

Mecklenburg County Electoral Board

July 9, 2019

Approved Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order by Jeanne M. Capello at 1:00 PM. Ms. Alexander led us in a brief prayer.

A motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Motion passed.

The minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved as amended.

Comments on the Annual Training. Mr. Corwin reported that the General Registrar's training went well. The one-day format allowed for in-depth discussion pertaining to registrar duties and issues. Overall it was his opinion that the change in format was considered an improvement. Each of the board members indicated that they gained knowledge and insight from the breakout sessions. Consensus was that the format was good as each board member was assigned to a different group and each group had slightly different discussions.

Page Program

Mr. Corwin reviewed the plan to implement the Mecklenburg County Page Program. There was a general discussion held regarding various aspects of the plan culminating in a few suggestions of word changes and form changes. Board member's comments were supportive and encouraging.

Motion: To authorize Mr. Corwin to contact the Mecklenburg County School Board and Superintendent of Schools and make presentations of the Page Program as appropriate. Motion Passed.

Poll Worker recruitment.

Mr. Corwin outlined a strategy to use social media and our Web Page along with newspaper interviews and articles and radio interviews to actively recruit new candidates for the poll worker positions.

Mr. Chadeayne suggested that we consider borrowing an idea, that he learned of at the annual training meeting, where we hold a poll worker appreciation breakfast. The idea is that we can recognize our existing workers for their dedicated service to the County and actively encourage all of our poll workers to assist in the recruitment of new workers. A brief discussion followed regarding feasibility and funding.

Absentee Voting Preparation.

Mr. Corwin reported that he is preparing for an increased turn out of absentee voters based upon changes by the State Board of Elections and recent experience. He intends to reach out to college students to inform them of their options. He will also place newspaper articles for the general public informing them of their options of early and absentee voting.

As part of our preparation for the November voting, Mr. Chadeayne requested that Sheriff, Bobby Hawkins, and Emergency Management Co-Ordinator for the County, John Taylor be invited to an

Electoral Board meeting prior to November. The purpose of their attendance is to discuss emergency preparedness and strategies to protect election integrity.

Precinct 801 Gator's Store.

Mr. Chadeayne raised concern over the viability of Gator's as a polling location in November. The building and real estate are being advertised for sale. If the building is sold will the new owner be interested continuing the relationship we have had with Mr. Wagstaff? How will we know if the building is sold? What are our contingency plans if the building is not available to use as a polling location in November? Mr. Corwin indicated that he will contact Mr. Wagstaff to request we be kept informed.

Election Day Manual.

Mr. Corwin reported that he had not received any feed back regarding the new manuals.

Pilot Risk Limiting Audit (RLA).

MR. Corwin presented proposed methodology for meeting our future requirement of conducting Risk Limiting Audits of elections. He presented a step-by-step process of auditing using the June 2019 primary as an example.

Statement of Results (SOR)

Mr. Corwin presented an updated version of the SOR for approval. Motion: To approve the new version of the SOR as presented. Motion Passed.

Mr. Corwin presented the ballot styles proposed for the November election. Motion: To approve the proposed ballot styles. Motion Passed.

New Office Floor Plan.

Mr. Corwin presented the latest version of the office floor plan with electrical outlets and data communication outlets

General Registrar Performance Evaluation.

The board received copy of Mr. Corwin's previous evaluation and blank evaluation forms. The board decided to conduct the evaluation at the next meeting.

Mr. Corwin announced that he will be on vacation July 29 to August 2. And, the office will be closed August 12-14, 2019 to allow Mr. Corwin and Ms. Terry to attend mandatory training in Williamsburg, VA.

The next scheduled meeting will be August 15, 2019 at 1:00 PM EDST.

As there is no further business before the board a motion to adjourn was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert P. Chadeayne

Secretary