

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

Regular Meeting
May 3, 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 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of previous minutes

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

Unfinished Business- none

New Business:

Reminder of a Webex meeting on July 13, 2022 with ELECT to discuss legislative changes and updates.

Mrs. Lewis reviewed several new elections laws that will become effective July 1, 2022.

SB3 and HB927- Voting Systems; reporting absentee results by precinct.

HB 439- Absentee ballots; information on proposed constitutional amendments.

SB 80 and HB205- Election Officials, state and local; acceptance of certain gifts and funding prohibited.

HB 542- Elections administration; reclassification of assistant registrars.

HB 150- Virginia Freedom of Information Act; local public bodies to post meeting minutes on their website.

SB 698- List of persons voting at elections; creating searched public lists prohibited.

HB 195- Polling places; location requirements, waiver in certain circumstances.

SB 370 and HB 895-Elections; local electoral board & general registrars to perform certain risk-limiting audits, etc.

SB 211 and HB 55- Voter registration; list of decedent transmitted by St. Reg. Vital Records to Dept. of Elections.

HB 1140- Voter registration; cancellation of registration, notice requirement.

The board briefly paused from the agenda to take the time to recognize a late guest, Ann Grigorian.

During the recent local redistricting the Oyster Point precinct moved from the north district to the central district. Currently the Yates precinct and the Oyster Point precinct are located at the same location, Yates Elementary School. Mrs. Lewis suggests merging the two precincts now

that they both are in the same district. Mr. Barbour moved to merge both precincts. Mrs. White seconded. Motion carried (Y 3)

The board will visit all precincts on Election Day and Mrs. White will visit half of the precincts with Mrs. Thomas and visit the other half with Mr. Barbour. The board will include an ADA compliance checklist along with the standard precinct checklist to go over during the visit.

Mr. Barbour suggested that we continue to provide sneeze shields for all precincts in June due to the rise in COVID cases.

The board was provided an Election calendar of events. Mrs. Thomas requested if anyone had any questions or updates to contact Mrs. Dunn.

Registrars' Report

Mrs. Lewis advised that the redistricting is complete. Her office will notify voters that have any location change immediately. Mrs. Lewis plans to notify all voters of district changes after the June primary.

Mrs. Lewis ordered 25,000 ballots for the upcoming Republican Primary. They consist of 2,000 folded ballots for absentee, 2,000 flat ballots for early voting, and 21,000 for the precincts on Election Day.

The remaining 100 laptops that were ordered were expected to be delivered on May 3rd. These laptops will be used with the new election program starting in November and training will be provided to all Election Officials prior to the Election. Mrs. Lewis mentioned that she will be ordering a new ballot on demand system this summer to be used for early voting. Mrs. Lewis explained that she has received a quote from one vendor for paper to print the ballots and is awaiting on a quote from a second vendor.

Mrs. Lewis stated that Rob Coleman is certified as a candidate for City Council, central district for November 8th. Yugonda Sample-Jones is still pending for the City Council, south district.

Mrs. White confirmed that she will meet with the new Chief for the Central Absentee Precinct. Mrs. White will assist on showing the new Chief the process of CAP. The date is TBD. Mrs. Lewis is waiting on guidance from ELECT on pre-processing.

Mrs. Lewis stated that there are 3 to 5 Election Officials per precinct for the June primary. She also said that the Election Officials have gotten a pay increase. Chiefs will receive \$190.00, Assistant Chief will receive \$150.00 and Election Officials will receive \$120 for working on Election Day.

Electronic pollbook training is scheduled for May 13th for all new Election Officials.

The next meeting will be the election canvass on June 22nd and the provisional meeting on June 24th.

With no further business to discuss Mrs. White motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37am. Mrs. Thomas seconded. (Y-3)

Submitted by
Wendell Barbour, Secretary