Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
05 January 2022

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 05 January 2022 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM. Members present were Inetha Holmes (Chairman), William Bell (Retiring Secretary), Caleb Kitchen (newly-nominated Board Member), Geoffrey McFather (newly-appointed Board Member), and Lisa Betterton (Director of Elections (DE)).

The minutes of the 01 December 2021 Board Meeting were read, approved, signed, and delivered to the DE for filing.

The Chairman's first order of business was to determine who would fill each of the leadership positions for the 2022 Electoral Board Term. It was moved, seconded and approved that Inetha Holmes will continue as Chairman and Geoffrey McFather will serve as Secretary. Since Caleb Kitchen's nomination is still 'pending', the position of Vice Chairman remains open.

Secretary's Report.

1. Being newly appointed, Geoffrey McFather did not offer a Report.
2. Past/retiring Secretary, William Bell, offered a high-level synopsis of the redistricting events, challenges and considerations the Board will need to address and solve in the near-term.

General Registrar's Report.

1. The DE briefed the new Board on the ongoing Human Resources position evaluation and efforts to restructure the office in light of one of her personnel resigning and relocating out-of-state.
2. The DE offered a review and discussion regarding the Redistricting Map. Significant discussion ensued. Issues and concerns include:
    a. The two newly grey-shaded sections near the Town of Windsor to the immediate left of the bold black line separating the newly-formed 83rd and 84th Districts should be investigated for possible conversion to yellow-shaded coding.
    b. Each polling location must be within or not more than 1 mile outside of the given voting precinct's boundary lines.
    c. The two newly pink-shaded sections immediately northeast of the Town of Windsor to the immediate right of the bold black line separating the newly-formed 83rd and 84th Districts should be investigated for possible conversion to grey-shaded coding.

d. The grey-shaded slice along Poor House Road was reportedly retained to ensure access to the precinct polling location.
e. Caleb Kitchen committed to engage the IOW County Attorney regarding the pros, cons and acceptable alternatives regarding the several redistricting issues and challenges addressed above.

New Business.

1. The DE requested that the new Board Members provide their contact information including email addresses and mobile numbers to her ASAP.
2. The DE addressed both the upcoming VEBA Bootcamp intended for the new Board Members (Feb 5th and Mar 18th) and the upcoming VEBA Annual Meeting (Mar 18th-20th).

Old Business.

1. Discussion ensued surrounding Senate Bill (SB) 3 which provides that elected officials will have access to information regarding how voters cast their votes regarding each candidate. The language of SB3 can be found at https://lis.virginia.gov
2. William Bell indicated that prior to the end of his term as a Board Member, he spoke with the vendors regarding the upcoming ballot issues and concerns. Mr. Bell has indicated he will share the specifics of his discussions with the Board Members.
3. The next IOW Election will be held the 3rd Tuesday in June (Jun 21st) IF there is to be a Primary.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM

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Inetha Holmes, Chairman

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TBD, Vice-Chairman

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Geoffrey McFather, Secretary