

MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
May 3, 2017

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in Conference Room 315 at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, to canvass the returns and ascertain the results of the May 2, 2017 Vienna Town Election. General election matters were also discussed. Chairman Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chairman Seth T. Stark, Secretary Katherine K. Hanley, General Registrar (GR) Cameron Glenn Sasnett, Deputy Registrar Gary Scott, Election Manager Judy Flaig, IT Director Erica Newsome, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. John Farrell representing the Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC); and James Lyle representing the Fairfax County Republican Committee also attended the Electoral Board meeting.

Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced himself, Vice Chairman Stark and Secretary Hanley.

Mr. Hunt noted that no provisional ballots were cast for the Vienna Town Election so Item IV. *Provisional Ballot Meeting* will be removed from the agenda. He called for a motion to approve the May 3, 2017 meeting agenda, as amended. Ms. Hanley moved to approve the agenda, and by a vote of 3-0, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Chairman Hunt and Vice Chairman Stark unsealed the ballot room containing the election materials. Judy Flaig and Viki Kinsman canvassed the election results. Mr. Sasnett presented an update for the Office of Elections (Office) since the last GR's report.

United Language Consultants met with staff to review and clarify expectations of the roll-out of Vietnamese and Korean for the June primaries. A bilingual Vietnamese seasonal has been hired. Shirley Nicholson will retire on Friday, May 12, 2017. Mr. Sasnett attended an Election Center conference and training classes in Columbus, Ohio. He also attended the State Board of Elections (SBE) meeting on May 1. The ongoing issue with the non-citizen hopper was acknowledged but no specific explanation or resolution was offered. Mr. Stark asked if any of the issues set forth in the Board's March 28 letter to SBE were addressed, especially the Board's concerns about both the timing and the inaccuracies of the reports. Mr. Sasnett replied that this was mentioned in Public Comments but nothing was stated as to what caused the inaccuracies nor was a plan presented to prevent them. Ms. Hanley asked Mr. Scott if any reports were received since March 28. Mr. Scott responded that not only have no additional reports been received since March 28, none of the names on the two previous reports included any resulting from 2017 DMV transactions. Hunt suggested that the lack of an explanation could be because ELECT would rather send no information than bad information. Additionally, the irregularities in the timing and accuracy of the reports coincided with the implementation of the new state-wide, DMV voter registration terminals. Ms. Hanley mentioned that this meeting was covered in the May 2, 2017 edition of the Richmond Times Dispatch. Mr. Sasnett added that the article also covered ELECT's acknowledgement that it is no longer able to offer legal advice or analysis regarding campaign finance violations. "Stand

by Your Ad” campaign violations and penalties will either be determined by the Attorney General or SBE.

Mr. Sasnett updated the absentee voting statistics for the June primaries, reporting that since Monday, May 1, 2017, 1,080 Republicans and 2,271 Democrats voted. Ms. Hanley asked Ms. Kinsman to compare the absentee turn-out from this year to four years ago.

There were no Electoral Board Reports.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business, the Board acknowledged the receipt of a proposed update to the voting machine use and rental policy just prior to the meeting (attached and made a part of this record.) Mr. Sasnett pointed out that the biggest changes from the old policy to the new one are the costs and the lock-out of availability 30 days preceding and 30 days following an election. Mr. Sasnett reported that the FCRC requested via an April 24, 2017 email (attached and made a part of this record) for one DS200 scanner, and 4 electronic pollbooks (EPB) or PollPads, for a “firehouse primary” in the 42nd Delegate district on June 10, 2017, at Hunt Valley Elementary School. When the request was received, Mr. Sasnett expressed concern to the FCRC Chairman that the day requested falls on the last Saturday of in-person absentee voting when all of the satellite locations will be open and most of the technical staff will be deployed. It is also the last day for emergency Chief and Assistant Chief’s training. After discussion, Mr. Hunt moved to approve the FCRC request under the old rental guidelines to provide 4 EPBs and one staff member for the “firehouse primary” on Saturday, June 10. The Advocate EPBs will be used because the data file for the PollPads requires stripping the voter’s driver identification number. The proposed rental policy will be submitted to the local political committees for review and will be discussed at the next Board meeting. The Board passed the motion by a vote of 3-0.

Ms. Flaig reported that the canvass concluded with no changes in the reported numbers.

Under Public Comments, Mr. Lyle will relate the Board’s approval of the FRCR request for rental of voting equipment for the June 10 “firehouse primary.”

Ms. Hanley reminded the Board that the Security Policy has not been voted on in almost three years. The Board requested a draft of the Security Policy within five days prior to the next Board meeting. To cover both eventualities, the policy will include language if transmission of “sensitive information” over remote servers not owned or leased directly by the Commonwealth of Virginia [i.e., commercial server systems like the Cloud] will be allowed, as well as language if this type of transmission will be prohibited.

The pre-election Board meeting for the June primaries will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017.

The Board recessed at 9:54 a.m. The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

The Board then certified the election results for the May 2, 2017, Vienna Town Election, and signed the abstracts. There were no write-in certifications. All paperwork will be submitted to the Department of Elections by the close of business on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

There being no further business, Mr. Stark made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Attachments

Stephen M. Hunt, Chairman

Seth T. Stark, Vice Chairman

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary

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