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## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA ELECTORAL BOARD

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# Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes August 10, 2023

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 5:30 p.m. on August 10, 2023 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 318. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 July 13, 2023 Electoral Board meeting be adopted. Mr. Samp seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

First on the agenda, was the appointment of 17 new Election Officers. Ms. Phillip moved that the Election Officers be appointed and Mr. McGeary seconded the motion and the Election Officers were unanimously appointed.

The final item on the agenda was a review of Early Voting hours and locations for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Early Voting for the November 7, 2023 General Election will be available at the following locations and dates:

#### Courthouse Plaza

- September 22 November 3
  - Monday Friday.....8am 5pm
- October 28 & November 4
  - Saturday.....9am 5pm
- o October 29
  - Sunday.....11am 4pm
- Extra Hours Oct 24-26 & Oct 31-Nov 2
  - Tuesday-Thursday.....8am 7pm

### Madison Community Center & Walter Reed Community Center

- o October 24 26 & Oct 31 Nov 2
  - Tuesday Thursday.....2pm 7pm
- o October 28 & November 4
  - Saturday.....9am 5pm
- o October 29
  - Sunday.....11am 4pm

Moving on, Ms. Phillip asked when mail ballot drop boxes typically open every election. Ms. Reinemeyer stated that drop boxes are opened the Monday after mail ballots are mailed, which will be September 25 for the November 7, 2023 General Election. Mr. Samp suggested adopting a policy to open drop boxes 10 days before an election. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that waiting to open drop boxes might raise some security concerns because voters could potentially force a

ballot into a drop box before it's officially open. Mr. McGeary suggested to consider what makes sense in a particular election. Ms. Phillip noted the subject of drop boxes should be revisited after the General Election, to ensure there is no confusion with voters.

Next, the Electoral Board took public comment regarding drop boxes from Frank Lusby, John Sellmansberger, and Steve Baker.

Finally, Mr. Samp moved that the Electoral Board adopt a resolution officially thanking Mr. McGeary for many years of service to the Arlington County Electoral Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Kimberly Phillip, Chair

Richard Samp, Vice Chair

W. Scott McGeary, Secretary