

Albemarle County Electoral Board

In-person and Virtual Meeting

January 11, 2023

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5th Street

Attendance: Jim Heilman, Clara Belle Wheeler, Sylvia Flood, Erin Davis, Lauren Eddy, Jonathan Gil, and Jeania Oliver

Guests: Kerin Yates, Pat Cochran and Sue Lewis – League of Women Voters; Laurie Jones – Albemarle Democratic Party

The meeting began at 9:30 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, Sue and Pat who were virtually present.)*

The agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.

The minutes for the December 20 meeting were unanimously approved.

Reorganization. Due to the appointment of Clara Belle Wheeler to the Board, the Board reorganized. Sylvia nominated herself as Chair, Jim as Secretary, and Clara Belle as Vice-chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Letter requesting Attorney General opinion. Sylvia presented a draft letter to Attorney General Miyares requesting an interpretation/clarification of Code of Virginia 24.2-124.1. It was noted that Montgomery County has communicated with the AG's Office concerning this issue and had received an email communication from an Assistant AG with his clarification but that we need a clarification for the whole state. Sylvia agreed to edit the letter, and all agreed that when it is sent, a copy should be sent to Election Commissioner Beals.

Provisional Balloting. Sylvia discussed various problems she found with our provisional ballots from November and noted that there are various training issues involved here. Discussion ensued.

Hotwash (review of election with chiefs and assistant chief officers). We discussed the best ways to run the hotwash on Saturday, January 14. Lauren will present data from the November election. We will go through precinct by precinct and, as issues are raised, we will put them on posters by category. Sylvia further developed a plan. Discussion ensued. Lauren will send out a draft agenda.

Virginia Electoral Board Association annual meeting. We discussed logistics for this meeting – which is to take place in late March at the Hotel Roanoke.

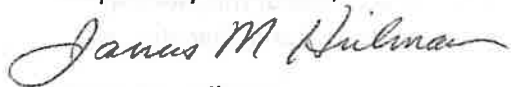
Budgetary items. Clara Belle requested that Lauren provide her with cost estimates for Early-in-Person voting.

Executive Session. Sylvia 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, 2023, 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 11:15 am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:40 am. (Board members and 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 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,



James M. Heilman
Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board