

Albemarle County Electoral Board

Minutes: January 8, 2020

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, McIntire Road

Attendance: Jim Heilman, Bill Love, Peter Wurzer, Jake Washburne, Clarice Schermerhorn, Lauren Eddy

Guests: Michael Rodemeyer, Albemarle Democratic Party

The meeting began at 9:30 am.

Adoption of the agenda was unanimously approved.

The minutes for December 19 were unanimously approved.

New Board Member. Michael announced that the Albemarle Democratic Chair has forwarded three nominees, Michael being listed first, to the Clerk of Court for appointment by the Chief Circuit Court Judge. Bill's term will expire February 29, and he is not seeking reappointment.

March 3 Democratic Presidential Primary.

- We have received the ballots so that we can start absentee balloting on time.
- Logic and Accuracy Testing for the machine to be used in absentee voting will take place this Friday at 9 am.
- Peter wants to set up a meeting with Matt Haus, School Superintendent, to discuss ongoing problems we have been having on election days with parking lots at the schools.
- Where appropriate, we may use some newly appointed election officers to give them some practice before the general election.
- Election Chiefs and Assistants training will be February 19th and 20th.

Electronic Pollbook (EPB) Software Certification. We were hoping to have Version 3.0 of the Demtech Advocate software certified by now so that we can begin to load it on our new EPBs, but the State Board of Elections has decided to certify or recertify all EPB software used in the state. They have not yet done that.

Virginia Electoral Board Association. All are planning to attend the conference in late March. Lauren has made reservations for us.

Bills Concerning Board of Zoning and Election Officer Issue. Jim announced that Del. Bell introduced HB370 and Sen. Deeds introduced SB292 in order to provide a legislative fix to this issue discussed in previous minutes. They are companion bills with the same language.

Early Voting. Board and staff held an extensive discussion of many of the issues – some of which are still being worked out in the General Assembly – that we face with implementing early voting this fall.

Executive Session. Bill moved the following: RESOLVED, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion and consideration of (i) 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, 2020, as provided by Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia, and (ii) the acquisition by the County of an interest in real property relating to the potential relocation of the Department of Voter Registration and Elections, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the County,

as provided by Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went in to Executive Session at 10:18 am.

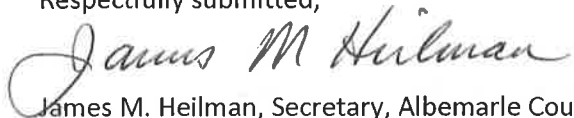
The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:14 am. Bill moved the following: RESOLVED, that to the best knowledge of each member of this Board (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Chapter 37 (Virginia Freedom of Information Act) of Title 2.2 of the 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.

Bill moved the pre-appointment of 3 new officers of election for terms to begin March 1, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Cottages. The Board considered the possibility of satellite voting sites (voting centers) for early voting. We came to the conclusion that there are few, if any, buildings in the appropriate places in the County that we could use for this purpose. The idea of renting office-type trailers (which we decided to call voting cottages) was raised. These could be placed in one or more available parking lots. Staff will explore this possibility.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Heilman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James M. Heilman, Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board

Election Officials: Appointed January 8, 2020

Home Precinct	LastName	First Name	Suf	Term	Term Expiry	Party	Either
301	WALKER	LESLIE		1-yr	02/28/2021	Unknown	No
407	WALZ	DAVID		1-yr	02/28/2021	Unknown	No
	WALZ	E. PEYTON		1-yr	02/28/2021	Unknown	No

