

Albemarle County Electoral Board

Virtual Meeting

October 20, 2020

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5th Street

Attendance: Jim Heilman, Michael Rodemeyer, Peter Wurzer, Jake Washburne, Clarice Schermerhorn, Lauren Eddy, and Erin Davis

Guest: Abigail Turner, Albemarle Democratic Party

The meeting began at 9:05 am.

Peter 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. The following individuals are physically and electronically present: *(All were electronically present.)*

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

The minutes for October 14 were unanimously approved.

Ballot Drop-boxes at Polling Places on Nov. 3. The issue of how to operate these drop-boxes was discussed. Jim made a motion that (1) we strongly encourage Chief Officers to place the drop-box outside the door, but it is ultimately the Chief's choice as to where to put it; (2) student pages will be allowed to handle (and put in the drop-box) completed ballot envelopes for voters who do not wish to get out of their cars to deposit their completed ballot envelopes; (3) at 7:01 pm, the drop-box will be opened, the ballot envelopes will be counted and the number recorded on a control sheet, and that the ballot envelopes and the control sheet will be returned to the box, which will then be sealed; and (4) that the drop-box will be returned Election Night to the Registrar's Office by two election officers (travelling in either one or two vehicles). Peter made a friendly amendment (accepted by Jim) that the ballot envelopes will be counted in full view of everyone in the polling place. The motion passed unanimously.

Voter-use Pens at Polling Places. The placement and use of these pens was discussed. Clarice said that, unlike for the June primary, these pens will be recycled, rather than taken home by the voters, and sanitized before reuse and that they will be placed at the check-in tables.

Training Review. The previous night's training for Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs was discussed.

Drop-off Centers. Peter reported that we have had to scale back to only one ballot drop-off center. It will be at the Albemarle High School parking lot and will operate for limited hours from October 26th to 30th. Discussion ensued on promoting the site. Peter noted that the Albemarle Public School System is sending out a notice about it to all parents. The idea of running a paid ad in the Daily Progress was discussed.

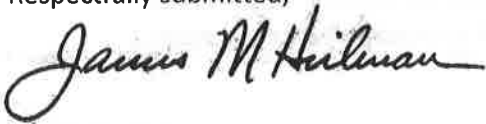
Election Night and Subsequent Results Reporting. Jim proposed that, on Election Night, we provide local media with results from Early In-person voting separate from Mail-in voting results, even though these results will probably be merged for our reporting to the State. Results from the polling place drop-boxes plus those mail ballots received Wednesday and Thursday will be reported Thursday

evening, and results from those mail ballots received Friday plus those provisional ballots accepted will be reported Friday evening if possible. If not possible, those will be reported by Monday, November 9 at the latest. Everyone agreed with that plan. Abigail asked that the campaigns be informed of our reporting plan.

Other Matters. Abigail asked that outside poll watchers be allowed to use the bathrooms inside the polling places. The Board suggested that Ms. Turner pursue her request concerning restroom use for outside poll watchers on Election Day with the leadership of Albemarle County Public Schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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

James M. Heilman
Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board