

Meeting Minutes of the Sussex County Electoral Board

July 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Chair, called the meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board to order at 1:02 p.m. at the Office of the General Registrar of Sussex County.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss lessons learned from recent elections and to discuss personnel matters in Closed Session, as set forth on the Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Electoral Board Members present at the meeting were:

Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Chair
Glover Pegram, Electoral Board Vice Chair
Al Peschke, Electoral Board Secretary

It was determined that a quorum was established and the meeting properly convened. Also present were:

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar of Sussex County
Sareese Messier, Assistant Registrar of Sussex County

MINUTES:

- Secretary Peschke read minutes from the April 8 Electoral Board Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Mr. Peschke and seconded by Mr. Pegram. Mr. Hicks, who was not present at that meeting, abstained. The minutes were approved as read.
- Secretary Peschke read minutes from the May 22 Electoral Board Meeting. Mr. Peschke moved to approve the minutes as read and Mr. Pegram seconded. Mr. Hicks, who was not present at that meeting, objected to the minutes listing him as absent because he said he attempted to get into the building but the door was locked. Ms. Messier explained she locked the exterior door after the meeting started due to COVID19 precautions but she opened it when she became aware he had arrived. Mr. Peschke, Mr. Jenkins and Ms. Messier reminded Mr. Hicks he entered the meeting room but promptly left. Mr. Hicks demanded the minutes reflect he was unable to enter because the door was locked. There being a majority in favor, the minutes were approved as read.

AGENDA:

Old Business.

- There was no Old Business.

New Business.

- Certification of Notice. Notice for this meeting was properly posted as required by law.
- Mr. Hicks asked for the effective date of Ms. Braswell's resignation from the Board. He was referred to the Clerk's office and the meeting was recessed from 1:10 p.m. to 1:14 p.m. to allow him to consult the Clerk. He was unable to obtain the information and Mr. Peschke offered to obtain the information for him before the next meeting.
- Mr. Hicks moved that all Officers of Election who come into contact with voters must wear a mask and any having a medical condition preventing them from wearing a mask must be assigned to a position where they don't come into contact with voters. Anyone claiming a medical

condition must provide a doctor's note to the Registrar or Assistant Registrar by Training Day, the Wednesday before election. Mr. Pegram seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Changes in Election Law for the November Election removes the requirement for photo ID, but some type of identification is required. Examples are a voter ID card, an electric bill, or an Affirmation of Eligibility.
- Mr. Hicks asked how the Registrar got a new building. He wanted to know where the floor plan is, where the plot plan is, and where is the guidance on what we can do with each area. He stated a queuing plan is needed in case too many cars arrive at the building at one time, and all furnishings and equipment in the building should be removed and then a request made of the county to furnish and equip the building as needed. No motion was forthcoming.
- Regarding annual training of newly appointed Electoral Board members, Mr. Hicks said the Electoral Board should provide equipment for him to access the online training. Mr. Peschke stated he will access the training from home and suggested Mr. Hicks use library computers if he doesn't have equipment at home.
- Mr. Jenkins is working with the high school to recruit students who are old enough to vote to register and work the polls.
- At 1:46 p.m. Mr. Peschke moved to convene the Electoral Board to closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia to discuss a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Pegram and unanimously carried. Non-Board members were excused.
- Reconvening in Open Session. At 2:36 p.m. Mr. Peschke moved to return to open session. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. By roll call the Board certified that to each party's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia law and identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. Any participant not so certifying was asked to so state and indicate why. No participant declined to certify. A vote of Yay or Nay was taken from each Electoral Board Member, as follows:

Mr. Pegram - Yay
Mr. Hicks - Yay
Mr. Peschke - Yay

- Mr. Peschke moved to submit the annual personnel review discussed in closed session. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

- Mr. Pegram made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Peschke seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 29, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Al Peschke, Secretary
Sussex County Electoral Board