

Albemarle County Electoral Board

Virtual Meeting

April 29, 2021

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5th Street

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

Guests: Kerin Yates and Pat Cochran, League of Women Voters
Lance Stewart, County Facilities

The meeting began at 9:00 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 April 15 were unanimously approved.

Preparation for June 8 Democratic Primary.

- Jim noted that the training agenda for Chiefs and Assistants looks good.
- Inside observers will have to have a letter from their candidate but are not required to provide proof of registration.
- The issue of whether two election officers from each precinct are required to bring back the polling place drop boxes was discussed. Consensus was that this is not essential.
- It was noted that, so far, we have only had 29 Early In Person voters. 2,221 ballots have been mailed out. Discussion ensued.
- School will be in session on June 8, and it was noted that this will cause some problems. Albemarle High School officials have informed us that they do not want us to use the normal lobby/media center area for polling on that day. Jake, Clarice, and Erin have checked out alternative areas. Since we have polling places in 17 schools, there will no doubt be some traffic problems. Discussion ensued.
- Logic and Accuracy Testing for our machines will take place on May 10 and, if needed, May 11.

County Office Building – 5th Street Office Space Changes. Lance Stewart spoke to us about plans for space changes at both county office buildings. They are working on finalizing plans for space rearrangement that could affect our office in the McIntire Road building as well as our 5th Street space. He said it will be about six months before they finalize plans, and that changes won't probably take place until the FY22-23 year. He noted that the Housing Department will be moving in a couple months. He suggested a meeting with office staff to further discuss potential changes.

Other Matters.

- The County's Office of Management and Budget has determined that neither Electoral Board members nor Election Officers are subject to the County's new rule about reviewing employees' driving records.

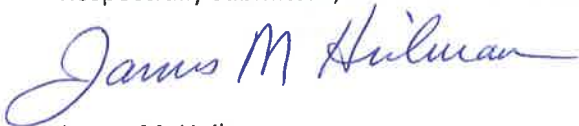
- The issue of guns in polling places was discussed. It was noted that a new law prohibiting guns in polling places (excepting law enforcement officers) will not take effect until July 1.

Executive Session. Michael moved the following: RESOLVED, that the Board enter into executive session for discussion and consideration of personnel matters, 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 10:22 am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:28 am. Michael 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 10:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,



James M. Heilman
Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board