

The Newport News Electoral Board of the City of Newport News met March 5, 2019 at the office of the General Registrar, 2400 Washington Ave, Newport News, Virginia, at 9:00 am.

Those present were: Wendell Barbour, Jonell McFadden, Deloris Thomas, Vicki Lewis, General Registrar; Leslie Whitney, Deputy

Reorganization the Board

The General Registrar, Vicki Lewis, opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman. Mr. Barbour nominated Jonell McFadden for the office. Mrs. Thomas seconded the nomination. The vote carried 3-0.

Call to Order

The Chairman, newly appointed Board member Jonell McFadden, opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chair. Mrs. Thomas nominated Wendell Barbour for office. Ms. McFadden seconded the nomination. The vote carried 3-0.

Mrs. Thomas would now be Secretary.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests: Sean Devlin appeared before the Board to finalized information he had pertaining to ramps at the Washington precinct. Mr. Devlin's term ended February 28, 2019. He did not seek reappointment.

Minutes: Mrs. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mr. Barbour seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and signed by the Secretary.

Agenda Approval: Mr. Barbour moved to accept the agenda as submitted. Mrs. Thomas seconded.

Old Business:

Washington precinct – After receiving exact measurements of the doors at Washington precinct, the Board discussed ordering temporary ramps if the size is available for that entrance, or directing voters to the entrance of the school that is accessible, if custom ramps are not available.

Ms. McFadden the former Chief at Lee Hall precinct, said Lee Hall is also in need of a ramp.

Election Official appointments- Mrs. Lewis updated the Board on the status of election official reappointment notices. Notices were mailed the second week of February and many have returned. Mrs. Thomas will work with Celestine Moore, Deputy on the returned oaths after the meeting has concluded.

No recommendations for Election Officials were received from either political party during February. Mr. Barbour made a motion to email each party chair for names of potential Election Officials as a courtesy. The parties will be given 14 days to respond. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion.

Mrs. Lewis suggested to the Board in an attempt to bring in new and additional Elections Officials, half day hours be reconsidered on a trial basis. The Board agreed.

New Election Official brochures- Lisa Dunn, Assistant Registrar, provided copies of the election official brochure she developed. The Board will proof the copy for additions and corrections. They will finalize the brochure at the next meeting.

New Business:

Redistricting-Mrs. Lewis provided new precinct listings and explained to the Board the House of Delegate district changes she has made. Voter notices will be mailed to those voters.

Digital Ballot Images As per directives from Elect, (Department of Elections) ballot images from elections beginning with the November 2018 election must be stored and retained by the Clerk of Court for 22 months. Whether to store the election to a hard drive or by precinct on a flash drive will be determined after consulting with Calvin Upton, IT specialist.

Mr. Barbour made a motion to purchase any equipment necessary for the transfer of information to comply with Elect guidelines. Mrs. Thomas seconded the motion.

Correspondence:

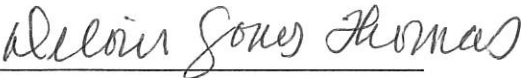
- Candidate filing information for Angela Reason and Gary Anderson for the office of Clerk of Court
- Circuit Court Electoral Board Appointment Order and Oath for Jonell McFadden

Discussion: None

Announcements: None

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be April 2, 2019, at 9 am in the Office of the Registrar.

Adjourn: There being no further business; the Chairman adjourned the meeting.



Deloris J. Thomas, Secretary