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Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2024

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met on January 9, 2024 at the Arlington County Office Building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Room 318. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kimberly Phillip at 6:00 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.

Ms. Phillip moved that the minutes from the meeting of the Board held December 18, 2023, be adopted without change. Mr. Samp seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schirripa moved that the agenda for the meeting be amended to strike item number 7 (Early Voting Logic & Accuracy Testing) as that activity is not part of the meeting and is not a public event. Mr. Samp seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The Board then heard public comment.

Connie Potter, President of the League of Women Voters or Arlington and Alexandria offered comment on postage for mail-in ballots and on drop boxes.

Steve Baker, Chairman of the Arlington County Democratic Committee, offered comment on the number and usage of drop boxes in the County.

Frank Lusby offered additional comment on the number of drop boxes used in the County and cost of such usage. He also offered comment on the interaction of Ranked Choice Voting with legal requirements concerning reporting of results by precinct.

Pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-107, the Electoral Board is required to reorganize when a new member is appointed. Ms. Phillip was appointed to a new term commencing January 1, 2024. Mr. Schirripa nominated a slate of officers as follows: Mr. Samp to be Chair, Mr. Schirripa to be Vice Chair, and Ms. Phillip to be Secretary and moved that their terms commence immediately following the adjournment of the meeting. The motion and slate of officers were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Samp moved a recommendation to Ms. Reinemeyer that she continue to make available nine drop boxes but that all except the box at the Bozeman County Office Building be made available only for the 10 days prior to Election Day. Mr. Schirripa seconded. Discussion followed which made clear that a majority of the Board did not support the recommendation. As a result, Mr. Samp withdrew the motion.

Ms. Reinemeyer announced that the Office of Elections will have its budget meeting with the County Manager on April 3, 2024. Members of the Board are welcome, but not required, to attend.

In response to a request from Mr. Schirripa concerning the use of Room 318 for early voting purposes, Ms. Reinemeyer agreed that the Board's meeting scheduled for February 6, 2024, would likely need to be relocated to another room in the Bozeman Center.

Ms. Phillip moved the appointment of six individuals who applied and were verified by Ms. Reinemeyer and her staff as meeting the qualifications for appointment as Election Officers for a term commencing immediately and ending February 28, 2025. Mr. Samp seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business Ms. Phillip moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Schirripa seconded, the motion was unanimously adopted and the Board adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 6, 2024.

Richard Samp, Chair

Dominick Schirripa, Vice Qhair

Kimberly Phillip, Secretary