

NELSON COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2022

I. Call to order

Chairwoman Linda Hughes called to order the regular meeting of the Nelson County Electoral Board at 10:02 am on July 29, 2022 at the Office of the Registrar.

II. Roll call

Chairwoman Hughes conducted a roll call. Present: Linda Hughes, Chairwoman; Armand Thieblot, Vice Chairman; Susan Greene, Secretary; and Jacqueline Britt, Director of Elections.

III. Reading and Approval of minutes from the previous meeting

Vice Chairman Thieblot moved to approve the minutes from June 30, 2022 as presented. Chairman Hughes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. Recognition of Any Visitors

Darrel Lang, from Shipman, VA attended the meeting.

V. Reports of Electoral Board Officers

Linda Hughes-Chairwoman Hughes attended ELECT's 6-hour virtual legislative update based on the 2022 VA General Assembly session. Ms. Hughes cited the review of the GREB handbook, reflecting changes in VA code, and the work to update the "What If" manual which is used on Election Day.

Armand Thieblot-Vice Chairman Thieblot also attended ELECT's virtual legislative update and voiced objection to it, citing it to be a "waste of time and talent."

Susan Greene- Secretary Greene had no new report to give at this time.

VI. Report of Registrar

A. Redistricting

The redistricting plan for local elections has been completed and the Registrar's Office is reviewing maps, working with Nelson County GIS and other counties to make sure that all voters are assigned to their correct district. Per State mandate, the Office of the Registrar has sent notices to all voters in Nelson County alerting them of the District changes. The General Assembly has since approved funding for the VA Department of Elections to send notices as well, so voters will receive two notices.

B. ELECT Training Report

Jacqueline Britt and Rachael Snapp attended ELECT's training in Staunton and were primarily focused on same day registration and early voting. Of note as

well was new legislation that allows 16 year-olds to register ahead of time, even though they are not eligible to vote until they are eighteen years old. 17 year-olds are currently eligible to register and vote in a primary election if they will turn eighteen before the election in November of the same year.

C. Office renovation

Construction will begin on July 31 to renovate the office and the new meeting space will be available for use soon.

VII. Unfinished Business and General Orders

Electronic Pollbook Update

The new EPB equipment from DemTech is scheduled arrive in approximately two weeks, at which time the Office of the Registrar will schedule acceptance testing and training. Officer of Election Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and Pollbook workers will be invited to attend the training sessions, as they will be the primary users of the equipment. A single Ballot on Demand printer was ordered to accommodate the different ballot styles that are often needed. Secretary Greene moved that the Ballot on Demand printer be used for Early Voting, beginning the November 8, 2022 General Election. Vice Chairman Thieblot seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

VIII. New Business

November Election

Designation of duties- Chairwoman Hughes moved that the General Registrar's staff distribute ballots to all precincts. Secretary Greene seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Logic and Accuracy Testing- L & A testing will be done as soon as the ballots are approved, prior to the start of Absentee Voting on September 23.

Election week meeting- The Board will meet at the Office of the Registrar on the following days:

Monday, November 7, 2022 at 11:00 am to certify the absentee ballots for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 10:00 am to canvass the results of the November 8, 2022 General Election and to determine the validity of provisional votes.

Monday, November 14, 2022 at 2:00 pm to finalize the canvass of the results of the November 8, 2022 General Election.

IX. Comments by Any Attending Public

Chairwoman Hughes opened the floor for public comments. Darrel Lang, from Shipman, VA addressed the board.

X. General Registrar Evaluation

At 10:28 am Chairwoman Hughes moved that the Electoral Board go into closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711-(A) for the purpose of discussing issues related to personnel, and that the Director of Elections be allowed to remain in the room. Vice Chairman Thieblot seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board. The Board went into executive session at 10:29 am.

At 11:51 am Chairwoman Hughes moved that the Electoral Board return to public session and certify that only business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was seconded by Secretary Greene and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board re-convened in open session at 11:51 am.

XI. Good of the Order

No other business was presented.

XII. Adjournment

At 11:54 am, Chairman Hughes moved that the meeting be adjourned. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 10:00 am at the office of the Registrar.

Approved: September 1, 2022