Electoral Board Meeting Minutes March 2-4, 2016

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, in the Cherry Conference Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., to review provisional ballots voted during the March 1, 2016 Democratic and Republican Presidential Primary Elections. Present were Charlene Bickford, Chairman; David A. Bell, Vice Chairman; Allen H. Harrison, Jr., Secretary; and Linda Lindberg, Director of Elections.

Fabio Marte, who voted a provisional ballot in the Democratic Primary, appeared accompanied by his mother. A high school student, he claimed he had registered to vote at his school, but had no receipt or any other information to corroborate. Linda Lindberg explained that absent evidence he had actually submitted an application to register, there was little she or the Board could do. She advised him to be sure to submit an application now so he would be eligible for future elections. The Board voted to reject Mr. Marte's ballot.

Board members proceeded to adjudicate the 178 Democratic and 115 Republican ballots voted, working through each precinct, one party at a time. They recessed at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. to continue the process. At 5:00 p.m. they recessed again, agreeing to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2016.

On Thursday, March 3, the Board reconvened the Provisional Ballot Meeting, continuing to review ballots until they recessed at 11:15 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 4, at which time the Board reviewed all outstanding ballots, rejecting those from voters who failed to present proper identification by the Friday noon deadline. The Board then proceeded to tally the 49 Democratic and eight Republican ballots accepted and completed the Statement of Results.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Charlene N. Bigkford, Chairman

David A. Bell, Vice Chairman

__resigned effective March 18, 2016

Allen H. Harrison, Jr., Secretary