

Minutes
Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting

Thursday, September 3 at 9:00 AM
2nd Floor Conference Room, Building 14
Virginia Beach Municipal Center

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Marks @ 9:00 AM with Board Secretary Tim Barrow and Board Vice-Chair Lauralee Grim present. Also present was Donna Patterson, Director of Elections/General Registrar. Visitors attending were: Robin Kessler and Amy Myers representing the Democratic Party of Virginia and Tyler Lincks, Sales Representative with Printelect.
2. *Adoption of the Agenda & Approval of Minutes:* T. Barrow moved that the agenda for the 9/3/20 Meeting and the Minutes of the 8/25/20 Board Meeting be approved. L. Grim seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Information Items:
 - Status of election law changes pending before General Assembly. Based on news reports and Committee actions in both Houses of the General Assembly, it appears probable that the proposed election law changes will be adopted. Major proposed changes include: eliminating the witness requirement, adding paid return postage to absentee ballot return envelopes, and adding requirements for drop off locations for absentee ballots at General Registrar's Office, satellite locations when voting occurs there, and at precincts on election day.
 - The Federal District Court in Richmond issued an order deleting the name of Kanye West as an independent candidate on the November Presidential ballot in Virginia. This will clear the way for ballots to be printed.
 - A court decision requiring additional accommodations for visually impaired citizens was issued. ELECT will provide implementation procedures.
4. *Action Item Authorizing Drop Off Locations.* In response to probable General Assembly action, T. Barrow moved and L. Grim seconded a motion directing D. Patterson to proceed as soon as possible with acquisition of six drop boxes to receive absentee by mail ballots at the General Registrar's office and our four satellite locations. The motion was approved unanimously.
5. *Next Meeting of Board.* The next meeting of the Board that previously announced for 9 AM Monday 9/21/20 was reset to 1 PM on Tuesday 9/22/20 at a location to be determined.
6. *Adjournment.* There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Approved:

Jeffrey Marks, Chair

Lauralee Grim, Vice-Chair

Timothy Barrow, Secretary

