regarding an appeal process and needed documentation were sent to the candidate. (Code of Virginia 24.2-506 and Virginia Administrative Codes 1VAC 20-50-20 and 1VAC 20-50-30)

Having received a notarized request for an appeal on Monday, June 15, 2020, the Office of Elections and Voter Registration notified the potential candidate of a meeting time and place for the appeal of Friday, June 10, 2020, 11 AM. The Director on Elections and Voter Registration received the required list of rejected signatures with the specific reason for each signature reconsideration (24.2-506 C1) on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 as required.

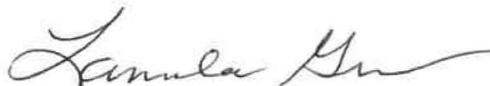
After reviewing the reason for the emergency meeting call and the procedures followed as noted above, Mr. Burns was invited to speak to the Board. Through Mr. Marston, they indicated that they would like to hear the results of the investigation by the Office of Elections and Voter Registration. Director of Elections Patterson shared the results of the office's detailed review of the list of eleven (11) submitted names. She reported that 6 signatures could be declared valid based on the additional information provided.

Mr. Barrow offered a motion that as the Office of Elections and Voter Registration has verified 6 additional signatures based on the information provided by Mr. Burns, the candidate now has provided the required number of valid signatures to qualify to appear on the ballot. By a vote of 2-0 the Virginia Beach Electoral Board approved this motion.

Mr. Burns and Mr. Marston thanked the Office for their hard work and expressed appreciation of their efforts.

Having completed its work, the board meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM, June 19, 2020.

D.A. Ablowich, Chairman



Lauralee Grim, Vice Chairman



Timothy E. Barrow, Secretary