

Buckingham County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
Buckingham Agricultural Building Multipurpose Room
March 12, 2024, 2024 @ 10:00am

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Chairwoman.

Vice Chair-Sandy Banks Bertwell absent

The invocation and pledge was led by Woody Hanes, Secretary.

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

Motion: To adopt the agenda was made by Woody Hanes, Secretary and seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Chairwoman and motion carried.

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

- **Dual Presidential Primary**
 - Total turnout: 1550 of 11,107 voters (14%)
 - Democratic: Total 360-3% Republican: Total 1190--14 %
 - Results : D- Marianne Williamson -28 votes, D-Joseph R Biden, Jr. 318 votes, D-Dean Benson Phillips 11 votes. Total D-360 votes. R- Chris Christie-7 votes, R-Ryan L. Binkley-0 votes, Vivek Ramaswamy-6 votes, R- Donald J. Trump-1002 votes, Ron D. DeSantis- 7 votes and Nikki Haley -166 votes. Total: R 1190 votes
 - Early Voting : 161-R, 50 D Total 211 with an average of 6.4 people per day.
Early Voting --June Primary begins on May 5, 2024
- **Officers of Election:** On Election Day parity was obtained on the schedule with 37 Total OE's, 13- D 35%, 17- R 46% and only 7 undesignated -19% Have one new OE application to vote on today. Currently 49 accepted and paperwork complete, 37 worked March primary, 24 did not accept their appointment, 23 have not responded to their appointment.
- **Office Staffing:** 7 applicants to be interviewed starting the end of this week.
- **Hot Wash/Debriefing** with OE's who worked March Dual Primary will be March 16, 2024 at 9:30am in the basement of the office. Hot Wash includes Chief, Asst.Chief, and Adm OE's. 14 OEs have responded to date who are attending.

VA Code Re: OE recruitment:

Dr. Cerwinski read the Code of VA 24.2.115..... If practicable, officers shall be appointed from lists of nominations filed by the political parties entitled to appointments. The party shall file its nominations with the secretary of the electoral board at least 10 days before February 1 each year.

Public Comment: The following persons spoke:

- Maggie Snoddy
- Kenda Hanuman

Motion:by Woody Hanes, seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski 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-2- Dr. Karen Cerwinski, Woody Hanes Motion carried

Absent during Vote: -1- Sandy Banks-Bertwell

Board asked Ginger Chiesa to stay for a closed session.

Closed session at 10:25am.

Motion: by Woody Hanes, seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski 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-2- Dr. Cerwinski and Woody Hanes

Absent During Vote:-1- Sandy Banks-Bertwell

Present in closed session: Ginger Chiesa, General Registrar.

11:46 am-Back in Open Session

Motion: by Woody Hanes , seconded by Dr. Cerwinski to approve the application of William H. Payne and appoint him as an Officer of election for a one (1) year term. Motion carried

Vote: Ayes-2-

Absent: -1-

Motion: by Woody Hanes, seconded by Dr. Cerwinski to adjourn the meeting at 11:48am..

Motion carried.

Date, Time, and Place of next meeting: April 16, 2024 at 10:00am in the Buckingham County Agricultural Multipurpose Room

Respectfully submitted,

Woody Hanes, Secretary

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