

Arlington County Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

The Electoral Board of Arlington County met at 5:30 p.m. on March 23, 2022 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Room 306A. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Kimberly Phillip, Chairman, and present were Matthew Weinstein, Vice Chairman, Scott McGeary, Secretary, Gretchen Reinemeyer, Director of Elections, Tate Fall, Deputy Director of Elections, Tania Griffin, Communications and Outreach Coordinator, and Donna Paterson, Operations Coordinator.

Ms. Phillip moved that the minutes from the February 5, 2022 meeting be adopted. Mr. Weinstein seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously adopted.

Next, Ms. Reinemeyer introduced new staff members, Tania Griffin, the Communications & Outreach Coordinator and Donna Paterson, Operations Coordinator. Tania grew up in Arlington and has a B.A. in Journalism from New York University and a M.S. in Communications from Syracuse University. Donna was previously the Director of Elections at Virginia Beach and the Deputy Director of Elections in Arlington. Donna has recently retired and returned to Arlington and will be working for the Office of Elections on a part-time basis.

Moving on to the next item on the agenda, Ms. Reinemeyer presented a 2022 legislative review of the following bills:

- SB 3 & HB 927 – Report Mail & Early Voting by Precinct (sent to Governor)
- SB 370 & HB 985 – Requires post-election audit prior to certification of election (sent to Governor)
- SB 80 & HB 205 – Prohibits acceptance of private grants or gifts (sent to Governor)
- SB 371 & HB 305 – Reorganize State Board of Elections to 8 or 7 member board to appoint commissioner (in conference)
- SB 273 – Allows for SSN & DOB in lieu of witness signature on mail ballot (in conference)
- SB 652 – Requires last 4 SSN on Mail Ballot Application (in conference)
- HB 439 – Include information on constitutional amendments with mail ballots (sent to Governor)
- SB 697 – Repealed Same-Day Registration (Failed)

Next, Ms. Reinemeyer provided an update on precinct and polling place changes. Precinct 017 was previously relocated due to construction but will move back to Cardinal School now that renovations are complete. Precinct 031 will be moved to Westover Library because the Lee Community Center is closed to public use indefinitely. Ms. Reinemeyer recommended that Precinct 045 be relocated from Barrett School to Lubber Run due to Barrett School's struggles with ADA Compliance. Ms. Reinemeyer and Ms. Fall noted that ensuring all polling places are ADA compliant will be a priority this year. Finally, Precinct 038 has been split between the 2nd and 3rd House Districts. Ms. Reinemeyer noted that she is waiting on more feedback from the community to determine new polling locations and that a decision will be made by the November 2022 election.

Moving on, Ms. Reinemeyer announced a Democratic Primary for the 8th Congressional District will be held on June 21, 2022 and sample ballots will not be available until April.

Finally, Ms. Reinemeyer reviewed key dates and Early Voting locations and proposed hours for the Primary Election in June.

Arlington County Courthouse

- May 6 – June 17 | Monday – Friday (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- June 11 & June 18 | Saturday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- Extra Hours: Tuesday, June 4 & Thursday June 16 (8 a.m. – 7 p.m.)

Walter Reed and Madison Community Center

- Tuesday, June 4 & Thursday June 16 (2 p.m. – 7 p.m.)
- June 11 & June 18 | Saturday (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

The board unanimously approved the proposed Early Voting locations and hours.

The meeting was then opened for public comment. John Tarrant and Marlene Shade asked how the Office of Voter Registration and Elections interacts with the League of Women Voters. Ms. Reinemeyer responded that the League of Women Voters assists by visiting Arlington County high schools to register qualified students and that many election officers also volunteer with the League of Women Voters.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Kimberly Phillip, Chairman

Matthew Weinstein, Vice Chairman

W. Scott McGeary, Secretary