

NELSON COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

I. **Call to order**

Chairwoman Hughes called to order the regular meeting of the Nelson County Electoral Board at 11:06 am on November 14, 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 meetings**

Vice Chairman Thieblot moved to approve the minutes from November 7, 2022 and November 9, 2022 as presented. Chairwoman Hughes seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. **Recognition of Any Visitors and Public Comment**

Johanna Marusic attended the meeting, representing the Nelson County Republican Party.

V. **Report of Registrar**

Despite some challenges, the election ran smoothly and without any reported incidents, and the Electoral Board reported that the Office of the Registrar and the Officers of Election did an excellent job.

VI. **Items of Business**

A. Provisional Voting

Chairwoman Hughes moved that the Electoral Board of Nelson County convene in closed session pursuant to § 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and that the general registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates or political parties, as specified in § 24.2-653(B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. The motion was seconded by Secretary Greene and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board went into closed session at 11:20 am.

At 1:20 pm, Chairwoman Hughes moved that the provisional ballots meeting of the Electoral Board of Nelson County stand adjourned until later in the afternoon on November 14, 2022. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Thieblot and unanimously approved by the Board. At 1:21 pm Chairwoman Hughes moved to reconvene in open session and that the Electoral Board of Nelson County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by § 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia

Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Secretary Greene and unanimously approved by the Board, and a roll call was taken to certify the closed session. The meeting was suspended at 1:21 pm, to be reconvened later in the afternoon on November 14, 2022 to complete the review of provisional ballots and the canvass of the November 8, 2022 election.

At 5:35 pm, Chairwoman Hughes moved that the Electoral Board of Nelson County re-convene in closed session pursuant to § 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and that the general registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates or political parties, as specified in § 24.2-653(B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Thieblot and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board went into closed session at 5:35 pm.

At 7:16 pm, Chairwoman Hughes moved that the provisional ballots meeting of the Electoral Board of Nelson County stand adjourned. The motion was seconded by Secretary Greene and unanimously approved by the Board. At 7:16 pm Chairwoman Hughes moved to reconvene in open session and that the Electoral Board of Nelson County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by § 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Thieblot and unanimously approved by the Board, and a roll call was taken to certify the closed session.

B. Canvass of the Election

The Nelson County Electoral Board re-convened in open session at 7:16 pm and canvassed the results of the November 8 General Election. All precinct materials and numbers were reviewed and verified.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Nelson County office of the Registrar.

Approved: December 15, 2022