Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
04 January 2023

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 04 January 2023 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)). Also attending the meeting was Georgette Phillips (IOW County Commonwealth Attorney).

The minutes of the 07 December 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 the Candidate Filing Procedures have been updated and one candidate has already visited the Registrar to request a packet. The packet includes links to county and state documents needed to both inform and guide candidates regarding their various responsibilities, reporting, and compliance requirements.

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

New Business.

1. The Secretary reminded the EB and the Commonwealth Attorney that VA Code § 24.2-946.3(F) requires the GR to refer Candidates for Elected Office who fail to comply with, or remediate, their Campaign Finance Reporting to the Commonwealth Attorney who shall initiate civil proceedings to enforce the civil penalties assessed by the GR. The Commonwealth Attorney advised the EB that her office has taken the matters related to Candidate Vines and Candidate Dial for action. The Commonwealth Attorney and the EB engaged in a review of the facts surrounding both Candidates to ensure we were "all on the same page." The Commonwealth Attorney sought to clarify whether the EB planned to grant Candidate Vines' request for a waiver of the fines assessed by the GR. The EB advised the Commonwealth Attorney that the EB was not aware of any provision of the VA Code that grants the EB the authority to grant such waiver. The Commonwealth Attorney concurred with the EB that she also was unable to identify any specific

authority granted to the EB to waive assessed fines. Accordingly, the Commonwealth Attorney will move forward with her enforcement authorities as detailed in the VA Code.

Old Business.

1. The Secretary revisited prior plans for 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. The Secretary asked the GR to pull together a consolidated list of inputs from the Chiefs for the EB to review. The date selected by the EB for a “Lessons Learned” session will be as part of the February 1, 2023 Electoral Board Meeting.

Good of the Order.

None was offered or discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 PM

Inetha Holmes, Chairman

Rod Hallum, Vice-Chairman

Geoffrey McFather, Secretary