

Buckingham County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2023, 7:00pm
Buckingham County Agricultural Building Multipurpose Room

The meeting of the electoral board was called to order by Dr. Karen Cerwinski ,
Chairwoman at 7:00pm.

The Invocation and Pledge Of Allegiance was presented and led by the secretary.
The adoption of the agenda was called for by the chairwoman. The motion was made by the
secretary and seconded by the Vice Chairwoman. The motion carried.

Motion to approve the Jun 16, 2023 and the Jun 29, 2023 minutes were made by the
secretary and seconded by the Vice Chair. The motion carried.

Motion: by Woody Hanes and seconded by Sandy Banks-Bertwell to go into Closed Session
per Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711.(A).1 to discuss Personnel matters and Section
\$2.2-3711(A).6 to discuss Financial matters.

Vote : Ayes –3– Dr. Cerwinski, Woody Hanes, Sandy Banks-Bertwell. Motion carried
Absent during vote: 0

Board asked Ginger Chiesa, General Registrar to stay for a closed session.

Closed Session at 7:05 pm.

Motion: by Woody Hanes, seconded by Sandy Banks- Bertwell 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

8:45 pm–Back In Open Session

Motion: by Woody Hanes seconded by Sandy Banks-Bertwell to approve the following
applicants for Officers of Election : 1) Debra Boyer 2) Patricia Harvey 3) Tony Mitchell 4)
Marshall Miller 5) Red Walker 6) Joe Williams and 7) Stella Toney. It was noted that one OE
candidate was not approved due to being on the November ballot.

Vote: Ayes-3-

Motion: by Woody Hanes and seconded by Dr. Cerwinski to amend the previous motion to
include a one year term.

Vote: Ayes- 3-

Motion: by Woody Hanes seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski to not conduct board meeting
business via Zoom, Video Conferencing or telephonic communication.

Vote: Ayes-2- Nays- 1- Motion carried.

Motion: by Woody Hanes seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski to remove the .gov and elections.org. emails from the county Electoral Board webpage. This will eliminate confusion in contacting the election office, staff, and electoral board members.
Vote: Ayes -2- Nays-1- Motion carried.

Motion: by Woody Hanes seconded by Dr. Karen Cerwinski to not approve the request for an IPAD for board members issued by the county due to budget constraints.
Vote: Ayes-2- Nays-1- Motion carried.

Motion: by Woody Hanes seconded by Sandy Banks-Bertwell approved a pay increase of \$10 for all positions of Officers of Elections.
Vote: Ayes-3- Nays-0- Motion carried.

General Registrar's Report:

- 1) Training for the Electoral Board and GR office will be held this Thursday, July 20, 2023 in Richmond and the General Registrars convention in Roanoke will be Monday, Jul 31, 2023 through Aug 1, 2023.
- 2) Early Voting starts September 22, 2023
- 3) Distributed a list of current approved Officers of Election with Cath to the board and party representatives. Total # is 31 with 70% unaffiliated. Recommendation is 30%. The GR indicated that we needed a minimum of 60 preferably 80 OE's to staff 10 precincts. Shared that each OE that had come into the office to resign left agreeing to continue to serve.

The secretary was asked to read to the group a response **For Immediate Release:** dated July 17, 2023 Re: Clarification of Response to Freedom of Information Request. See attachment to these minutes.

Public Comment

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| 1. Jordan Miles | Maysville District |
| 2. Joyce Gooden NAACP | Slate River District |
| 3. Kate Carter | New Canton District |
| 4. Katerina Thimnakis | Glennmore District |
| 5. Maggie Snoddy | Glennmore District |
| 6. Will Payne | Maysville |

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Woody Hanes, seconded by Sandy Banks-Bertwell and Vote was unanimous/ The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

