

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
March 22, 2019
Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present were: Ruth Talmage, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Cliff Garstang, Secretary; Connie Evans, Registrar; Robin Moyer, Chief Deputy Registrar.
- II. Approval of Minutes. Marcy moved approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. Ruth seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Ruth moved approval of the minutes from the November 29 and December 18-19 meetings (held in conjunction with the December 18 Special Election). Marcy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
- III. Registrar's Report.
 - A. Part Time/Full Time Position. Connie reported that she and Robin will be interviewing candidates next week for the part time/full time position that is open in the office. It is hoped that the position will be filled by April 8. Connie also indicated that there will be a need for additional seasonal help in the office, and she is taking action to develop a suitable pool of candidates.
 - B. No-excuse Absentee Voting. On a related note, it was observed that the advent of a no-excuse absentee voting window for the November 2020 general election will have an impact on both the office space and staffing needs, but that we need to wait until studies by ELECT are conducted that will better identify what these impacts might be.
- IV. Continuing Business
 - A. Appointment of Officers of Election. The following officers of election were appointed with terms that will expire on February 28, 2022: Virginia Chauncey (Deerfield); Robert D. Colgan (Churchville Elementary); Channing Gibson (North River); Paul Harmon (Lyndhurst); Clayton Spivey (Ridgeview); Lisa Craig (Middlebrook).
 - B. Connie provided to the board lists of officers who have accepted appointment for the term beginning March 1, 2019 and ending February 28, 2022 as well as a list of those who have declined appointment.
 - C. Connie requested that the board provide to the office by April 19 the names of the officers who have agreed to serve in the June 11 primary so that letters can be mailed to them no later than May 1.
 - D. The Primary election was discussed. At this point, it appears that there will be a GOP primary for State Senate District 24 and for House District 20 as well as a Democratic Party Primary for House District 25.
 - E. Training. After much discussion, it was concluded that we will hold three training sessions for Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs for the June primary to keep the numbers below 20 at each session. In addition we'll hold training in one session for brand new officers. Returning officers will be invited to participate in online

training conducted by ELECT. Tentative evening training dates will be May 29 and 30 and June 3 and 4. We anticipate conducting pollpad training as part of the overall training but we'll only do a cursory training on the OVO/OVI for the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs, although we may need to do more for new officers.

V. New Business.

- A. Cliff had reported that he had heard from a member of the Staunton Electoral Board that the GOP planned a loyalty oath for voters in the State Senate District 24 primary. But Connie confirmed ELECT's guidance that loyalty pledges may only be used in Presidential Primaries (per section 24.2-545(a)). Connie believes that the Staunton Registrar has so informed the member of the Staunton Electoral Board who had made the statement.

VI. Other Business.

- A. Public Comments. No members of the public were present.
- B. Registrar Comments. The Registrar informed the Board of a situation where there may be a challenge to the voter registration of a local candidate for office who may or may not actually live at the address indicated on the candidate's voter registration application. If such a challenge is received, it will be referred to the County's Commonwealth Attorney.

VII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cliff Garstang". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Clifford Garstang, Secretary