

Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, February 5, 2022

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2022 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 311. Present were Matthew Weinstein, Chairman, Scott McGeary, Secretary, Kimberly Phillip, Vice Chairman, and Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections. Ms. Phillip participated electronically as is allowed under the Electronic Meeting Policy adopted by the Arlington Electoral Board on June 30, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Matthew Weinstein. Mr. McGeary moved that the minutes from the November 30, 2021 meeting be adopted. Ms. Phillip seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Weinstein explained the process for organizing the Electoral Board under 24.2-106(B). He nominated Ms. Phillip to serve as Chairman of the Electoral Board with a term effective immediately. Mr. McGeary seconded the nomination. Mr. Weinstein next nominated Mr. McGeary to continue in his role as Secretary of the Electoral Board. Ms. Phillip seconded the nomination. By default, Mr. Weinstein assumes the final position on the board as Vice-Chairman.

The next item on the agenda was the reappointment of Officers of Election for a term of March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that there were more than 3000 Officers to appoint following a record year of applications. Mr. Weinstein moved that the Board enter closed session as is allowed under § 2.2-3711(A) to discuss personnel issues with Officers of Election, personal matters not related to public business, and security related to the Locality Voter Registration System Security Standards. The motion was approved, and Board and General Registrar exited the public meeting to convene the closed session at 9:11 a.m.

The Board reconvened the public session at 9:23 a.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. Mr. Weinstein moved that the officers of election on the list prepared by Ms. Reinemeyer be appointed for a term of March 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023.

Next, Ms. Reinemeyer presented changes to Arlington's districts following the 2020 Census. She noted that Arlington moved from 4 to 3 House of Delegates districts and from 3 to 2 Senate Districts. One precinct has been split because of the new district lines. Precinct 038 will require its boundaries to be drawn to be wholly contained in a single election district. In addition, 2 polling places will be relocated because of construction. Precinct 017 will be returned to Cardinal School. Precinct 031 will need to be relocated due to the closure of the Lee Community Center. These changes will be available for public comment on March 11, 2022. They will be presented and voted on by the County Board at their March 19th and April 23rd meetings.

Next, Ms. Reinemeyer offered an update on hiring new positions. She welcomed Tate Fall, the new Deputy Director of the Office of Elections. Tate is coming from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission where she was the Communication Specialist. Before the EAC, she worked at the Alabama Protection & Advocacy group as a voting rights advocate. She has her B.S. in Rehabilitation & Disability Studies, a Master of Public Administration, and Graduated Certificate in Election Administration all from Auburn University. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that she was completing interviews for the Outreach & Communication Specialist and Operations Coordinator positions.

Moving on to the next item, Ms. Reinemeyer provided an update on the ongoing renovation of Bozeman Government Building. The Office will be renovated February 17 – August 2022. A public counter will be maintained on the first or third floors throughout the renovation, and notice will be posted on the website. The renovated suite will offer increased security, increased transparency for processing mail ballots, a dedicated room for early voting, and climate and noise control.

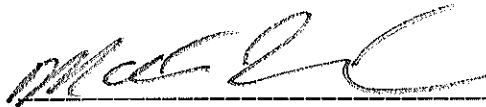
Following this, Ms. Reinemeyer provided a brief update on legislation. The updated list of bills is attached to these minutes. Mr. McGeary discussed SJ 33 which would call for a JLARC study of the election governance structure in Virginia and evaluate partisan pressures on election administration.

Moving onto other business, Ms. Reinemeyer mentioned that the Office would present their budget to the County Board on March 17th at 3:00pm. She also discussed attendance at the Virginia Electoral Board Conference on March 18, 2023.

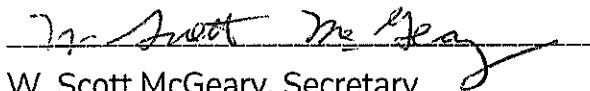
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Kimberly Phillip, Chairman



Matthew Weinstein, Vice Chairman



W. Scott McGeary, Secretary