

## **City of Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting Minutes**

June 29, 2021

Building 14, Municipal Complex

The Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jeffrey Marks at 5:00 PM, June 29, 2021, with other Electoral Board members present David Belote, Vice Chair and Lauralee Grim, Secretary. Also present were Donna Patterson, General Registrar/Director of Elections (GR) and Deputy Registrar Christine Lewis. These minutes constitute the account of proceedings required by the Code of Virginia (COV) §24.2-107.

There were citizen observers/representatives attending the meeting: Susan Potter of the Virginia Beach Democratic Party, Matthias Paul Telkamp, Sandra Brandt, Second Congressional District Democratic Chair, as well as Voter Registration members Christian Logan, Jennifer Halpin, Laura Kane, Tina White, and Annick Koumal.

The agenda for the meeting was approved with various items listed postponed to later meetings. Those items included new laws enacted and effective in 2021, third-party vendor, talking points from Department of Elections training, CIP Electronic Pollbook Expo, and closed session discussion of the General Registrar's evaluation. (Grim)

The minutes of the June 8 meeting were approved with the understanding that only approximately 6000 voters were removed from the voting rolls based on failure to vote in the past 2 federal elections or respond to notice regarding lack of participation in the voting process. (Belote)

Director Patterson updated the Board on the status of the ELECT waiver request to maintain split precincts until after the redistricting process. As required by ELECT, City Council had to review and approve the request. Ms. Patterson will submit the request, along with documentation from the June 15 City Council meeting where a resolution was adopted in support of maintaining current precinct organization.

Director Patterson and Deputy Lewis shared payment information for each election regarding Election Officials. The base pay for each category has been increased by \$12 per day. Each official who attends training will continue to receive \$20.00. The supplement for picking up and returning election supplies remains at \$25.00 each way.

The issue of the new Absentee ballot envelope will be on a future agenda as ELECT announced on June 29 that refinements were still being made. Staff noted that there are still stamped envelopes available for the early voting process.

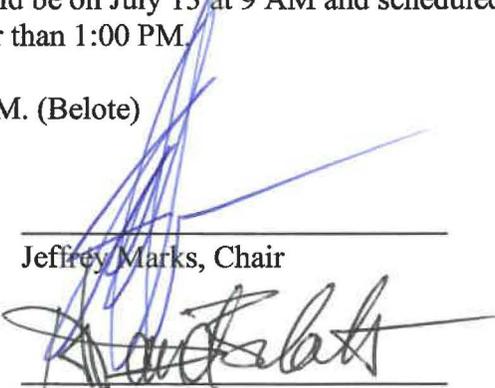
Deputy Director Lewis shared an update on the voting location for the following precincts, 0025 Avalon, 0047 Kings Grant, 0053 Shannon, 0057 Sherry Park, 0074 Buckner, 0097 Indian River, 0098 Independence. No voter will be reassigned to a different precinct. The goal would be to have only one precinct voting in one location. The Board authorized the staff to forward all changes made to accomplish this goal to City Council for action. (Belote).

The new law regarding local option for early voting on Sundays was described prior to offering the citizens in attendance an opportunity to speak on the matter. Each citizen in attendance was given the opportunity to speak prior to Board decision. A brief recess occurred at 6:15 PM. Noting that in the 2017 election cycle the office was opened for 3 Saturdays for Absentee Voting, Vice-Chair Belote offered the following motion: the Board authorizes the trial of Sunday voting on October 17 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Building 14. Saturday voting will occur only on October 23 and October 30 at building 14; and all satellite sites will observe the same hours as previous years. The motion passed on a vote of 2 -1.

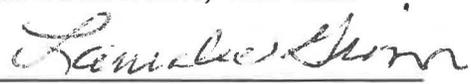
Director Patterson notified the Board that the Central Library had agreed to serve as a Satellite voting site. This request was made due to the planned demolition of the Kempsville site. Locations for satellite voting for the November 2021 election also include Bayside Recreation Center, Great Neck Recreation Center, and Seatack Recreation Center. These 4 sites and Building 14 will be opened for absentee early voting beginning Monday, October 18 through October 30, excluding Sundays.

The Board noted that the next meeting would be on July 13 at 9 AM and scheduled the following meeting for August 12, 9:30 AM to no later than 1:00 PM.

A motion to adjourn was adopted at 6:15 PM. (Belote)

  
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Jeffrey Marks, Chair

  
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H. David Belote, Vice Chair

  
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Lauralee Grim, Secretary