

Goochland County Electoral Board  
Minutes, March 9, 2021

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Electoral Board is holding virtual meetings pursuant to and in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Section 2.2-3708.2 and state and local legislation adopted to allow for continued government operation during the COVID-19 declared emergency. All meetings are advertised in advance on the Goochland County Website, and open to public participation.

The Goochland County Electoral Board convened virtually at 6:07 pm by ZOOM electronic meeting. Present: Chair Keith Flannagan, Vice Chair Wanda Taylor, Secretary Robin Lind, and Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan; from the public: none.

On a motion by the vice chair, seconded by the secretary, the minutes of February 9, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.

A brief discussion ensued on legislative issues. The secretary shared his remarks to the board of supervisors and reported on the election law changes which have been incorporated into the budget bill which will become effective in time for the June Primary. It appears that all temporary changes imposed for the fall election will continue and then become law effective July 1.

The vice chair raised a query about extensive questioning of the General Registrar from Vern Fleming. The secretary explained that Mr. Fleming is a Voter Integrity Observer for the Virginia Democratic Party and these questions are likely generated by that organization.

On a motion of the secretary, seconded by the vice chair, the board voted unanimously to approve two new officers of election recommended by the registrar, subject to the approval of the precinct chiefs. Discussion then turned to other officers and the secretary asked whether those discussions should be held in executive session. The vice chair said the board's practice has been to discuss the appointments in open session and the chair concurred.

Discussion ensued on polling place locations and anticipated turnout for the Democratic Party primary on June 8. Early voting will commence 45 days before then; L&A Testing will have to be conducted in the week of April 13 or 20<sup>th</sup>, ballots ordered in early April.

The General Registrar led discussion of the Risk Limiting Audit which has been pronounced a success by the Department of Elections.

Discussion ensued on the Minimum Security Standards compliance checklist which needs to be submitted to ELECT.

The secretary reported that he had received the one-shot Johnson & Johnson Covid vaccine in Ashland the previous week through the Chickahominy Health District. The chair reported he had received the first dose of the two-shot Moderna vaccine through CVS pharmacy and gave advice to the vice chair on how to qualify.

At 7:06 pm, on a motion by the vice chair, seconded by the secretary, the board voted unanimously to go into executive session pursuant to State Code 2.2-3711 (A) (34) to discuss voting security matters made confidential pursuant to §24.2-410.2.

The board then left the public Zoom session and the general registrar opened a new closed Zoom session only available to him and the board members.

At 7:29 pm the board left the closed Zoom session and returned to the public Zoom session; on a motion by the secretary, seconded by the chair, the board voted unanimously to return to public session and certified that only public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered.

The secretary noted the passing of former General Registrar Helen Dunn who died on March 6, and described the funeral, held graveside at Gum Spring United Methodist Church, which he and the general registrar had attended. Mrs. Dunn, was the county's second general registrar and served for almost 30 years; she would have turned 100 in August.

There being no further business, on a motion by the chair, seconded by the vice chair, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robin Lind". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robin Lind, Secretary