

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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BOARD MEMBERS
Thomas W. Long, Chairman
Sheila Ahmadi, V. Chairman

April 12, 2022

Members Present:

Tom Long, Chair
Sheila Ahmadi, Vice Chair
Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests Present:

Molly Goldsmith, Registrar

Tom Long called the meeting to order at 1:01.

Sheila Ahmadi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Long made a motion to approve minutes. Mrs. Ahmadi seconded. Motion carried.

Registrar's Report:

Pollbooks:

- We have new software for our Poll Books.
- We have discontinued use of ethernet cables to connect computers and will instead use Merlins (a secure, encrypted network) to connect computers.
- We now have ID scanners, that were mandated by ELECT. The scanners are connected to the laptop.
- Ms Goldsmith will hold training on the new equipment for the Chiefs, the two Saturdays prior to the Primary.

Ballots:

- We will order ballots for a 12% turnout. The last two primaries were 8% and 9% respectively.

June Primary:

Ward 1

Chief	Katherine Taylor
Asst Chief	Susan Sheets
	Lisa Hatter
	Marcel Ciascai

Ward 2

Chief	Katherine Curry
Asst Chief	Jody Barb
	Gretchen Allmond
	Linda Brooks

Ward 3

Chief	Jason Hochstetler
Asst Chief	Charles Sheffer
	Constance Oakes
	Ashlyn Hartsook

Ward 4

Chief	Sheila Beard
Asst Chief	Nancy Hanna
	Mary Anne Bennett
	Adam Geier

Ward 5

Chief Alan Garrison
Asst Chief Margie Scott
Zachairias Lewis
Howard Kator

CAP

Chief Jeffrey Jones
Asst Chief Judy Cook
Rebecca Johnson

Alternates

Linda Bradford
Kelly Burdick
Debra Fitzgerald-O'Connell
John Hartless
Thomas Oakes
Karen Peterson
Eric Stamer
Daniel Wright

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion to approve the list of Officers of Election for the June Primary. Mrs. Ahmadi seconded. Motion carried.

Early Voting:

- Begins May 6
- Judy Cook, Glenn Graves, and Shannon Grogg will be brought in to assist.

Contacting Voting locations:

- Tom Long will coordinate with host locations.
- Mr. Long will coordinate with Parks and Rec.

Training:

- Ms. Goldsmith will confirm availability of either Council Chambers, or the Caucus Room, for the week of June 6th.

Letters will be going out to Ward 2 voters to let them know that their voting location has reverted back to Christ United Methodist Church. Ms. Goldsmith will coordinate with the City to send out reminder emails and social media posts, as an additional follow up.

Comments from Board Members:

Mr. Long reviewed the meeting he had with City Council. Discussion included:

- Early voting
- Storage facilities
- Transportation of voting equipment
- Relocation of the Registrar's Office

City Council asked if the Electoral Board to have a plan. Mr. Long suggested that the Board, along with Ms. Goldsmith, the City Manager, and Facilities meet to draft a plan. An ideal target date would be the next presidential election. Mr. Long will send a follow up letter to City Council members.

Mr. Long presented at Staunton High School. He reached out to Grace Christian School and Stuart Hall School, but has not received a response.

Mrs. Ahmadi would like to make sure the registrar's office is continuing with a voter education program.

Ms. Fitzgerald would like for the Electoral Board to consider holding a local candidate training program in late summer/early fall.

The next meeting will be upon the call of the chair.

Meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board