Alexandria Electoral Board
Minutes for April 3, 2019 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, Angie Maniglia Turner, Elections Manager and 4 members of the public (David Lord, Ben Ortiz Jr., J. Greg Parks, and Holly Wallace).

Ballot Draw for Clerk of Court Primary
Referencing Virginia Code section § 24.2-529 Ms. Leider explained the process for drawing names to determine the ballot order in the contest of Clerk of Court for the June 11 Democratic Primary. The Electoral Board conducted the drawings of the names which resulted in the following ballot order:

J. Greg Parks
Ben Ortiz Jr.

After the ballot draw, Ms. Wallace, Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Lord left the meeting. Mr. Parks remained for the Electoral Board Reports, and a significant portion of the Election Office Report.

Ms. Leider presented the Board with the minutes from the March 20th meeting. Mr. Powers moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Kellom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Electoral Board Reports
Mr. Powers reported on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government’s Election Officials conference.

Ms. Kellom asked if the office would be willing to host a group of “Take your Sons/Daughters to Work Day” students on April 25. Ms. Leider agreed.

Mr. Brown reported on articles regarding HR1 and automatic voter registration in the National Conference of State Legislatures’ election newsletter, The Canvass.

Election Office Report
Ms. Leider reported on current registered voter statistics, the department budget, the status of the new precincts and reviewed current legislation. Additionally, Ms. Leider updated the Board on the March 21 Northern District registrar’s meeting and the status of preparations for the June 11 Democratic Primary Election.

Ms. Leider inquired if the Board would support programming the voting equipment to allow the same ballot style to be used for Election Day and for absentee voting. This would allow for more flexibility in the ballot ordering. After discussion, Ms. Kellom moved to support the same ballot style being used in both Absentee and Election Day precincts. Mr. Powers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

This option should make it easier to determine the total number of required ballots for an election, but the option will be evaluated after the election.
Future Board Meetings
The Board agreed to schedule the following Board Meetings:
Thursday, May 9 – 9:30am        Board Meeting
Monday, June 10 – 9:30am       Pre-Election Meeting
Wednesday, June 12 – 9:30am    Canvass
Wednesday, June 12 – 10am      Provisional Ballot Hearing
Friday, June 14 – 12pm         Conclusion of Canvass and Provisional Ballot Hearing

CLOSED SESSION

At 12:24 p.m. upon a motion made by Ms. Kellom seconded by Mr. Powers and passed by a unanimous vote of the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board went into closed session pursuant to Section §2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for a discussion on personnel matters.

At 12:48 p.m. upon a motion made Mr. Powers, seconded by Mr. Brown, and passed by a unanimous vote of the Electoral Board, Electoral Board reconvened in open session. No votes were taken in the closed session.

Mr. Powers moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 12:49 p.m. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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