

Electoral Board minutes, at 10 a.m. May 7th, 2019

Chairman Wohlford called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the elections office.

The purpose of the meeting is the discussion of the Central precinct polling place, Recent re-precinct and update on status of voter card mailing for the New River Precinct, and re-appointment consideration of the general registrar.

Roll call:

Chairman W. Guy Wohlford; yes

Vice Chairman, Phyllis Turk; yes

Secretary, Joseph Mannon; yes

Also attending, Tracy Howard, general registrar/Director of Elections.

Minutes:

Chairman Wohlford moved approval of April 2, 2019 minutes

Vice Chairman Turk, 2nd

Secretary Mannon, voting yes.

Old business:

GR Howard, briefed the board on the status of the New River Precinct voter notification mailing. 2337 individuals were mailed notifications concerning the new precinct and new polling place. Approx. 350 were returned as undeliverable. These voters have now been flagged for confirmation mailing and address updates within the VERIS system and a forward-able notification will be mailed during the yearly list maintenance confirmation mailing this summer.

New Business:

Discussion of Central Precinct Polling Place.

As previously discussed the Central Polling place, at Radford Fire and Rescue, has become challenging in recent years. Parking and parking lot accessibility have become issues. Due to recorded fender benders and expanded storage of fire department apparatus and vehicles.

A recommendation needs to be made to City Council to move the polling place to First Baptist Church at 555 W. Rock Road. With the first usage of such at the November 2019 general election, observing the timeline set out by the Code of Virginia, §24.2-306 dictates that no change shall be made to a precinct or polling place within 60 days of the general election. This change would have to take place before September 1, 2019.

Motion to recommend designation of Central Precinct polling place as First Baptist Church at 555 W. Rock Road, to replace the Radford Fire Department;

Motion by Chairman Wohlford,

Vice Chair, Turk, 2nd.

Secretary Mannon, voting yes

Mr. Howard to forward the Electoral Board recommendation to City Council for action prior to September 1st, for the November general election.

General Registrar appointment

§24.2-109.1 of the Code of Virginia directs “Each local electoral board to meet in the month of May or June in 2007 and every four years thereafter, and shall appoint a general registrar...”

Tracy Howard, had previously submitted a request for consideration of reappointment, for a term of 4 years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2023 at the April 2, 2019 meeting.

Secretary Mannon moved to reappoint Tracy Howard to the office of general registrar.

Chairman Wohlford, 2nd

Vice Chair Turk, Yes

Secretary Mannon then signed the appointment certification notice used to inform the Department of Elections.

Discussion and good of the order,

The next meeting scheduled for June 18, for purposes of general Registrar evaluation for fiscal year 2019.

Motion to adjourn made by Chairman Wohlford at 10:45 a.m.

Secretary Mannon, 2nd

Vice chair Turk, yes.

Minutes Rss: TDH