Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
04 October 2023

The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, 04 October 2023 at the General Registrar's Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 13 September 2023 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 offered this meeting. Instead, the Secretary deferred to topics on the Agenda to be addressed by the General Registrar.

General Registrar's Report.

1. The GR reported that the early voter count "to date" is approaching 600 voters.
2. The GR reported that voters have been dropping off absentee ballots into the new Early Voting Drop Box on the front porch of the Registrar's Office. The GR also reported her staff empty the Drop Box twice/day . . . first thing in the morning and at the close of the day prior to closing time.
3. The GR confirmed that "Pre-Processing" of Absentee Ballots begins the Tuesday prior to the election.
4. The GR answered EB Questions regarding the process of receiving, validating, curing and pre-processing absentee ballots. The Secretary asked the GR to capture the additional amount of time the Registrar is having to expend to accommodate the increased number of absentee ballots being requested and processed so the EB can advocate (with meaningful and demonstrative data) the need to increase/expand the number of Registrar Staff personnel.

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

New Business.

1. The EB discussed concerns expressed by several citizens that they were not aware of Candidate Forums that have been scheduled to occur and wondered what the EB was doing to "get the word out" about such scheduled events. After considerable discussion, the EB decided that it is the duty of the campaigns to

publicize/advertise planned Candidate Forums. The EB decided that it is not appropriate for the EB to engage in the advertising and promotion of such events.
2. The Vice Chairman asked the EB to discuss considerations and 'things for the EB to be aware of' regarding how 'Write-in Candidates' (including our post-election reporting, Campaign Finance Reporting, etc.) are to be handled during the upcoming General Election. Productive and informative discussion ensued.

Old Business.

1. The Vice-Chairman resurfaced the ADA matter for brief discussion. The Vice-Chairman reported that at the Walters Precinct (Walters Ruritan Building), the owner installed set of stairs, door and a supporting concrete base at the back of the building which now encroach on the formerly ADA-Compliant ramp space at the front entrance to the ramp. Due to the new concrete steps, the required 60"x60" spacing has been decreased. The Vice-Chairman will be meeting with the point-of-contact at the Ruritan Building to discuss what can be done to rectify the issue. The GR reported that IOW County General Services has routinely assisted in rectifying ADA issues when brought to their attention.
2. The Vice-Chairman reported that current month's cyber-security update is that there is no updated information to be reported at this time other than the commitment that the IOW County IT Manager has committed to making IT Training available to the Registrar's Office not later than the end of November 2023. The Vice-Chairman committed to following up and reporting in our upcoming EB Meetings.

Good of the Order.

1. None.

Closed Session.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the Electoral Board to move into Closed Session for the express purpose of discussing a Registrar personnel matter as authorized by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1).

A motion was subsequently made to exit the Closed Session 10-minutes following its initiation. Each of the three members of the Electoral Board herein attest by their signature at the close of these minutes that the topics discussed during the Closed Session were limited exclusively to the Registrar personnel matter expressed herein.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned by motion and second at 3:11 PM

Inetha Holmes, Chairman Rod Hallum, Vice-Chairman Geoff McFather - Secretary