

**Electoral Board
Isle of Wight County Virginia
2 December 2020**

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The Electoral Board of Isle of Wight County held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday 2 December 2020 at the General Registrars Office at IOW Courthouse. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2 PM. Present were Inetha Holmes, Chairman, Regina Haggerty, Vice Chairman, William Bell, Secretary, and Lisa Betterton, Director of Elections (DE). Ms Kay Stephenson, Ms Pam Oliver, and Mr. Tony Ambrose were also in attendance.

The minutes of the 4-9 November 2020 Canvass meeting were read, approved, signed and given to Ms Betterton for filing.

The chairman recognized Ms Stephenson who then addressed the board. Ms Stephenson read from a prepared letter (attached) which cited Secretary bell for harassing conduct on two occasions at the Windsor precinct on election day. One involved the large number of provisional voters and the other the lack of a seal on the Ballot drop box for absentee ballots. She felt that this conduct was gender driven. After reading her statement, she and Ms Oliver and Mr Ambrose left the meeting.

The board agreed unanimously that the secretary would write a letter of apology.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary broached the following:

1. Rumor that Advocate EPB system is facing recertification. The DE stated that is in re-certification mode at this time with the impact being having to upload windows 10 on all laptops. This is a much improved windows 10 version.

2. Our circuit court, as well as most across the state, was not aware of the new deadline/time frame for EB member appointments. Ms Haggerty will check with the Democrat Committee Chair to make sure things are moving. Secretary has informed the court clerk of change.

3. Expect ballot drop box procedures to change in new General Assembly session. This item needs more training in future elections.

4. The provisional ballot process training needs to be reworked. We need more information on the ballot log. Can the log give more room. Signatures and tally on Envelope 1A are still a problem. Definitions of Reasons. Action DE.

5. The current CAP must be revamped so that it can stand on its own. A training program must be developed. It must be expanded beyond 3-4 people. Action DE

6. Canvass needs to move to 10 AM on Wednesdays following to give staff more time to prepare. The days of finishing on Friday are probably over given the growth in provisional voting caused by mail in balloting. late nights Tuesday will probably become the norm.

7. Chief and Assistant Chief train needs to be refocused. Emphasis on Emergency plans, ballot drop boxes, provisional voting, etc. Things OEs don't need to know, Action DE. Secretary will meet with County Emergency Management personnel to begin a dialog.

8. Hand counted ballot counting begins at 3 PM. There s a specific procedure just released by ELECT to be followed in tallying. Larger localities are going to ask for an earlier start.

9. The DE has not figured the cost of the election yet. She has been working with the finance office to get all COVID funds obligated to include hazard payment for poll workers and staff.

10. When questioned the DE stated she saw no need for additional staffing at this time.

General Registrar's Report. Items covered in discussions above.

New Business. None

Old Business. None

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Inetha Holmes , Chairman

Regina Haggerty, Vice-Chairman

William Bell, Secretary