

**Alexandria Electoral Board
Minutes for March 29, 2017 Meeting**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present were the three members of the Alexandria Electoral Board (Susan B. Kellom, Bruce A. Brown and Jack Powers), Anna Leider, General Registrar, and Eric Spicer, Elections Administrator. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne joined the Electoral Board meeting at 10:30 a.m.

After the call to order, Mr. Powers moved for the Board to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2017 Board Meeting. Ms. Kellom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Electoral Board Reports

Mr. Powers reported that he and the other two Board members attended the V.E.B.A. Annual Meeting from March 3 to March 5. Mr. Brown noted that the V.E.B.A. Meeting was the best that he has been to during his tenure on the Board, but was disappointed that there was not more support from EB members to consider moving the annual meeting to locations in the Commonwealth other than the Homestead when the issue came to a vote. Ms. Kellom reported that there has been discussion in the public about possible changes to polling places in Alexandria.

Campaign Finance Discussion

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne attended a portion of the Board Meeting to discuss campaign finance reporting requirements for candidates. After this discussion, Sheriff Lawhorne left the meeting.

Polling Place Visits

The Board agreed to visit The Station at Potomac Yard (Community Room) with staff on April 19 to explore the possibility of using this facility as a polling place in the future. The Board also agreed to visit the Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center with staff on April 19 to explore the possibility of using this facility as a temporary replacement for Patrick Henry during the construction process if necessary.

Voting Equipment

Ms. Leider reported that there are three vendors with Virginia-certified voting systems that integrate an ADA system with an Optical/Digital scan. These systems are provided by HART InterCivic, Unisyn and ES&S. Ms. Leider noted that representatives from HART came to Alexandria on February 28 to demonstrate the setup and voting process for their new voting system VERITY, as well as the software that is used to set up and conduct elections with VERITY.

After discussing this issue, the Board agreed that staff should ask Unisyn and ES&S to schedule similar presentations this summer. Ms. Leider indicated that once the Board narrows its choice to two systems, staff will ask the two companies to test their equipment during the June, 2018 and November, 2018 elections. Ms. Leider also indicated that staff would do outreach to all stakeholders to solicit their opinions on the decision.

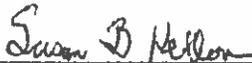
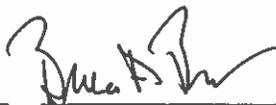
Change from Precinct Ballots to City-wide Ballots for June 13, 2017 Election

Ms. Leider reported that staff has explored the option of printing City-wide ballots rather than Precinct ballots for the June 13, 2017 Election and that staff found that this would be much more efficient and would result in a significant savings for the City. After discussing this issue, Ms. Kellom moved for the Board to approve the use of City-wide ballots for the June 13 Election. Mr. Powers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Future Board Meeting

The Board agreed to schedule the next Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m. on May 9.

Mr. Powers moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:47 p.m.

 _____ Susan B. Kellom Secretary	 _____ Bruce A. Brown Chairman	 _____ Jack Powers Vice Chair
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