

**MINUTES OF STAFFORD COUNTY
ELECTORAL BOARD**

June 10th and continuing through June 17th, 2019

At 8AM on Monday, June 10, 2019, the Stafford County Electoral Board held a meeting in the General Registrar's office located at 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia 22554. The meeting was called to order and a roll call was taken. Chair, Marie Gozzi; Vice-Chair, Jim Minor; Secretary, Gloria Chittum; and General Registrar, Greg Riddlemoser were all present.

Minutes of the May 10, 2019 meeting were read and approved. Appointment of Officers of Election and review of election preparations were our main focus. Marie moved, Jim seconded and all voted in favor of appointing the additional officers of election as presented. The Election will be held in most Precincts June 11th from 6AM to 7PM [one precinct, Widewater (302) has no one on the ballot due to the fact there are no General Assembly seats where Primaries were selected by the political parties]. We were all given a copy of our Election Day Precincts. Greg advised us everything went well yesterday (Sunday) with the loading of the equipment (cages) even though it was raining. Marie moved, Jim seconded and all voted in favor at 8:45 AM for us to go into closed session to continue discussions of the Quadrennial General Registrar (re)Appointment process as allowed by VFOIA §2.2-3711(A)(1, 7 & 8) . At noon we reconvened when Marie moved, Jim seconded and all of us voted affirmatively that we had not made any decisions in closed session and that the closed session was completely within the bounds of why it was held. We then had the Registrar re-join us and to review the meeting we were to have with members of a vending company to conduct L&A on the high-speed scanners to be used as part of the demonstration project for the State Board. We then recessed.

At 3pm we reconvened in the General Registrar's office, Greg instructed us we would be going over to the Chichester building. There we met with the vending company and went over the equipment we would be using in the CAP tomorrow. [We had used this equipment in a recount last year]. We then recessed until tomorrow

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, we conducted the Dual-Party Primary Election, and we were all out on the road going to our assigned Precincts – the day went well.

Wednesday, June 12th 2019 at noon Marie resumed our meeting; there were no visitors. We began with the Provisional Ballots meeting. There were no provisional ballots where the voter failed to furnish photo-ID. We then reviewed the three (3) Provisional ballots cast yesterday and after review we made unanimous motions to count two (2) of the ballots and deny the third. We adjourned the Provisional Ballots Meeting and began the Canvass of the Election. Total number of ballots cast were Eight Thousand, Five Hundred, and Thirteen (8,513) or 9.208% of our active voters. The Canvass, being complete was adjourned. As our Board meeting continued with review of the election, we were advised by the Registrar that there had been complaints made against 102 Rocky Run regarding partisan comments being made by election official(s). We were also advised this Chief's paperwork at nights end was less-than-ideal, and this was not the first time. Gloria made a motion to remove him and the maker of the partisan comments, Jim seconded and all voted in favor. We then recessed until 2PM. At 2PM we

reconvened and, with Jim being delayed, Marie moved, Gloria seconded and all voted in favor for us to go into closed session to continue discussions of the Quadrennial General Registrar (re)Appointment process as allowed by VFOIA §2.2-3711(A)(1, 7 & 8). Upon Jim's arrival, he was brought up to date. At 5:30pm we reconvened when Marie moved, Jim seconded and all of us voted affirmatively that we had not made any decisions in closed session and that the closed session was completely within the bounds of why it was held. We then recessed until 1PM Monday, June 17th, 2019.

On Monday, June 17, 2019 the meeting was resumed at 1pm. Marie called meeting to order all members present. We signed the Abstracts which were then mailed to Richmond. Marie moved, Jim seconded and all voted in favor for us to go into closed session to continue discussions of the Quadrennial General Registrar (re)Appointment process as allowed by VFOIA §2.2-3711(A)(1, 7 & 8) . At 4:30pm we reconvened when Marie moved, Jim seconded and all of us voted affirmatively that we had not made any decisions in closed session and that the closed session was completely within the bounds of why it was held. We then had the Registrar re-join us. A short discussion ensued about the selection process and the strengths and weaknesses of the candidates interviewed. We compared our rankings, and having all agreed on the relative ranking of all four applicants took a vote of unanimous consent to appoint Anna Rainey to be our new General Registrar. We returned to the Registrar's outer office where we made our discussion known, made the formal offer to Anna. She accepted the appointment for the term 7/1/19 through 6/30/23. The three of us then signed the necessary appointment forms/paperwork for both the Courts and the Commonwealth. We then asked if the Clerk of Courts was available and, after a short delay, she arrived and swore in the new General Registrar and her assistants. Having no date set yet for our next meeting, we unanimously adjourned at 4:55pm.

For the Record,

Gloria Chittum, Secretary