

## **Buckingham County Electoral Board Meeting**

December 15, 2022

The Electoral Board met in the basement conference room of the Administrative Complex on December 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. All Board members, Director of Elections/Registrar, Lindsey Taylor, were present. Also present were, newly appointed Board members, Sandy Banks-Bertwell and Andrew Marchetti.

Chairman, Rick Caldwell, called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was adopted and the minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Barbara Teeple, Marie Flowers, Kay Carter, Maggie Snoddy, Theresa Mc Manus, Ramona Christian, Rick Caldwell, and Kenda Hanuman spoke during the public comment period. Most thanked the out-going Board members for their service and commended the Board and Registrar for their work.

Lindsey thanked Rick Caldwell and Larry Davis for their service to the Board and the voters of the county.

Rick introduced the newly appointed Republican Board members Sandy Banks-Bertwell and Andrew Marchetti. Their terms will begin January 1, 2023. Gail Braxton will continue to serve as the Democratic Board member.

Lindsey provided general updates. She has requested county email addresses from IT to be effective for next year. VEBA membership has been sent in, which is paid by the county. Lindsey will meet with Assura to see where we stand with "LESS" Security Standards. They will help us prepare and get everything to State and discuss out next steps.

Lindsey advised that the Board should request a budget rollover from the county. This would be used to purchase new furniture, monitors for computers, and filing cabinets. It could also be used to pay expenses for the Electoral Board to attend the VEBA conference in March for training

It was agreed that the new Board will meet on January 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. This will allow Donna Ranson to do payroll on January 6 because of reorganization.

At 10:08 the Board went into closed session to discuss complaints made about the 2021 and 2022 November elections. Republican Chair, Ramona Christian, was brought into the session with the Board in order to share with her the results of the investigation into a claim made regarding the 2021 election. Issues regarding the 2022 election will be dealt with by the new Electoral Board.

The Board came back into open session at 10:35. Rick reported that allegations made about the November 2021 election were unfounded.

The Board approved the earlier request to seek approval from the County for a budget rollover.

Gail, Rick, and Larry all expressed appreciation to one another for the positive relationship they had enjoyed during their tenure together. They also noted the all-important need for non-partisanship. "We all have great respect for each other and admire and support the integrity, determination, and hard work by Lindsey" in her role as Registrar.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry K. Davis  
Secretary