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Electoral Board Minutes
June 30, 2017 @ 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Glenn Graves, Chairman
Beth Young, Vice-Chairman
Polly Guffey, Secretary
Molly Goldsmith, Registrar

Mr. Graves called the meeting to order.

Mr. Graves moved that the Board approve the proposed minutes of the Board's meeting on June 24, 2017, except that the reference to the Virginia Code should have been to Virginia Code Section 2.2 3711(A)(1) rather than to 2.2-3711(A)(7), given that the Board discussed the performance of an election officer at that time with no legal counsel present, as a follow up to what has been an ongoing review or investigation of a Ward 3 voter complaint as to the recent primary elections of June 13, 2017, second by Mrs. Guffey. There being no discussion, Vote was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Young
Mr. Graves
Mrs. Guffey

Motion Carried.

Mr. Graves, moved that the Board enter a closed session meeting for two purposes:

1. To consult with legal counsel regarding meeting procedures and regarding Ward 3 voter complaint from the recent June 13, 2017 primary elections, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7; and
2. To discuss the performance of an appointed Ward 3 election officer during the recent June 13, 2017 primary election, following a review of investigation of allegations, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1).

Second by Mrs. Young. No discussion. Vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Graves
Mrs. Young
Mrs. Guffey

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Guffey moved that the Board re-enter a public meeting and each member certify to the best of each member's knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting of the Board.

Second Mr. Graves. No Discussion. Vote to certify as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Young

Mr. Graves

Mrs. Guffey

Motion Carried.

Mrs. Young moved that the Board, superseding its prior action at a meeting on June 24, 2017 and after further review and deliberations today regarding a complaint by a Ward 3 voter against a Ward 3 election officer, hereby takes action as follows:

1. Find that given some conflicting allegations and accounts of what transpired at Ward 3 on June 13, 2017, yet exercising an abundance of prudence in light of some witness account, respectfully removes and terminates as an election officer of the Ward 3 Chief Election Officer who was the subject of the voter complaint.
2. Direct that Mr. Graves, Chairman of the Board notify the former election officer of the Board's action as soon as practicable by letter to the former officer and express to the former election officer of the Board's appreciation for the former officer's diligence and dedication in service prior to June 13, 2017.
3. Direct that all election officer Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs participate and complete training on July 13, 2017 or whatever other date the Electoral Board and Registrar prescribes, including but not limited to training regarding special arrangements for voting by persons with disabilities.
4. The Chairman report to the Virginia Department of Elections and to the complainant the actions today of the Board.
5. The General Registrar seek from the City Attorney such other advice and training as may be merited as to meeting procedures.

Second by Mr. Graves. No Discussion. Vote is as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Young

Mr. Graves

Mrs. Guffey

Motion Carried.

There being no further business, Glenn moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mrs. Young. Vote is as follows:

AYES: Mr. Graves

Mrs. Young

Mrs. Guffey

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly Guffey, Secretary