

Mecklenburg Board of Electors

April 11, 2023

Present were Chairman Robert P. Chadeayne, Vice- Chair, Charles Jackson, Secretary, Yvonne Alexander and Jason Corwin, Registrar. Guests attending: Laurie Huber, Party Chairs: Jeff Strafford, and Wallie Hudson.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chadeayne at 1:03 P. M. welcoming all those in attendance
Agenda Reviewed and Adopted.

Ms. Alexander made a motion to approve the previous minutes, Mr. Jackson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None at the time.

Old Business:

- Primary (preparation) At the present time – there will not be a primary. The state has not certified any Republican candidates for a primary. The registrar will notify the board and the party chair tomorrow morning as soon as he finds out if there is anything different.
- Polling Place Review- Waiting for letter from Attorney General Office. Other than that, everything thing else is good.

We will plan to visit the five new polling location on April 20, 2023:

Wharton Memorial, Clarksville Airport, Mecklenburg High School, Lombardy Grove Baptist Church, and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

- Budget Review – County agreed to increase room rates to @ 200.00 per night.
- Agree to purchase the remainder of tablets for the precincts that we need.
- Agree to purchase a new voting machine.
- Agree to hire a part-time office assistant during election time.
- Travel decreased from 54 to 65.5 cents.

New Business:

- The Absentee Ballot Envelope will change, instead of just the witness signature- person can use signature and their signature and full social security number.
- Candidates filing for local school board and supervisor is going slow.
- The sheriff has not filed yet.
- Recent laws
 - New Voter Application (7-23)
 - HB 1948 -removes witness signature on AB.

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- **Registrar Activities:**

1. SVRS (VERIS Replacement)
2. VRSS (Cyber Security Workgroup)
3. CNP (Cyber Navigator) Uniformly
4. Forms Warehouse Workgroup
5. Demteck Template Workgroup
6. Library of Virginia on Retention Schedule for GR's
7. Gave talk to 6 High School Classes
8. Gave talk to Fort Night Ladies (Redistricting)
9. Hosted Virtual (VCAV) Meeting
10. Finished tabletop exercise.
11. Attended class on campaign finance.
12. Figured out the barcode issue.

Mrs. Terry and Mr. Corwin introduced tabletop training and the objective to the group. There was positive feedback from those in attendance. The first schedule training will take place on April 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m. The actual team will set up a real election precinct. The registrar will invite volunteers from both parties to participate and observe. This training is to help us to identify what we can do to help election officers improve in any areas on the day of election to make things easier for them and if this type of training is beneficial at all.

Mr. Chadeayne will be out of town for the May 9th meeting, unless there is a need we will not meet. The alternative date will be May 2, 2023.

Enter Closed Session:

Ms. Yvonne Alexander moved that the Mecklenburg County Board convene a closed meeting at 2:26P.M. under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss reports or plans related to the security of the Process of Elections, Network Security and personnel for the Mecklenburg Office of Elections under Code of Virginia 2.2-3711 (A) (19).

Seconded by Mr. Charles Jackson. Motioned carried. The board went into closed session with no visitors present.

Enter Open Session:

Per the Freedom of Information Act Mecklenburg County Board Electoral resolves that only business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed meeting and that no votes were taken. All in favor say "aye" Opposed "nay". We are now back in open sessions at 2:36.

Ms. Alexander motioned to reappoint Mr. Jason Corwin as Registrar and it was seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motion carried.

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The registrar reported he had just received news that there will be a Republican Primary. He will therefore be making plans and getting ready for this. He will notify all the poll workers and the polling location to make them aware of this.

Our next schedule Electoral Board meeting will be held May 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Alexander motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jackson. Motioned carried.
Meeting adjourned 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne S. Alexander, Secretary