

**Alexandria Electoral Board
Minutes for Meeting held on August 30, 2017**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:13 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.

Ms. Leider reported on staff efforts to evaluate three voting systems to prepare for the potential decertification of direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems by the State Board of Elections which would necessitate the purchase of a new voting system prior to the November 2017 Election. These efforts included two days of public demonstrations with outreach to civic groups, political parties, elected officials, the Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities. Ms. Leider reported that more than 150 individuals attended the demonstrations and that 104 of these individuals completed surveys. Ms. Leider reported on the specific input staff received and indicated that the VERITY system received the highest ranking.

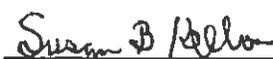
Mr. Powers moved to go into an Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. to discuss financial details relating to the proposals that staff received from each vendor. Ms. Kellom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Powers moved to close the Executive Session and return to the regular session at 12:04 p.m. Ms. Kellom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Powers reported that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Brown moved to recommend that the City purchase the VERITY system from HART InterCivic for use beginning with the November 2017 General Election. Ms. Kellom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Leider reported on a request from the State Department of Elections for the Electoral Board to turn over a set of direct recording electronic (DRE) voting equipment for testing. After discussing this issue, Mr. Brown moved for the Board to turn over a set of DRE equipment to the State Department of Elections for testing subject to verification from the State that this testing was required. Mr. Powers seconded the motion and it passed 2-0 with Ms. Kellom abstaining from the vote.

Bob Heisner, Regional Director of Sales for Hart InterCivic, joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and the Board informed Mr. Heisner that they chose VERITY as the City's new voting system. Mr. Heisner thanked the Board for continuing their relationship with HART and indicated that HART would work with the Board and its staff to effectively implement the new voting system in time for the start of absentee voting on September 22.

Ms. Kellom moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. Mr. Powers seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



Susan B. Kellom
Secretary



Bruce A. Brown
Chairman



Jack Powers
Vice Chair