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Prince William County Electoral Board

# **Meeting Minutes**

Old Manassas Courthouse 9248 Lee Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Manassas, VA 20110

Date: February 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM, after which Chairman Scarborough led a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Scarborough announced that beginning with today's Meeting, all Public Meetings of the Electoral Board (EB) will be video recorded.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith A. Scarborough, Chairman
Mark Dillon, Vice-Chairman
London Steverson, Secretary
Eric Olsen, General Registrar/Director of Elections
Jon Alvarez, Chief Deputy of Operations
Natalia Taylor, Chief Deputy Director of Voter Services

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### CITIZENS' TIME

Karl Becker shared his comments concerning The Early Voting Program. Early Voting on Sunday is very important. If you are considering cuts to the Early Voting Program, please do not make any cuts.

Carol Noggle who lives in the Gainesville District and represents the League of Women Voters said that there are over 200 new high school voters eager to vote in this election. She recommends that the General Register (GR/ED) add a site on the EB Website to assist them in finding where they can go to vote.

Joseph Tennant urged caution with respect to this Special Election. Voters are unaware of the Issues and where to vote. People like to vote early. But people don't think in terms of Electoral Precincts or Magisterial Precincts.

Elizabeth Block commented that 70 percent of voters cast their votes in the last two weeks before the election.

Zoe. Vitter emphasized that consistency matters. Keep the Early Voting places that we have. A lot of people like Early Voting. But people need options and flexibility. They have a lot of issues in their lives. Keep Sunday voting.

E. J. Scott, the First Vice President of the NAACP for Prince William County Action Chair, and on the State Levet NAACP Executive Board, Sunday Voting is important. We organize a Souls to the Poles Program. We supply people with Dunkin Donuts and Coffee and take them on buses to the poles. We work with our Ministers and Churches to increase voter turnout.

Christine Taylor, member of the PWC NAACP Executive Board. I endorse what E. J. Scott said about Sunday Voting. I am a Senior, Disabled, Veteran. We have a lot of fun on Sundays.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the December 8, 2022, December 29, 2022, and the January 17, 2023 Meetings were awaiting approval. Vice Chairman Dillon made a Motion that we approve all three Minutes simultaneously. Seconded by Secretary Steverson. Approved Unanimously.

### PRECINCT SPLIT WAIVERS

GR Olsen said that as a result of the Re-Districting we have two small split Precincts of about 75 voters each. A Split Precinct occurs when we have a State/Federal/Local District Line that runs through the middle of a Voting Precinct. He is working with the Board of County Supervisors to remedy the situation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS

GR/DE Olsen said there are more than 2,200 Election Officers on the list. Parity between Democrats and Republicans in each Precinct is achievable. Vice Chairman Dillon made a Motion that the EB approve the List of EOs for a Two-year period. It was Seconded Secretary Steverson, and passed Unanimously.

### **EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS PROPOSAL**

GR/DE Olsen gave a slide presentation on Early Voting 2023 Cost and Location Analysis. The slide presentation is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman Scarborough said that there will definitely be a county-wide Democratic Primary in June 2023.

### QUANTICO SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE

GR/DE Olsen said Quantico has a Circuit Court Writ requiring a Special Election on May 21, 2023. The Town Attorney for Quantico is talking to the Quantico Town Council trying to schedule a date. There are only about 350 voters in Quantico.

### OTHER BUSINESS

GR/DE Olsen said that concerning the Special Election for the Gainesville District Supervisor, the day before is a Holiday, Presidents' Day. Schools will be closed. On Tuesday, the Day of the Election, students will be in school. This will present some Logistic Challenges, but our Operations Team can handle it.

GR/DE Olsen said we have had a number of inquiries from the Republican Election Integrity Task Group (EITG) concerning our mailings. We have had over 3,000 voters purged from our Voting Rolls. We changed our envelope to give us notice if a voter has moved or no longer lives at that address. We have purchased sone new Election Software that allows us track Tasks and communicate more efficiently across the organization. The Election Office Staff has a vacancy. We are in the process of hiring one new staff member.

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### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 11:41, Vice Chairman Dillon moved to convene in closed session, seconded by Secretary Steverson to discuss the following as permitted by Virginia State Code Section 2.2-3711-A\_\_#1 (Staffing) The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:21, Secretary Steverson made a Motion that the EB return to public session and certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements under Virginia Law, and only such business matters identified in the motion convening the closed session were discussed or considered.

The Board returned to open session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:21, Secretary Steverson motioned to adjourn the Electoral Board meeting. It passed unanimously.

Keith Scarborough

Chairman

Mark Dillon Vice Chairman London Steverson

Secretary

Date: