

Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 9, 2021

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 5:30 p.m. on September 9, 2021 in room 311 of 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The meeting was called to order by Matthew Weinstein, Chairman, and present were Scott McGeary, Secretary, Kimberly Phillip, Vice Chairman, Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections, and Eric Olsen, Deputy Director of Elections.

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. Chairman Weinstein moved that the minutes from the previous meeting be adopted. Scott seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Weinstein next asked Gretchen Reinemeyer to provide reminders for early voting. Gretchen noted that early voting for the November election would take place on the first floor of 2100 Clarendon Blvd in the C and D conference rooms before expanding on October 23 to two additional locations at Madison and Walter Reed Community Centers. She also noted that the Courthouse location would be undergoing renovations that might result in entrances to the building being partially blocked off during the early voting period. Two entrances will remain open throughout construction and they would be marked with signs outside the location to assist voters.

Gretchen also provided an update to interpretation of Arlington's zoning ordinance regarding placement of political signs in median strips. The ordinance limits signs to 30 days before an election, but the zoning office offered guidance that signs could be erected 30 days before the first day of early voting. Chairman Weinstein noted that Arlington County had the authority to limit political signs along the median strip because Arlington owned most of the roads.

The next item of business was for an update on Election Officer recruitment and staffing for the upcoming election. Eric Olsen noted that the Office hopes to assign 440 Officers this election. To date, 1140 Officers have expressed interest in working this election. All training would be conducted online due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19. Eric was asked on how the political parties were balanced when assigning election officer. Virginia Code requires an equal number of election officers representing the Democratic and Republican party be assigned each election. Eric commented that most precincts are balanced. There are a few precincts that might require reassigning officers to achieve a balance. Chairman Weinstein then asked if there was a policy for election workers regarding vaccines against COVID-19. Gretchen noted that they will be adhering to the County policy. Election Officers will be required to have a COVID-19 vaccine or have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of working the election.

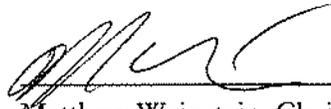
The next item on the agenda was to provide a brief update on the redistricting and reprecincting process. Gretchen noted that the redistricting commission had started their work. They had 60 days to send district lines to the General Assembly to be approved. She anticipates new lines being sent to localities later this fall. Once lines are received the Arlington County Board will have to resolve precincts that are divided into separate districts. She noted that the Office has been asked to present on both ranked choice voting and the process of drawing precinct lines at an upcoming work session on October 5th.

Gretchen was then asked to provide a summary of a meeting she had recently with individuals from the Virginians For Election Transparency project. She noted that she met with 4 individuals and answered interview questions. This group has been meeting with registrars across Virginia.

The meeting was then opened for public comment. There being no public comment, Chairman Weinstein moved that the Board enter closed session as is allowed under § 2.2-3711(A)(35) to discuss security plans relating to ballots, voting equipment, and risk assessments. The motion was approved, and Matt, Scott, Kim, Gretchen and Eric exited the public meeting to convene the closed session at 6:08 p.m.

The Board reconvened the public session at 6:13 p.m. Upon entering public session, the Board affirmed that the only items discussed during the closed session were exempt from FOIA law and that only items identified in the motion to close the meeting were discussed.

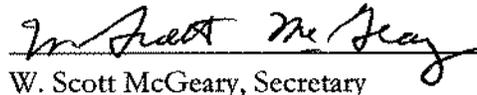
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Matthew Weinstein, Chairman



Kimberly Phillip, Vice Chairman



W. Scott McGeary, Secretary