

Goochland County Electoral Board  
Minutes, June 24, 2021

The Goochland County Electoral Board convened at 9:58 am, June 24, in the office of the General Registrar, to consider an Appeal of Candidate Petition Signature denial filed by School Board candidate BillieJo Leabough. Present: Chair Keith Flannagan, Vice Chair Wanda Taylor, Secretary Robin Lind and Director of Elections/General Registrar Ryan Mulligan. From the public: Ms. Leabough, Supervisor Neil Spoonhower, Conservation Director Jonathan Lyle, Democratic Committee Chair Tina Winkler, NAACP President Wendy Hobbs.

The Chair briefly described the matter under appeal and explained that all three members of the Electoral Board had separately reviewed the documents submitted on June 22 and earlier and consulted both the Code of Virginia and the Administrative Code of the Department of Elections. He said he would entertain a motion.

The secretary moved that, on the basis of documentation provided and evidence reviewed, that the appeal be granted. The motion was seconded by the vice chair. Adopted unanimously.

Discussion ensued on new instructions on determining ballot order, which now appear to give precedence to "signatures presented" rather than to "valid signatures" presented. "To say it is unclear is charitable," said the Chair. "The General Registrar will continue to research it and recommend a position on the issue."

General discussion ensued on the matter leading to the Appeal and all three members of the board expressed their commitment to free, fair and open elections with emphasis on non-partisan administration of the process. An apology was issued to Ms. Leabough and the chair expressed his admiration for the thoroughness of her documentation presented to the board.

There being no further business, on a motion by the secretary, seconded by the vice chair, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 am.

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