

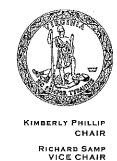
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Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes July 13, 2023

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 5:30 p.m. on July 13, 2023 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 318. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Kimberly Phillip, Chair and present were Richard Samp, Vice Chair, Scott McGeary, Secretary, and Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections.

Mr. McGeary moved that the minutes from the June 9, 2023 Electoral Board meeting be adopted. Mr. Samp seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

First on the agenda, was a review of the June 20, 2023 Democratic Primary Post-Election Report by Ms. Reinemeyer. 19% of active voters participated in the June 20 Democratic Primary Election, which is the highest turnout in a non-statewide primary in recent history. Furthermore, Ms. Reinemeyer noted that 23% of voters voted early, 19% of voters voted by mail, and 58% of voters voted on Election Day.

Ms. Reinemeyer also reviewed undervotes in the election – 404 voters did not vote in the Commonwealth's Attorney race, 1,260 voters did not vote in the Sheriff's race, and 721 voters did not rank any candidates in the County Board race.

Moving on, Ms. Reinemeyer also discussed highlights from the County Board's ranked choice voting race. Between 85-92% of ballots cast in the County Board race contained a vote for either of the two winning County Board candidates. Ms. Reinemeyer also noted that 3% of ballots were spoiled between Early Voting and Election Day. A spoiled ballot is when a voter makes a mistake marking their ballot and can request a new one when voting in person. Ms. Reinemeyer emphasized that one voter can spcil multiple ballots.

Next, Ms. Reinemeyer reviewed ranked choice voting feedback from a post-election survey that was sent to Election Officers who worked on Election Day. The post-election survey revealed that 94.5% of Election Officers rated the training they received on ranked choice voting as either "excellent" or "good." 89.1% of Election Officers strongly agreed or agreed with the statement "Once voters were instructed on how to mark their ballot, they had little to no questions."

Moving on, Frank Lusby from the Arlington GOP Election Integrity Team presented results from the Election Integrity Team's ranked choice voting exit polling.

Public comments regarding ranked choice voting were also heard from John Sellmansberger, Dominick Schirripa, Martha Harris, and Steve Baker.

Finally, Ms. Phillip moved that the Electoral Board go into closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711 – (a), for the purpose of discussing issues related personal matters not related to public business. Mr. Samp seconded the motion and the Board moved into closed session.

The Board reconvened the public session at 7:13 p.m. Upon entering the public session, the Board affirmed that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were here, discussed, or considered.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Kimberly Phillip, Chair

Richard Samp, Vice Chair

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