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Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes August 13, 2024

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met on August 13, 2024, at the Arlington County Office Building, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Room 318. The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Samp at 6:00 pm. Also present were Dominick Schirripa, Vice Chair, Kimberly Phillip, Secretary, Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections, and Alyssa Myers, Deputy Director of Elections.

Mr. Samp moved that the minutes from the meeting of the Board held July 9, 2024, be adopted. Mr. Schirripa seconded. The motion to accept the minutes was unanimously adopted.

The Board heard public comment.

- Frank Lusby, Election Integrity Group: follow up on non-citizen voters and information on who is doing voter registration public schools.

The Electoral Board reviewed The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) polling location certification. All polling locations were reviewed. Election Officers do an election day ADA checklist. George Mason University has ongoing construction. Mr. Samp made a motion to approve the certification and noted that the Election Officers do a day of voting checklist. Mr. Schirripa seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Electoral Board signed the document.

Mr. Samp made a motion to approve 37 new Election Officers with a term ending February 28, 2025. Ms. Phillip seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the June 2024 Primary Election Report, focusing on the permanent absentee list. ELECT has an online and paper application for voters to request addition to the permanent list. An annual notice is mailed to voters on the list, providing the opportunity to be removed from the list. The list is non-transferrable between jurisdictions. Information about the permanent absentee list is mailed with every ballot. Election Officers are trained in removing voters from the permanent absentee mailing list at the voter's request.

Almost 200 ballots were disqualified in the June 2024 election due to mail issues. Ballots must arrive at the office pursuant to VA Code § 24.2-709 (B): "Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, any absentee ballot (i) returned to the general registrar after the closing of the polls on election day but before noon on the third day after the election and (ii) postmarked on or before the date of the election shall be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter if the voter is found entitled to vote. For purposes of this subsection, a postmark shall include any other official indicia of confirmation of mailing by the United States Postal Service or other postal or delivery service."

The Board discussed ineligible voters and requested that Ms. Reinemeyer do some research on a list of names obtained by a third-party organization and report to the Board at the September meeting.

The Board reviewed the current Electronic Meeting Policy. Mr. Samp made a motion to readopt the policy with a change to item nine, Mr. Schirrpa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The October meeting was moved to October 1, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Pursuant to Va Administrative Code § 1VAC20-60-70, the board set the date for Logic and Accuracy testing for Early voting.

The Board and Ms. Reinemeyer discussed the timeline for ballot proofing.

There being no further business Mr. Samp moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Schirripa seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted, and the Board adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Richard Samp, Chair

Dominick Schirripa, Vice Shair

Kimberly Philip, Secretary