

## Mecklenburg County Board of Electors

January 12, 2021

### Minutes

Present were Jeanne M. Capello Chair, Robert P. Chadeayne Secretary, Yvonne Alexander, and Jason Corwin Registrar

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Capello at 1:01 PM. Mr. Corwin led us in a brief prayer.

The proposed agenda was agreed to with modification.

The minutes of December 15, 2020 were approved as presented after discussion regarding hazard compensation, with Mr. Chadeayne abstaining.

Mr. Corwin explained that he has received information that we can file for a six-month extension of the completion date on the CTLC grant that we received.

New Legislation: Mr. Corwin reviewed a number of bills that have been filed in the House of Delegates and Senate. He provided his analysis of several bills and their potential impact upon the county. He and the Registrar's Association will continue to monitor the progress as they go through the legislative process.

Office Relocation: Progress is being made on the renovation of the former library building. Mr. Corwin has been asked to make selections of various materials, which he displayed samples. The recommendation was to install vinyl floor tiles that have a long wear life. A discussion was held on color pallet, cabinet design and counter top material. A consensus was reached with board and staff. A motion was made to approve the selections with a budget of \$11,300. Motion passed.

New Pollbooks: The equipment has been ordered. The anticipated ship date will be approximately 2/1/2021. When they arrive, we will be required to perform L and A tests on all of the equipment. Mr. Corwin reported that the laptop computers have been upgraded to Windows 10. So, we now have 23 functioning laptops along with 5 units that will be available for spares or to be used for parts if necessary. We are anticipating that the next election will be June primaries, therefore, there is ample time to certify the new equipment prior to an election.

Mr. Corwin mentioned that we will be participating in the redistricting process this year. He briefly described the work that will be involved. There may be some impact on certain polling locations depending on where district boundary lines are drawn. Most of the impact will be on elections beyond 2021 so the time crunch will be minimal.

Officers of Election: The Republican Party has submitted a list of people they would like to have appointed. Mr. Corwin said that he discussed with the party chair the fact that we are currently staffed to meet our needs. It is not our intention to dislocate our current Officers to accommodate anyone on this list. He further stated that with board approval he will use this list when a vacancy occurs to recruit from. During the discussion, concern was raised that people may have a perceived notion that they can select the location that they work at. It is the board's responsibility to assign Officers of Election to

locations predicated by the staffing requirements of each precinct. Mr. Corwin was asked if the current application contained a disclaimer regarding location assignment. There is not. By common consent, it was suggested that the form should be modified to inform an applicant that location assignment is the prerogative of the board and people will be placed, based upon staffing needs at the time.

Ms. Ann Miller: Discussion regarding the email Ms. Miller sent to Jason and others. There appears to be some misunderstanding by Ms. Miller and her claim that Mr. Corwin has fired her. When we read the email, it is very difficult to determine the real issue or grievance we are supposed to address. In conclusion, the board suggests that Ms. Miller be invited to attend the February 9, 2021 meeting to discuss her concerns.

Public Comment: Mr. Stratford asked if there is a map, he can obtain that overlays all of the various districts in the county. Mr. Corwin reviewed with him the different districts and he should contact [meck.southsidegis.org](http://meck.southsidegis.org) regarding his specific needs. Mr. Corwin does have some data and is willing to share with Mr. Stratford.

A motion was made to recess the Electoral Board meeting at 2:12 PM to reconvene in closed session for the purpose of Reviewing the revised Voting Systems Security & Network Security Plan. Motion passed.

The open session of The Electoral Board was called back into order by Chair Capello at 2:29 PM. Ms. Capello reported that there were no votes taken nor was there any discussion other than the Security Plan during the closed session.

As there is no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The next meeting will be on February 9, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary