**Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 5:30 p.m. on November 30, 2021 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 311. The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Matthew Weinstein, Chairman, and present were Scott McGeary, Secretary, Kimberly Phillip, Vice Chairman, and Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections.

Mr. Weinstein moved that the minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting and meetings from November 2 to 6 in support of the 2021 General Election be adopted. Ms. Phillip seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, Ms. Reinemeyer presented the post-election report for the 2021 General Election. The entire report is included with these minutes. Notable items included a dramatic shift from voters registering online to the Department of Motor Vehicles this year. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that this is likely due to the passage of automatic voter registration. Also of note, the 2021 General Election had the highest turnout of any gubernatorial election in Arlington’s recorded history.

Following this presentation, Mr. Weinstein opened the meeting to questions. Mr. McGeary asked if Ms. Reinemeyer knew which office caused most of the spoiled ballots. Ms. Reinemeyer replied that she was not aware but would follow up with Mr. McGeary. From what she observed, several voters thought the County Board race was a vote for two because of the number of candidates on the ballot and that several voters marked every option in the House of Delegates race due to confusion caused by a sample ballot that was distributed. A member of the public, Ravi, asked what the minimum and maximum number of election officers used at each precinct. Ms. Reinemeyer was not aware of this number and noted that the number of officers deployed to a precinct varied based on the number of voters that are registered in a precinct.

Ms. Reinemeyer next provided a summary of a work session with the County Board that was held on October 5, 2021 on ranked choice voting and redistricting. Ms. Reinemeyer informed listeners that the meeting was available on the County Board’s website. During the session, an update on the redistricting process was provided. Once new district lines are drawn, the County Board will have to examine precinct lines. Following the presentation on redistricting during the session, the County Board asked questions about ranked choice voting. Upon conclusion of the work session, there was some interest in having an additional informational session. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that there has not been any follow up with the County Board since this work session.

Moving onto the next agenda item, Ms Reinemeyer provided an update on hiring hew positions. The Office is currently recruiting for a Deputy Director following the recent departure of Eric Olsen to Prince William County. In addition to this position, the Office will be recruiting for an Outreach and Communications Specialist, Mail Ballot Assistant, and Operations Coordinator. Gretchen noted that she hoped to have all positions filled by early 2022.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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Matthew Weinstein, Chairman

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W. Scott McGeary, Secretary