

Buckingham County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes  
Buckingham Agricultural Building Multipurpose Room  
February 6, 2024 @ 10:00am

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Chairwoman.

The invocation and pledge was led by Sandy Banks-Bertwell, Vice Chairwoman.

The adoption of the agenda was called for by the chairwoman.

**Motion:** To adopt the agenda was made by Sandy Banks-Bertwell, Vice Chairwoman, seconded by Woody Hanes, Secretary and motion carried.

The General Registrar/Director of Elections provided a report on the following:

- Update on early voting: 12 days of early voting --49 total voters (15 Democrat and 34 Republican) Very low turnout for early voting
- Important dates:!) Monday February 12th close of books for Voter registration/Changes  
2) Friday: February 23rd last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail 4:30pm. 3)  
Saturday: March 2, last day to vote early.
- Update on OE training dates: Saturday, Feb 17, 2024 9:30 am AG building for all OE's and Monday, Feb 19, 2024 9:30am for those who didn't make the Saturday training. Following the general training on Monday, training for Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and Administrative OE's. at 12:30pm.
  - Working on LESS Security Audit Risk Management
  - Working on 2024/2025 Budget. Met with Karl Carter
  - Applicants for the Deputy Registrar: -0- from the Farmville Herald, 30 from Indeed and have requested County Employment Applications from those whom appear qualified base on their Indeed submission

Public Comment: The following persons spoke:

- Maggie Snoddy
- Kenda Hanuman
- Joyce Gooden

Board Action Items:

**Motion:** by Sandy Banks to schedule the March board meeting for March 12, 2024 at 10:00am, seconded by Karen Cerwinski

Vote: Ayes -3- Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Sandy Banks, Woody Hanes Motion carried.

**Motion:** by Sandy Banks, seconded by Woody Hanes to go into closed session per Code 2.2-3711(A).1 for the purpose of discussion of Personnel matters and Code 2.2-37711(A). 6 Financial matters.

Vote: Ayes-3- Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Sandy Banks, Woody Hanes Motion carried

Absent during Vote: 0

Board asked Ginger Chiesa to stay for a closed session.

**Closed session at 10:30am.**

**Motion:** by Sandy Banks, seconded by Woody Hanes to certify:

Buckingham County Electoral Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Vote: Ayes-3- Dr. Cerwinski, Sandy Banks-Bertwell, and Woody Hanes

Absent During Vote: 0

Present in closed session: Ginger Chiesa, General Registrar, and interviewed Cynthia Marchetti

**2:25pm-Back in Open Session**

**Motion:** by Woody Hanes, seconded by Sandy Banks to unanimously agree to reappoint 49 OE's for a 3 year term and 41 OE's for a 1 year term. Motion carried

Vote: Ayes-3-

**Motion:** by Woody Hanes, seconded by Sandy Banks to appoint the following new OE's for a 1 year term: Motion carried unanimously

- Jonathan Hallquist
- Karen Decker
- Matthew Ogden

**Motion:** by Woody Hanes, seconded by Sandy Banks to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Motion carried.

**Date, Time, and Place of next meeting: March 12, 2024 at 10:00am in the Buckingham County Agricultural Multipurpose Room**

Respectfully submitted,

Woody Hanes, Secretary

Buckingham County Electoral Board

