

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Long, Chairman

Sheila Ahmadi, V. Chairman

April 13, 2021

Electoral Board Meeting

Members Present:

Sheila Ahmadi

Anne Fitzgerald

Tom Long

Guest Present:

Molly Goldsmith, Registrar

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

Sheila Ahmadi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of the Registrar

Molly Goldsmith reported that there is legislation pending the Governor's signature.

- Curbside voting: will need to put signs out that indicate Curbside is available.
- Absentee voting availability on Sundays; this would be up to the discretion of the Electoral Board.
- Unlawful possession of firearms in polling places.
- June primary will be moved to the 3rd week.
- Municipality elections will be moved to November.
- Need to be aware that witness signatures are required until the Governor signs legislation. Additionally ballot boxes are not to be used, nor is ballot curing to happen, until the Governor signs.
- Prepaid postage—it has been advised to send envelopes with prepaid postage. Reimbursement is pending budget approval.

Old Business

Voting Security Plan:

Sheila Ahmadi made a motion that we go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the security plan. Anne Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion stating that only the Security plan was discussed in closed session, per the previous motion.

Mr. Long: So Certify

Mrs. Ahmadi: So certify

Ms. Fitzgerald: So certify

Mrs. Ahmadi made a motion to accept the security plan. Ms. Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

* Ballots for June Primary—25% ballots were ordered.

* Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion that we assign the following offers of election for the June 2021 Democratic Primary. Mrs. Ahmadi seconded. Motion carried.

Assignment of Officers:

Ward 1:

Chief: Susan Sheets
Asst Chief: Jody Barb
Zachairias Lewis, III
Rhonda Turner

Ward 2:

Chief: Charles Scheffer
Asst: Jason Long
Katie Curry
Eric Taylor Sheeley

Alternate:

Rebekah Cempe
David Watson
Cheryl Fauerbach
Gretchen Bishop
Jennifer Grant

Ward 3:

Chief: Jason Hochstettler
Asst: Sheila Beard
Eric Fauerbach
Cindy Sheets

Ward 4:

Chief: Katherine Taylor
Asst: Roger Slack
Margaret Scott
Steven Zander

Ward 5:

Chief: Alan Garrison
Asst: Aaron Barmer
Theresa Murphy
Robert Turner

CAP:

Chief: Jeff Jones
Asst: Judy Cook
Kayla Payne

* Mr. Long made a motion that we approve the nine individuals who submitted their paperwork after the February 2021 Board meeting. Ms. Ahmadi seconded. Motion carried.

Officer of Election Training will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 10am, 2pm, and 5pm. CAP will be trained on Primary Day at 10:30am. The alternative training day will be Saturday, June 5 at 10am.

Early Voting begins on April 23rd. The hours will be 9am-5pm at City Hall.

Early Voting machine will be calibrated Friday, April 16th. The Democratic Party chair has been notified.

Motion to adjourn at 2:51pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Taetzsch Fitzgerald
Secretary, Staunton Electoral Board