

## Albemarle County Electoral Board

### In-person and Virtual Meeting

November 30, 2022

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Attendance: Jim Heilman, Michael Rodemeyer, Sylvia Flood, Erin Davis, Lauren Eddy, Jonathan Gil, and Jeania Oliver

Guests: Clara Belle Wheeler – Albemarle Republican Party; Kerin Yates and Sue Lewis – League of Women Voters

The meeting began at 9:33 am.

Sylvia Flood made the following statement: This meeting is being held pursuant to and in compliance with the Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors. Guests will have a maximum of three minutes to speak, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. The Board may waive the three minute rule. *(All were physically present, except for Kerin and Sue who were virtually present.)*

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

The minutes for the October 25 regular meeting and the November 9, 11, 14, and 15 Canvass and Provisional Meetings were unanimously approved.

Provisional Balloting. It was noted that the number of provisional ballots for the November election overwhelmed our election officers and us. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that the processes involved in balloting and consideration of whether to count or not count said ballots need to be streamlined both at the state and local levels.

Ranked Choice Voting Presentation. Lauren made a presentation on this topic to the Board of Supervisors (BoS) on November 16. She said that she thought it went well and that she believes BoS now understands that we need additional State guidance on several critical logistical and budget questions and are therefore not in a position to implement RCV at this time. Sylvia congratulated Lauren and Michael (who drafted the outline for the presentation) on an outstanding job. Michael noted that Del. Hudson has invited Lauren and him to attend a statewide working group (with the Dept. of Elections) on this subject on December 7.

Hotwash (review of election with chiefs and assistant chief officers). We discussed whether we should hold one and decided we should. A tentative date/time of Saturday, January 14 at 10 am (or thereabouts) was agreed upon.

Internal Hotwash. We held a robust discussion on issues that happened during the November 8 election. Much of this discussion centered on why so many of our polling places could not boot up their electronic pollbooks (EPBs) in the morning. Lauren provided a lengthy explanation of why this happened. It was partly due to the County IT Department not allowing her to be “administrator” when installing the election on each EPB. Sylvia asked for a meeting with the IT Director about this, but Lauren said she had already met with him. Since instructions to all our Chief Officers about this would have been most helpful, Michael noted that we need a way to communicate important information to our

chiefs all at once. Also, since various polling places were missing various things, we need a new inventory system.

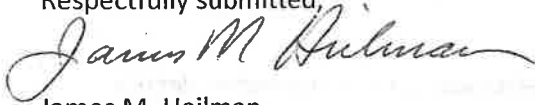
Keswick Chief David Butler. We noted with great sadness the passing of Mr. Butler just a few days after the election. We decided we should make a resolution of appreciation and condolence. Michael offered to create such a resolution.

Executive Session. Michael moved the following: RESOLVED, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the appointment, assignment and performance of one or more current and prospective Albemarle County election officers for the election cycle that begins on March 1, 2022, as provided by Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:19 am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:32 am. (Board members and select staff participated in the Executive Session.) Sylvia moved the following: RESOLVED, that to the best knowledge of each member of this Board (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Chapter 37 (Virginia Freedom of Information Act) of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which today's executive session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,



James M. Heilman  
Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board