

City of Newport News Electoral Board
Voter Registrar Office
2400 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor
Newport News, Virginia

Regular Meeting
March 1, 2022

Attending

Deloris Thomas, chair, Peyton White, vice chair, Wendell Barbour, secretary, Vicki Lewis, director of elections, Lisa Dunn, deputy registrar, and Lynn Spratley, deputy city attorney.

Call to Order at 9:08 a.m.

Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Frank Richardson-Newport News and Ann Grigorian-Yorktown

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Barbour motioned and Mrs. White seconded to approve agenda. Motion carried (Y-3)

Approval of previous minutes

Mrs. Thomas mentioned that the February minutes posted online were not labeled as "draft". Mrs. Dunn was reminded when posting minutes to label as draft prior to approval. Minutes from February 1, 2022 board meeting were reviewed. Mrs. White motioned and Mr. Barbour seconded to approve previous minutes. Motion carried (Y-3)

Old Business

As previously discussed, the South Morrison precinct is planned for relocation to the Ivy Farms Community of Faith Church. Mrs. Lewis stated that the department of code compliance will visit Ivy Farms Community of Faith Church on March 2, 2022 to confirm that the location meets all ADA requirements. The precinct change will be included in the total package of the local redistricting that is scheduled on March 22, 2022 with City Council. After City Council votes on the redistricting it will then go to the Attorney General for a certificate of no objection.

New Business

Mrs. White and Mrs. Thomas attended the VEBA boot camp on February 5, 2022. Mrs. White and Mrs. Thomas suggested to visit all precincts prior to the election to confirm that all precinct requirements are being met at the locations. The Board will set up visitation dates and times with the precincts.

Upcoming deadlines:

Political party to submit adoption of primary method of nomination- March 8, 2022

Candidates to submit candidacy forms for US House of Representatives- April 7, 2022

Candidates to submit candidacy forms for City Council and School Board- June 21, 2022

Mr. Barbour made a motion to go into closed session for the next three items on the agenda. Mrs. White seconded. Motion carried (Y-3)

Voter Registration System Security (VRSS) checklist (Closed Session)

Plan of Action and Milestone(POAM) compliance overview (Closed Session)

Voting System Security Plan (Closed Session)

Reconvene at 9:45 am

Mr. Barbour: "I hereby move and certify that, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter were discussed in our closed session meeting and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the electoral board." (Va. Code § 2.2-3712D) Mrs. White seconded. Motion carried (Y-3)

Registrars' report

The Reservoir precinct is currently split between the 69th and 70th House of Representatives. To eliminate the split the local redistricting committee has suggested to move voters in the 70th house district into a newly created precinct that will be named Stoneybrook. If approved the new precinct will be located at the Denbigh Community Center located on Warwick Blvd.

The 69th House of Representative will remain at the Reservoir precinct and will also include voters residing on Fort Eustis. The board along with Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Dunn will visit the Denbigh Community Center on March 1, 2022 at 3:30pm.

Mrs. Lewis mentioned some of the suggestions that the redistricting committee is submitting to City Council. The elimination of the Dunbar precinct as well as some boundary line changes that will include the following precincts:

Katherine Johnson, Watkins, Deer Park, Warwick, Boulevard, Oyster Point, Mariners' Museum, Palmer and Saunders.

Mr. Barbour recommends that the Electoral Board should notify Rep. Bobby Scott of the changes in his district as a courtesy. Mr. Richardson of Newport News asked if the Board could notify all elected officials that are affected by any changes.

Local candidate status for the November 8th General Election as of March 1, 2022 are as follows:

Mayor at large

Tina Vick-qualified

Saundra Cherry-qualified

David Jenkins-qualified

Phillip Jones-qualified

City Council (North)

Curtis Bethany-qualified

Willard Maxwell-qualified

City Council (Central)

Cleon Long- qualified

City Council (South)

John Eley III-qualified

Yugonda Sample-Jones-filed

School Board (North)

Douglas Brown-qualified

Correspondence

The Electoral Board received a letter signed by Ann Grigorian, Kate Dean, and Jenneane Peirce with concern of the lack of availability of the meeting agenda on February 1st. The Board has issued a response to all three individuals.

Discussion

Mrs. White and Mrs. Thomas will be attending the upcoming annual VEBA meeting on March 18th- 20th in Hot Springs, VA.

The next Electoral Board meeting will determined at a later date and will be posted on the Voter Registrar's webpage. The meeting that will be scheduled will be a closed session as it pertains to the revision of the 2022 security plan.

With no further business to discuss Mr. Barbour motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am Ms. White seconded. (Y-3)

Submitted by
Wendell Barbour, Secretary