

MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
June 5, 2018

The Fairfax County Electoral Board met on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in Conference Room 315/319 at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Chairman Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chairman Bettina M. Lawton, Secretary Katherine K. Hanley, General Registrar Gary Scott, Election Manager Eric L. Spicer, Election Officer Manager Ravi Udeshi, Assistant Registrar Cheryl Jones, Public Information Officer Lisa Connors, Assistant to the General Registrar Patty Reilly, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. Keith Damon representing the Fairfax County Republican Party (FCRC); Brian McConville representing the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC); Maggi Luca and Rachael Hamlet representing the Fairfax League of Women Voters (LWV); Counsel for the Electoral Board Julia Jenson and Fairfax County resident Jean Thoensen also attended the Electoral Board meeting.

Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and introduced himself, Vice Chairman Lawton and Secretary Hanley (Board). Mr. Hunt called for a motion to approve the June 5, 2018, meeting agenda. Ms. Hanley moved to approve the agenda, and by a vote of 3-0, the June 5, agenda, was adopted.

Mr. Hunt asked for approval of the Draft Minutes of the Electoral Board meeting held on May 2, 2018. By a vote of 3-0, the May 2, 2018, Minutes were adopted.

Mr. Hunt asked for a motion to appoint 76 election officers (30 Democrats, 18 Independents, and 28 Republicans) for a term ending February 29, 2020. Ms. Hanley moved to adopt the 76 election officer appointments as presented, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board appointed 76 individuals (30 Democrats, 18 Independents, and 28 Republicans) to serve as election officers (EO) for a term ending February 29, 2020.

Mr. Scott presented the General Registrar's (GR) report (see attached June 4, 2018, GR Report).

Fairfax County surpassed 750,000 registered voters this past month. Absentee voting continues for the June 12 Primary elections. All nine of the satellite voting locations will be open on Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 a.m.

Under the Secretary's report, Ms. Hanley reported that based on the Board's decision at the February 6, 2018, Board meeting, ten assistant registrars have been designated and assigned to each of the satellite voting locations.

Mr. Spicer informed the Board that 1242 EOs have currently been assigned for the June 12 Primary elections. This is 22 shy of the target number of 1264. Approximately 95 EOs remain available, but have not yet been assigned. All of the Chief EOs in the 8th and the 11th Congressional Districts (CD) are Republicans. Approximately half of the Assistant Chiefs EOs

are also Republicans. Only one Assistant Chief EO is an Independent. In the 10th CD, all of the Chief EOs are Democrats and all of the Assistant Chief EOs are Republicans (see attached EO Information for June 12, 2018, Primary Elections).

All language assessments have been completed to ensure that EOs who identify themselves as bilingual speakers possess the requisite fluency in Spanish, Korean, or Vietnamese. Bilingual EOs will be identified as such on their identification badge.

Chief and Assistant Chief EO briefings are underway. Mr. Spicer distributed the briefing notes and a PollPad addendum addressing various issues and how to resolve them (attached and made a part of this record).

Chief EOs will be asked to complete a series of surveys to confirm that they have completed certain tasks, such as: 1) contact their polling location, rover, EOs; 2) verify voting room and receipt of sheriff's envelope; 3) verify polling location open by 6:00 a.m.; and 5) verify turn-out at 4 different times on Election Day.

The rovers will be given a summary of the experience of the Chief and Assistant Chief EOs (attached and made a part of this record). FCDC commended Mr. Spicer for compiling this type of information to assist the rovers in triaging issues on Election Day.

FCRC applauded the staff for the effort to make available [expanded training options, follow-up on inactive Republican EOs] for assignment as many Republican EOs as possible.

There was no Vice Chairman's report.

Under the Chairman's report, Mr. Hunt explained that on June 1, 2018, after extensive deliberation and consideration of alternatives, the Electoral Board terminated the employment of Cameron Sasnett. He thanked Gary Scott for his willingness to accept the position of Acting General Registrar. Mr. Hunt expressed his confidence in the Office to carry out the primary elections efficiently, effectively and without incident.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, Ms. Lawton moved that the Fairfax County Electoral Board appoint Gary Scott as General Registrar for the remainder of the term expiring on June 30, 2019. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Under Public Comments, FCRC confirmed that the pre-election briefings specify that the Chief EO accept poll watcher authorizations from the candidates and not the political parties. LWV asked if the Electoral Board would reconsider its 2012 decision not to stop offering the Facts for Voters. LWV explained that the pamphlet has now been translated into Spanish, Korean, and Vietnamese. FCRC objected to reversing this decision, stating that the League of Women Voters is an advocacy group. Mr. Hunt remarked that the Board will look into the reasons behind the Board's 2012 decision to stop distributing this literature. LWV provided the Board the Facts for Voters in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

Ms. Connors encouraged the parties and LWV to assist Fairfax County by sharing the approved information and information found on @FairfaxVotes to their constituencies.

The next Board meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, to canvass the returns and ascertain the results for the June 12, 2018, Primary elections.

There being no further business, Ms. Hanley made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Attachments

Stephen M. Hunt, Chairman

Bettina M. Lawton, Vice Chairman

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary

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