Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
Special Called Meeting
14 July 2022

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, 14 July 2022 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), Caleb Kitchen (Vice Chairman), and Geoffrey McFather (Secretary).

Secretary's Report:

1. The Secretary informed the Electoral Board that the purpose of the Special Called Meeting was to discuss the fact that three separate citizens had recently filed FOIA Requests with the Registrar's Office requesting copies of the Candidate Petitions for several of the 14 Candidates for the upcoming November General Election. After reviewing the Candidate Petitions of the several FOIA requests, the Secretary advised the Electoral Board that it would be prudent for the Electoral Board to personally review all 14 of the Candidate Petition packages to determine each package's conformity with the provisions of 1 VAC 20-50-20 (Material Omissions).
2. The Secretary briefed the Chairman and Vice Chairman on the various itemized provisions of 1 VAC 20-50-20 and provided both with highlighted copies of the cited Code section.

Work Session:

1. The Electoral Board Members, working together, reviewed each of the 14 Candidate Packages identifying either conformity or deviation of each packaged petition with the requirements of 1 VAC 20-50-20.
2. The Electoral Board determined that 7 of the 14 Candidate Packages contained "material omissions" such that the affected candidate would not have achieved the minimum number of registered voter nominating signatures to qualify the subject candidate to be "qualified" by the IOW County Registrar or "certified" by the State Department of Elections to have the candidate's name appear on the November 2022 General Election ballot.
3. Discussion ensued as to what proper recourse options might be available to the Electoral Board including, but not limited to the provisions of 1 VAC 20-50-30, County Attorney advise and counsel, Virginia State Department of Elections advise and counsel, IOW Circuit Court judgement, etc.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved at 11:15 AM to recess the Special Meeting in order to allow additional independent research into proper recourse options with the intention of resuming the Special Meeting at 1:00 PM on July 25, 2022.

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Inetha Holmes, Chairman

Caleb Kitchen, Vice-Chairman

Geoffrey McFather, Secretary