

Albemarle County Electoral Board

Virtual and In Person Meeting

June 16, 2021

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5th Street

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

Counsel: Anthony Bessette, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Omkar Kulkarni, law clerk

The meeting began at 9:33 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 physically present except Anthony, who was electronically present.)*

The agenda was unanimously adopted.

The minutes for May 26 were unanimously approved.

Executive Session. Michael moved the following: RESOLVED, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of (1) discussion and consideration of a personnel matter involving a current Albemarle County election officer, as provided by Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia, and (2) to consult with legal counsel to the Board relating to specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice related to a new law on gun possession at polling places, and regarding an incident that occurred at a polling place on June 8, 2021, as authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, section 2.2-3711.A.8 of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 9:38 am.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:52 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.

Request for Attorney General Opinion. Michael moved the following: that the Board approve a letter from Board Chairman Wurzer to Attorney General Mark Herring seeking clarification of HB2081 concerning its prohibition of guns in polling places (after he further consults with Counsel). The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Heilman
Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board