Alexandria Electoral Board Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023 9:30 am 132 N. Royal St., Suite 100

Chairman Powers called the September 19, 2023, meeting to order at 9:30 am. Present were the three members of the Alexandria Electoral Board (Jack Powers, Bruce A. Brown, and Tom Fulton); the General Registrar (Angie Maniglia Turner); the Elections Manager (Mark Hirschman); and three members of the public (Mary Lyman, representing the Alexandria Democratic Committee; Shirley Miles, representing the Alexandria Republican City Committee; and Bill Pritchard, representing the League of Women Voters). On behalf of the board, Mr. Brown expressed that it was wonderful to see former board member, Ms. Lyman.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Fulton made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10 meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election Officers

Ms. Maniglia Turner presented the Board with additions and deletions to the list of appointed election officers. Mr. Brown moved to approve the election officer appointment list; Mr. Fulton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Legislative Priorities

State Senator Adam Ebbin's office reached out to the Electoral Board inquiring if the board had any legislative recommendations. The board provided the following suggestions: increasing Deputy Registrar salaries to correspond to Deputy Treasurer salaries; funding for statewide outreach; expanding ways in which precinct boundaries can be drawn, and the freezing of election law changes prior to General Elections. Mr. Fulton made a motion to forward that same list of priorities to the city's legislative director. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Polling Places

Ms. Maniglia Turner presented the Board with the feedback from the public outreach survey regarding the proposal to add two precincts to the west end of the city. After discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the proposal and forward the proposal to the city council under the timeline provided by the General Registrar. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

As part of the same docket item to be sent to city council, Mr. Brown made a motion to permanently move the Ladrey precinct to the Charles Houston Recreation Center and to rename the precinct to "Old Town North." The Ladrey precinct has already been located at the Charles Houston Recreation Center since 2020 on a temporary basis. Mr. Brown communicated the importance of notifying affected voters, and to continue to look for other suitable locations. Mr. Fulton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election Office Report

Ms. Maniglia updated the Electoral Board on the office's registration activity and preparations for the upcoming election. Mr. Brown emphasized the requirements for each party's designated representatives (observers) to present a letter signed by either the local or state party chair, and that the letter from the local party chair will take precedence.

Future Board Meetings

The board scheduled the following meetings:

Friday, October 13 – 9:30am

Board Meeting

Monday, November 6 – 9:30am

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 8 – 9:30am Canvass

Tuesday, November 14 – 9:30am

Conclusion of Canvass

At 12:11 pm, Mr. Fulton moved to adjourn the Board meeting, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bruce Brown Secretary

Vice-Chairman