Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
07 December 2022

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), Rod Hallum (Vice Chairman), Geoffrey McFather (Secretary), and Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)/General Registrar (GR)).

The minutes of the 02 November 2022 Electoral Board Meeting were read. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as written. Once signed by the Electoral Board Members, the minutes were delivered to the DE for filing.

Secretary's Report.

1. No Secretary's Report was proposed or offered.

General Registrar's Report.

1. GR reported that she has liaised with Rosanna Bencoach (Norfolk Registrar Office) regarding her experience as a former member of the Virginia State Department of Elections, the former GR of Charlottesville, VA and her current responsibilities within the Norfolk Registrar's Office. Specific conversation addressed with Ms. Bencoach focused on the referral of Candidates to the jurisdictional Commonwealth Attorney who fail to timely remediate Campaign Finance deficiencies and/or pay civil penalties assessed for failure to comply or remediate. Significant conversation ensued regarding the appropriate way for the GR to address and refer such matters. The Secretary advised the EB that VA Code § 24.2-946.3(F) requires the GR to refer such failure to comply or remediate to the Commonwealth Attorney who shall initiate civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalties assessed by the GR. The EB agreed that further communication needs to be initiated with the IOW Commonwealth Attorney.
2. GR addressed her communications with the IOW HR Department to try and restructure the pay scale and job classification to mirror the Commissioner of the Revenue job classification model. The EB asked the GR if EB involvement at this point is being requested or is desirable? The GR responded that no EB assistance is requested at this time. GR discussions with HR are ongoing.

Motion was made, seconded and a unanimous vote rendered to accept the General Registrar's Report as delivered.

New Business.

1. Secretary asked whether the Chairman has liaised with the Chair of the Democratic Committee of Isle of Wight County (Joe Puglisi) regarding his submission of the requisite documentation to renominate Chairman Inetha Holmes and two additional potential candidates for the IOW Circuit Court consideration and appointment for the upcoming 3-year term commencing January 1, 2023. The Chairman confirmed that Joe Puglisi will be submitting all necessary documentation to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the next several days.
2. Secretary proposed the EB schedule a "Lessons Learned" session to review and consider suggestions and recommendations submitted by the Precinct Chiefs this last election cycle to improve service to the public and within their own staffs going forward. General discussion ensued. GR asked to pull together a collection of the Precinct Chief recommendations for EB review and discussion. A date for a "Lessons Learned" session will be discussed and selected under "Old Business" during the January 2023 EB Meeting.

Old Business.

1. Secretary report he reached out to the IOW Assistant County Administrator regarding how he prefers FOIA Requests be handled by the GR. Don requested that the GR handle directly all 'routine' FOIA requests and only involve his office regarding FOIA Requests that have the potential to receive wider visibility.

Good of the Order.

None was offered or discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM

Inetha Holmes, Chairman

Rod Hallum, Vice-Chairman

Geoffrey McFather, Secretary