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ELECTORAL BOARD
Keith Scarborough, Chairman
Mark Dillon, Vice-Chairman
London Steverson, Secretary

GENERAL REGISTRAR
Eric Olsen, Director of Elections

Prince William County Electoral Board

Meeting Minutes

James J. McCoart Building

1 County Complex Ct, Woodbridge, VA 22192

Date: May 24, 2023

IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith A. Scarborough, Chairman

Mark Dillon, Vice-Chair

London Steverson, Secretary

Eric Olsen, General Registrar/Director of Elections, On Medical Leave of Absence

Natalia Taylor, Chief Deputy Director of Voter Services, Acting General Register/Director of Elections

Jonathan Alvarez, Chief Deputy Director of Operations

Thalia Simpson, Communications Specialist

Christopher Alvarez, Voter Registration Assistant

Chairman Scarborough called the meeting to order at 11:00 am, after which he led a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

In accordance with the General Registrar (GR) handbook, the GR provided written notice to the Commissioner of Elections, Susan Beals, that he would be absent and unable to perform his duties from approximately Monday, March 27 through Friday, April 28. The reason for his absence was to have heart surgery and to provide adequate recovery time.

At the March 22nd Meeting of the Elector Board (EB), Natalia Taylor was unanimously appointed to serve as the Acting General Registrar.

Vice-Chairman Dillon made a Motion to reinstate Eric Olsen as the GR on the condition that he produce a statement from his medical doctor that he is fully capable of returning to full duty and the Statement is to be appended to these Minutes. The Motion was carried unanimously. GR Olsen has provided a letter from his Treating Physician.
ATTACHMENT (01): Letter from Dr. Christian C. Shults, M.D.

The GR, Eric Olsen, made remarks concerning the new design of the Absentee Ballot and Envelope, the GR/EB Duties Matrix, voting precinct locations, and the ERIC multi-state data sharing project. The State Commissioner of Elections, Susan Beals, has taken Virginia out of the ERIC Multi-state Information Sharing System.

The Board of County Supervisors selects and approves the location of Polling Places. Some are in churches and a few are in mosques. There have been reports that some voters are reluctant to go to mosques to vote. It has been alleged that mosques have been unduly restrictive requiring voters to remove their shoes and other requirements.

Chairman Scarborough made a Motion that this Electoral Board should write a letter to the State Commissioner asking her to reconsider her decision to take Virginia out of the ERIC System. The Motion failed for lack of a Second.

Natalia Taylor, Chief Deputy Director of Voter Services, explained the current procedure for cleaning and updating the voter rolls. VARIS requires manual manipulation and cancelling. It is not automatic.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chairmen Dillon made a Motion that we approve the new GR/EB Matrix of Duties and Responsibilities. It passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Dillon made a Motion that we approve the List of Election Officers that were previously non-partisan, but have decided to change their affiliations to Republican or Democrat. It passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Collin Robinson, a Gainesville resident, and former Prince William County Chairman of the Democratic Party said that he disagrees with Commissioner Susan Beales' Decision to opt out of the ERIC Information Sharing System. He informed the Electoral Board Members that when they were appointed by the Circuit Court to the Electoral Board, they were no longer to be partisan members advocating for their political parties. They were to act as non-partisan public servants.

Elizabeth Block, a member of the Republican Voter Integrity Committee, made remarks concerning 5,000 NCOAs that have moved out of the State of Virginia and are still on the List. Can the GR's Office provide a matrix of how long it will take for those people to go from Active to Inactive status?

Virginia Bill 19948 now requires that the last 4 digits of the SSN and the DOB be given on the inner envelope of the Absentee Ballot. She would like to know how that will be implemented. Will it be by Party Officers, or the EB Staff Officers? ERIC, the multi-state information sharing project was sharing DMV Data with 3rd Party Organizations. ERIC was off-loading data. Details about Minors were being shared all over the Country. It might have started out as a wonderful idea, but there were good reasons for getting rid of ERIC.

Tony Guiffre, a resident of Haymarket and former Electoral Board Member, said that he disagreed with Collin Robinson concerning the party affiliation of EB Members and their duty to advocate in favor of their political parties. The EB Members do not shed their party loyalty and status when they are appointed to the EB.

1223PM MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION

Vice Chairman Dillon moved to convene in Closed Session, seconded by Secretary Steverson, to discuss Staffing as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A.1. The motion passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 0105PM the Electoral Board reconvened in open session.

Eric Olsen was reappointed to a new 04 Year Term as PWC General Register to run from 01 July 2023 to 01 July 2027


0106PM ADJOURNED



Keith Scarborough
Chairman



Mark Dillon
Vice Chairman



London Steverson
Secretary

Date: 7-27-23

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June 9, 2023

RE: RETURN TO WORK
PATIENT NAME: OLSEN, ERIC STEPHEN

The above patient underwent open heart surgery at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center on March 29, 2023. He will require approximately an 8-12 week recuperative period before returning to work and resuming normal activities.

Mr. Olsen is cleared to return to work without restrictions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Sincerely,



Christian C. Shults, MD