

Minutes  
Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 29 at 9:00 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, Building 14  
Virginia Beach Municipal Center

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Marks @ 9:10 AM with Board Secretary, Tim Barrow, Board Vice-Chair, Lauralee Grim and Deputy Registrar Christine Lewis present. Also present were Danielle Progen And Joe Cerley with Virginia Beach Emergency Management. Visitors attending were Robin Kessler and Amy Myers representing the Democratic Party of Virginia.
  
2. *Adoption of the Agenda & Approval of Minutes:* T. Barrow moved that the agenda for the 9/29/20 Meeting and the Minutes of the 9/22/20 Board Meeting be approved. L. Grim seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
  
3. *Motion to Move into Closed Session:* Pursuant to the exemption from open meetings allowed by § 2.2-3711 A1 and A34 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, L. Grim moved that this meeting of the Board be recessed into closed session for the following purposes: Discussion of election security and General Registrar personnel issues.  
Moved by: L. Grim Seconded by: T. Barrow  
RECORDED VOTE:  
Marks YES  
Grim YES  
Barrow YES
  
4. *Motion to Reconvene in Open Session:* Pursuant to § 2.2-3712 D Closed meeting procedures; certification of proceedings, T. Barrow moved that the Board move to open session and certified that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Electoral Board, specifically, election security and General Registrar personnel issues.  
Moved by: T. Barrow  
Seconded by: L. Grim  
RECORDED VOTE:  
Marks YES  
Grim YES  
Barrow YES
  
5. *Information Items:*
  - J. Marks reported that Director of Elections Donna Patterson had been subpoenaed to testify in a court case challenging Virginia Beach City Council Districts scheduled to begin on October 16, 2020. Both D. Patterson and J. Marks have contacted the City Attorney's office requesting that her appearance, if necessary, be scheduled to minimize disruption of her duties during November 3,2020 election preparations.
  - In-person absentee voting is continuing in Building 14 and is averaging 900 per day. There have been no major problems. A fire alarm temporarily interrupted voting. Voter complaints focused on campaigning and lack of masks in the voter line.
  - A mailbox type drop box with security camera for absentee by-mail ballots has been ordered and should be installed by the week of 10/5/20. Until then, ballots will be collected by GR staff in a portable ballot box in a tent at the back of Building 14. Portable Drop off boxes are being purchased for satellite locations and precincts for delivery the week of 10/12/20.

- Staff of the General Registrar and Clerk of Court continue to work with the Virginia Beach Convention Center to investigate location of election day and canvas activities in the Center.

6. *Next Meeting of Board.* The next meeting of the Board was set for 9:00 AM on Friday 10/7/20 in Building 14.

7. *Adjournment.* There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Approved:

Jeffrey Marks, Chair

Lauralee Grim, Vice-Chair

Timothy Barrow, Secretary

The image shows three handwritten signatures in blue ink, each written over a horizontal line. The first signature is for Jeffrey Marks, the second for Lauralee Grim, and the third for Timothy Barrow. The signatures are stylized and cursive. There is also a large, overlapping blue scribble or signature that appears to be written over the other signatures.