

Augusta County Electoral Board
Minutes of Canvass Meeting
Board of Supervisor's Conference Room
Augusta County Government Center
Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Call to order at 10:04am. Connie Evans, Robin Moyer, Marcy Reedy, Vic Ludlum and Brenda vonSeldeneck were in attendance.

Dispensing of reading of the minutes was approved by all Electoral Board members.

Reorganization of the Board. By unanimous consent the organization of the Electoral Board was agreed to as Vic Ludlum - Chair, Brenda VonSeldeneck, Vice Chair, and Marcy Reedy, Secretary.

Reports of the Electoral Board Officers

Vic Ludlum - Supports the focus of electoral integrity as a key focal area for the election. The perception of integrity is of critical importance as well.

Brenda VonSeldeneck - No Report

Marcy Reedy - No Report

Registrar's Report:

- The office is very active with the upcoming primary. In the near future that will be mailing out 1,300 absentee ballots by mail.
- Interviews for both the Chief Equipment Custodian is ongoing. Additionally, applications are being reviewed for the parttime and fulltime positions for the Registrar's Office.
- In person absentee voting for the presidential primary starts January 19. The office plans to have 6 Officers of Election working the in-person early voting precinct. The Registrar's office will reach out to Officers of Election who have expressed interest in working early voting and coordinate with the chief.
- Discussion ensued over how to support Officers of Elections in educating voters about the need to select a Democratic or Republican primary in the March dual primary.
- Notice was received that the White Hill Church of the Brethren is possibly not available on June 18. Marcy Reedy will contact the contact at White Hill Church to inquire about how to rectify the situation.
- Beverly Manor Middle School needs to be confirmed for November due to the impending move to a new building. Vic will inquire with ACPS to determine the future availability of the school.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion ensued on how to add to the active list of Officers of Elections. Marcy suggested that an ad be included in the next Activities Guide and will reach out to Parks and Recreation for more information. Vic suggested going to local high schools to recruit

prospective Officers of Elections and holding info sessions. Additionally, it was stressed that in March and June current Officers of Election can be encouraged to promote election work to voters.

- All Electoral Board and Registrar staff agreed that conscious effort be paid to developing an alternative pool of Officers of Election to fill in if there are cancellations.

New Business

- Discussion ensued on the upcoming budget submission for the Registrar's Office. The need was expressed by all Electoral Board members that the pay for Officers of Election needed to be increased.
- Vlc raised this issue of how to efficiently coordinate the canvas of post-election results.
- Vlc raised the issue of how to promote integrity in the voting roles and ensuring accuracy. Discussion ensued on the policies of voter roll maintenance and what processes are active with the VA Dept of Elections.
- Discussion ensued on the upcoming dates for the electoral process including Officer of Elections training, Logic and Accuracy testing and canvas dates.

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Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcy Reedy