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July 9, 2024

Present were Robert P. Chadeayne, Chairperson; Charles Jackson, Vice- Chairman; Yvonne Alexander, Secretary, and Jason Corwin Registrar. Guests in attendance: Melissa Hartman, Southside Democracy; Marguerite Smith, Jeanne Capello, Ann Garnett- Miller, Ernandette Powell- Farrar, Eleanor Washington, Laurie Huber, Christine Thompsom, Kharrie Nkabinde, Glenn Reyes Pres. , NAACP. and Chairs: Jeff Stratford, and Wally Hudson.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Chadeayne at 1:01 PM to welcome all guests.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted. The May 14 Minutes were approved with the correction of the Subject Matter being added to each topic being discussed at Mr. Chadeayne's request. Mr. Jackson motioned, and Ms. Alexander seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Corwin will make corrections to the file.

Public Comments:

SUNDAY VOTING:

- Melissa Hartman – Southside Democracy Center** – requested that the Board grant the Citizens of Mecklenburg County be given an opportunity to vote on one Sunday during the Presidential Year, and if possible was asking for the date of September 30, 2024, to be considered.
- Kharrie Nkabinde – NAACP** – Requesting consideration for Sunday Voting
- Margurite Smith** – Requesting Sunday Voting.
- Jeff Strafford** – Requesting Sunday Voting
- Glenn Reyes** – President of NAACP requesting Sunday.
- Laura Huber** – Requesting Sunday Voting
- Ann Garnett Miller** – Requesting Sunday Voting
- Ernadette Powell–Farrar** – Requesting Sunday Voting
- Wallie Judson – Chair Republican Party** – Against Sunday Voting – states that people have 45 days to vote either early in person or by mail

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- Melissa Hartman** - reiterated that the Board had previously stated that they would try it during the presidential year. She felt that they should and hoped that it would stand by the commitment and the integrity of the board.
- All those in attendance except for one expressing support of trying Sunday Voting this Presidential year.**

The chairperson, Bob Chadeayne expressed his gratitude to all for attendance and advised that the Board would take everyone's concerns and comments into consideration when deciding.

The Vice-Chair, Charles Jackson thanked everyone for coming and expressing their concerns.

OLD BUSINESS;

- Tabletop Training** – Scheduled for July 25. Ms. Alexander motioned and Mr. Jackson seconded that it be postponed to August 1 and 8 , since we are expecting a recount from the June 18, 2024 (5th Congressional Republican Candidates Bob Good and John McGuire) Motion carried.
- The Registrar will keep the Board informed on any updates pertaining to recount.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sunday Voting** – Per the Chairperson, we will defer until the August meeting, giving the Board time to consider the issue.
- Precincts 201 and 103 Post Reviews
 - **201-** There were complaints about the ramp being too steep, and that there was a step-up that was over 6". (It was suggest that the

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Board should purchase a removable ramp to help modify that situation.)

Workers will be asked not to park directly close to the building.

The night before the registrar will have someone to mark off and set up the curbside,

Complaints of the steepness and gravel – At this point Board cannot make any promises – however will ask the county to put in budget to help with paving in future.

- **103** - Did not have air conditioning – was very hot. November hopefully will not need air conditioner. Will have heat, Registrar has spoken with Rescue Squad, a new bay is being built. In the future, we will get to use the other bay that already has air conditioning.
- **Seals** – Mr. Corwin will be ordering new seals. The Banker boxes need to have seals on all sides. He will find one that is less messy and easier to use.
- **Recount** – There is a strong possibility that it will happen.
Have not filed yet, but will be in Goochland most likely.
Mr. Corwin and Mrs. Terry already prepared all the paperwork if needed. Has chosen officers of elections that are strong workers and that will be willing to drive to Goochland. The Board will be forwarded a copy of those names as well.
- **Training** – The Registrar wants to change the Officer of Election Training
 - More targeting on specific. 5 days whereas people can attend all if they choose to do so,
 - Hands on along with tabletop

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Mr. Jackson motioned, and Ms. Alexander seconded that we adopt the new training that the registrar has proposed. Implementation will be for the November Election. Motion carried.

The chair, Jeff Stratford inquired about staffing at the precincts. He was informed that we are always recruiting. Mr. Corwin commented that currently our polls are staffed but need to look at ones on Western end of the County.

Next Electoral Board Meeting August 13, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

□ **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

CLOSED SESSION: 2:06

Ms. Alexander moved that the Mecklenburg County Electoral Board convene a close meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in order to discuss personnel matters (Registrar Review) for the Mecklenburg County Office under Code of Virginia 2.2-37 11 (A) (19).

Seconded by Mr. Jackson. All in favor. Unanimously. Closed Session at 2:06. None present that were not allowed.

Leave Cleave Session at 4:50.

Per the Freedom of Information Act that requires the Electoral Board to reconvene in open session, and to certify that such Closed meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;
Therefore, the Mecklenburg County Electoral Board resolves that only the public 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.

Roll Call: Bob Chadeayne, Yvonne Alexander, and Charles Jackson

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Open session reconvenes at 4:50.

Adjourned 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne S. Alexander, Secretary