

Goochland County Electoral Board
D R A F T Minutes October 13, 2020

The Goochland County Electoral Board convened at 6:05 pm in the offices of the General Registrar. Present: Vice Chair Wanda Taylor, Secretary Robin Lind, and Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan; from the public: Jen Strozier representing the Goochland Democratic Committee. Chair Keith Flanagan, due to illness, attended by telephone.

On the request of the chair, the minutes for the September 8th meeting were temporarily tabled and a copy was emailed to the chair by the vice chair; subsequently the chair moved the adoption of the minutes as submitted, seconded by the secretary, and they were approved as submitted.

The Director of Elections reported on the mailings to voters on new polling place locations in the Blair and Hadensville precincts. Half of the Blair mailings have been completed; all of Hadensville to be completed by week's end. The mailings had been delayed by the absence of envelopes which the director of elections had picked up from the printer on Saturday. The secretary and vice chair volunteered to help insert mailings on Wednesday, October 15.

Discussion ensued on the turnout of Absentee voters at the satellite location in the Parks and Recreation Building which began on September 18. Voting in person has been steady and self-regulating with a range of 120-160 voters per day. Many voters are bringing in their requested mail-in ballots and having them spoiled before voting the regular ballot.

Discussion ensued on the issue of pre-processing for the Central Absentee Precinct: assignment of officers, location and process. The secretary said it would be important to establish protocols to prohibit any political party observers from hindering the process, and to have notices posted in the room.

Discussion then turned to the "Guidance" issued by the Department of Elections regarding the "immediate" return of ballots deposited in the Drop Boxes at the precincts. The secretary pointed out that other sections of the Code require Officers of Election to remain in the polling place until closing is complete and their duties discharged. Clarification will be sought from the Department.

Discussion ensued on the Officers of Election Update. On a motion by the secretary, seconded by the chair, the board voted unanimously to approve all applications for new Officers of Election subject to the approval of the Director of Election and the several precinct chiefs. The secretary also requested volunteers to telephone the new recruits on Wednesday to affirm their interest.

Discussion ensued on training for the Officers of Election which will be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room. Each electoral board member agreed to take three of the nine classes.

The director of elections reported on various requests to provide a list of "cured" ballots; no such list is kept and fewer than a dozen returned Absentee ballots have presented with errors requiring a cure.

The secretary reported on the disposition of a court hearing on a challenge to a voter's registration which had been denied for a felony conviction. He assured the board that the director of elections had subsequently researched the incident, removed the impediment, and registered the applicant; the commonwealth's attorney assured the secretary the case would be dismissed.

Discussion ensued on the issue of VERIS being off-line for much of Tuesday due to a back-hoe operator cutting the major fiber optic line to the VITA center in Chesterfield County. More emphasis is needed on a Plan B for every critical function.

There being no further business, on a motion by the secretary, seconded by the vice chair, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Lind". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Lind, Secretary

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