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Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2023

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met on December 18, 2023 at the Arlington County Office Building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Room 318. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kimberly Phillip at 6:13 p.m. Also present were Richard Samp, Vice Chair, Dominick Schirripa, Secretary, and Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections, and Alyssa Myers, Deputy Director of Elections.

Mr. Schirripa moved amend the proposed agenda for the meeting to include a public comment period, with a time limit of five minutes per speaker, between the review of the minutes from prior meetings and the post-election report. Mr. Samp seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Phillip moved that the minutes from the meetings of the Board held October 17, November 8, and November 28, 2023, be adopted without change. Mr. Samp seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board then heard public comment.

Frank Lusby offered comment on the number of drop boxes used in the County and cost of such usage. Mr. Lusby indicated that he would submit a report on the issue after the meeting.

Chris DeRosa offered comment regarding possible issues with the county email notification system used to alert the public of meetings of the Board. She also presented concerns about the current precinct assignment for residents of the RPC shelter and submitted a report on the matter.

Karen Kimball asked a question regarding the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

Nancy Adams asked questions regarding the conduct and recording of Board meetings.

Ms. Reinemeyer presented the post-election report prepared by the Office relating to the November election and the risk-limiting audit that was conducted subsequent to it. Mr. Schirripa requested that percentages of the vote cast early versus on election day be expanded to include 2021 and 2022. Ms. Reinemeyer agreed to make the addition and the final report will be posted on the Office's website.

Mr. Schirripa proposed a resolution of congratulations and thanks to Ms. Reinemeyer and the entire staff of the Office of Elections for their work and for another successful election. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Ms. Reinemeyer presented her proposed early voting hours for the March Presidential Primary. The locations and hours are posted on the Office's website. Mr. Samp moved that the Board adopt the hours as recommended. Ms. Phillips seconded. After discussion, Mr. Schirripa proposed an amendment that the proposed hours be adopted with the caveat that the Board can and will revisit the question to request additional hours if circumstances (e.g., extreme weather, unexpectedly high demand) make such revisiting advisable. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Samp and Ms. Phillip and the motion, as amended, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schirripa moved that the Board set a fixed meeting schedule for 2024. After brief discussion, it was decided the Board will meet on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m., save for February, when Va. Code § 24.2-107 requires the Board to meet during the first week of the month, and June, due to primary elections being scheduled for the third Tuesday. Where circumstances require the Board to cancel a regularly scheduled meeting or change its date and time, the Board will ensure proper notice to the public of such action. The motion was unanimously adopted.

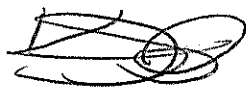
Ms. Reinemeyer announced that Ms. Phillip has been reappointed as a member of the Board for a term starting January 1, 2024. Congratulations were extended by the Board and those present.

Ms. Phillip noted the receipt by Mr. Schirripa of the Arlington Republican Committee's Hilda Griffin Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and offered congratulations on the recognition.

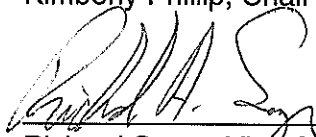
Ms. Phillip announced that a new Deputy Director of Elections has been selected and introduced Alyssa Myers as the new Deputy. Ms. Myers returns to the Arlington Elections Office after a stint with the City of Alexandria office. The Board extended its welcome and anticipation of a successful relationship.

Ms. Reinemeyer noted that the County Board would vote on Tuesday evening, December 19, 2023, on adopting Ranked Choice Voting permanently with respect to primary elections for seats on the County Board.

There being no further business Ms. Phillip moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimously adopted and the Board adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 9, 2024.



Kimberly Phillip, Chair



Richard Samp, Vice Chair



Dominick Schirripa, Secretary