

Augusta County Electoral Board
Approved Minutes of Meeting
March 9, 2022
Smith West Room, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 9:04am. Present were: Marcy Reedy, Chair; Dave Leatherwood, Vice-Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; Connie Evans, Director of Elections and General Registrar; and Robin Moyer, Assistant Director of Elections and Chief Deputy Registrar. Guests present were: (By Zoom) Matt Erney and Kimberlee Shoup Erney, Managing Partners of Election Services Online (ESO); and (In person) Kathleen Keffer, Esq., Assistant County Attorney.

Marcy welcomed Matt, Kimberlee, and Kathleen to the meeting. She thanked them for their willingness to attend, as the Board wanted to better understand their respective agenda items to be addressed later on in the meeting.

- II. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting. Dave moved to approve the minutes of the February 4th EB meeting. Georgia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Registrar's Report.

- A. Equipment Custodian Appointments - Graham Donley, Dennis Strole, and Mike Cherubin.

Connie requested that the Board appoint these 3 gentlemen as Equipment Custodians with the same term requirements as Officers of Election. Dave moved to appoint Graham Donley, Dennis Strole, and Mike Cherubin to serve as Election Custodians for a 1-year term, that will begin immediately upon acceptance and will expire February 28, 2023. Georgia seconded and motion passed unanimously.

- B. Minimum Security Standards - EB sign form to submit in Intergra.

Connie stated that the Minimum Security Standards survey form had been completed on March 1 and was now ready for the EB's signatures to submit to to the IT Department. Marcy, Dave, and Georgia reviewed the form and signed it.

- C. Part Time Assistant Registrar New Hire.

Connie reported that she has submitted preliminary paperwork to HR for an interviewee that she is hoping will accept the position and begin working next Wednesday. The PT work schedule will be Monday through Friday, 9am to 1pm.

IV. Continuing Business.

- A. Zoom meeting with ESO. (Matt Erney and Kimberlee Shoup Erney)
Equipment for June Primary with ESO - What options do we have to ensure we have voting equipment to cover all precincts? Is leasing or purchasing older equipment an option? How does this fit within the 10 year county budget plan for purchasing equipment?

Marcy, again, thanked Matt and Kimberlee for being willing to take their time to discuss Voting Equipment options for use during the June Primary.

Matt began by providing a brief visual presentation on the new Freedom Vote Scan (FVS), which will be soon replacing the current OpenElect Voting Optical Scan (OVO). He explained that the FVS is designed for optimum security and usability and comes with many welcoming features, such as privacy panels and a 10" touchscreen display. Matt showed us the OpenElect Freedom Voting Tablet (FVT) that will be replacing the OpenElect Voting Interface (OVI) but did not demonstrate it in order to save time. Kimberlee stated that they would be vendors at the VEBA Annual Meeting, next weekend, and if any of us would be there they would be happy to demonstrate everything in real time. Marcy relayed that she and Georgia would be attending and would definitely stop by. After much discussion on the current equipment versus the new it was unanimously decided that for the June Primary we would rent 3 OVO's with ballot boxes and 3 OVI's for our 3 new precincts. Connie asked if ESO would include TM's for the scanners and her request was accepted. Matt ended by saying that the rent payment for the equipment used in June would be transferred to the purchase towards any new equipment invoiced for November.

All shared friendly goodbyes and ESO signed off.

B. Update on the re-appointment of Officers of Election. How many have we heard from and what is the current status?

Connie provided each Board member a printed copy of the OEs that had accepted and declined appointments as of today. (40 Declinations. Approximately 128 Oath and/or Responses. Approximately 112 yet to respond.)

C. Appoint additional Officers of Election.

Georgia requested that the following names be appointed as Officers of Election.

Christine Showalter

Joseph Hynes

Ronald Kanipe

Teresa Hester

Dave moved to appoint all names submitted as new OEs with their term expiring on February 28, 2023. Marcy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. New Business.

A. Electoral Board Reorganization.

Dave moved to reappoint Marcy as Chair, Dave as Vice Chair, and Georgia as Secretary for the term commencing March 9, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022.

Georgia seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

B. Polling Location Lease.

Marcy thanked Kathleen for her patience and asked that she brief the Board regarding the draft version of the Polling Place Lease Agreement to be used for non-County voting premises.

Kathleen provided the Board with a printed copy of the draft lease agreement. After much discussion, and with additions and corrections made, it was unanimously decided that the Polling Place Lease Agreement would be sent to all non-County premises used for voting.

VI. Other Business.

A. Public Comments. No public present.

B. Board Member Comments.

Dave brought up his idea again to have the 3 Board Members split the County precincts into Regions. He felt that by doing this it might help the OEs better understand where they fit and to whom they reported. Discussion ensued and Dave moved to establish Regions 1, 2, and 3 as follows:

Region 1 - Dave Leatherwood

Craigsville
Deerfield
Buffalo Gap
Cedar Green
Churchville Elementary
Mount Solon
North River
Fort Defiance
Rolla

Region 2 - Georgia Alvis-Long

Weyers Cave
New Hope
Crimora
Verona
Wilson
Fishersville
Dooms
Jolivue
Ladd
Goose Creek

Region 3 - Marcy Reedy

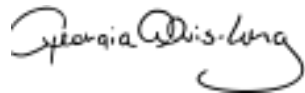
Middlebrook
Greenville
Spottswood
White Hill
Sherando
Ridgeview
Lyndhurst
Mount Vernon
Stuarts Draft Elementary
Central Absentee Precinct

Georgia seconded Dave's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:33am. The next meeting date is TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Georgia Alvis-Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary