

Minutes  
Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 7 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 @ 9:00 AM with Board Secretary, Tim Barrow and Board Vice-Chair, Lauralee Grim in attendance. General Registrar Donna Patterson attended by tele-conference. 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 10/7/20 Meeting be approved. L. Grim seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Approval of the minutes of the 9/29/20 Board Meeting was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.
  
3. *Information Items:*
  - Demand for absentee by mail ballots continues extraordinarily strong with over 55,000 ballots requested. Over 14,000 have been returned and pre-processed.
  - Strong In-person absentee voting is continuing in Building 14 and is averaging nearly 900 per day. There have been no major problems. Voter complaints focused on campaigning and lack of masks in the voter line. To date, 13,300 ballots have been cast in person.
  - A mailbox type drop box with security camera for absentee by-mail ballots is being prepared for installation and operation by 10/10/20. Until then, ballots will continue to 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.
  - Registrations continue to increase as the registration deadline of October 13th approaches. Registrations currently exceed 318,000 with over 2,000 pending.
  - Arrangements have been made for all election day Central Absentee Precinct, General Registrar and Clerk of Court staff and Board of Elections activities related to the Canvas and certification of the 11/3/20 election to be housed in the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Secure movement of election materials and equipment to conduct these activities from the Municipal Center to The Convention Center will be arranged for the weekend prior to the election. D. Patterson reported that there was adequate dividable space in the Center to securely conduct the various election activities simultaneously.
  
4. *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

5. *Motion to Reconvene in Open Session:* Pursuant to § 2.2-3712 D Closed meeting procedures; certification of proceedings, T. Barrow moved at 10:10AM that the Board reconvene in 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: L. Grim Seconded by: T. Barrow

RECORDED VOTE:

Marks YES

Grim YES

Barrow YES

6. *Next Meeting of Board.* The next meeting of the Board was set for 11:00 AM on Friday 10/16/20 in the Building 14 Conference Room.

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 top signature is the most prominent and appears to be 'Jeffrey Marks'. The middle signature is 'Lauralee Grim' and the bottom signature is 'Timothy Barrow'. There is also a large, stylized signature above the middle line that overlaps with the other two.