Electoral Board Meeting Minutes

**February 1, 2020**

The Electoral board of Arlington County met at 10:30am on Saturday February 1, 2020 in Ste 320 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The meeting was called to order by Charlene Bickford, Chairman, and present were David Bell, Vice Chairman; W. Scott McGeary, Secretary, and Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections.

The minutes from the previous meeting, having been previously distributed, were approved.

The first order of business was the announcement and swearing in of the new Electoral Board Member, Matthew Weinstein for a three-year term to commence on March 1, 2020. Paul Ferguson, Clerk of the Court swore Matt in.

The next order of business was a discussion of the prohibited area designation. The Electoral Board received a request from the Arlington Democrats to exercise their authority under 24.2-310(E) to allow campaign materials to be distributed inside the structure of certain polling places. Gretchen Reinemeyer presented the enclosed report on polling places that had several potential entrances for voters. The Electoral Board discussed ways to meet the needs for voters and the challenges with finding polling places, and asked Ms. Reinemeyer to contact polling places identified about allowing individuals to pass out campaign literature within the building.

The third item on the agenda was a brief update on pending legislation. Director Reinemeyer noted some bills to pay attention to are extending the hours that polling places are open, no excuse absentee voting, and a permanent absentee list.

The final item on the agenda was the reappointment of Officers of Election for a term beginning April 1, 2020 and ending February 28, 2021. Eric Olsen, Deputy Director, presented a list of approximately 1200 names recommended for appointment as Officers of Election. The Board voted to approve all appointments.

Announcements/upcoming events

1. There will be new polling places for the March 3, 2020 Election. Precinct 017 Overlee Knolls is moving from Walter Reed School, 1644 North McKinley Road to Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard. The School will be under construction for 2 years. Precinct 019 Rosslyn is moving from an office building at 1911 Fort Myer Dr to The Heights School, 1601 Wilson Blvd. Construction at the school is now complete, so we are returning to the same block. The Polling Place was previously at a fire station that has been replaced with a school.
2. The Virginia Electoral Board Association annual meeting will take place March 20-22nd.
3. A Democratic Primary for County Board is likely for June 9th.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

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 Charlene N. Bickford, Chairman

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 David A. Bell, Vice Chairman

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 W. Scott McGeary, Secretary