

STAFFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MEETING AUGUST 15, 2022

The Stafford County Electoral Board met in the of Economic Development Conference Room at the Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Rd., Stafford, VA 22554 on August 15, 2022. Jim Minor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM.

ROLL CALL: Present were Jim Minor, Chairman, Dr. Brandynicole Brooks, Vice Chairman, Gloria Chittum, Secretary, Anna Hash, General Registrar. Visitors were, John Roy, Angela Olinick and Clifford Heinzer.

Approval of minutes from June 21, 2022 meeting. Gloria made a motion to accept. Brandynicole seconded, and all voted in favor.

Public Comments: Clifford Heinzer asked what plan we have in place for obstruction and interference with the election. Anna stated we have never had this problem. It was suggested this would happen last year, and it didn't, not during early voting or on election day. State guidelines are followed. If a voter wants to make an official complaint, it is made in writing to the Department of Elections. Additionally, if it is something that can be handled immediately, the Electoral Board will deal with it at the precinct. Mr. Heinzer asked about the procedure for challenging voters and how it would be handled if this became a problem. Anna said the procedures for voter challenges would be followed. It would be obvious if there was an effort to disrupt the election by challenging voters because because it doesn't happen on a regular basis. Mr. Heinzer was informed if a person is continually challenging voters, the chief would notice. If it became a problem the person would be asked to leave, or an Electoral Board member would be contacted to handle the matter.

Angela Olinick asked how the voter list is purged. Anna stated information is provided from the Department of Elections. Notice of deceased voters and out of state cancellations is provided weekly. A voter can also be cancelled if a death certificate is presented. Other information, such as felony convictions and mental incapacitations, is provided on a monthly basis. Every year the Department of Elections compares voter registration data to post office data, as well as other states' registration data. If there is a match, a confirmation card is mailed to the voter to confirm their address. If the confirmation card is not returned, the voter has an inactive status. If a voter is inactive for two federal elections, they are purged from the voter rolls.

NEW BUSINESS: ELECTION INTEGRITY AND SECURITY - All election officials will be trained this year as they always are. If an election official, causes a problem he or she will be asked to leave by the chief or a member of the Electoral Board. They will not be allowed to return to work as an officer of election. Our purpose is for everyone who wants to vote, is afforded the opportunity to do so if they are registered and in the correct precinct.

Every Voter in the county will receive a new voter card from the Department of Elections. The State will send them out no later than two weeks prior to the election, but it is projected they will be mailed much sooner than that.

ELECTION PREPARATION: Early Voting L&A will be September 21st. Training of Election Officials will be scheduled as the election gets closer.

SAME DAY REGISTRATION: The process for Same Day Registration was discussed. Voters taking part in Same Day Registration must still be in the correct precinct for their vote to count. All voters registering and voting on the same day will vote provisionally. There will be maps in the precincts with bar codes the voter can scan to bring up a map and enter their address to verify the correct precinct. Election officials can also call the office to find out the correct precinct. The last day to registrar is October 17, 2022. Please do not encourage anyone to wait until the last minute to register, or encourage them to do same day registration. If someone waits till the registration deadline, and the application is filled out incorrectly, there is no time to complete another application. If the same day registration application is filled out incorrectly, the vote will not count. After October 17, Early Voting will begin using the same day registration procedures. Also, beginning October 1, 2022, 16 year -olds can pre-register to vote. The application is held in the database

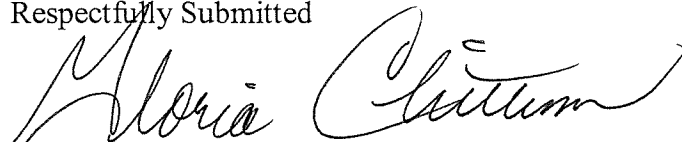
SB80: Electoral Board Members, General Registrar, staff and officers of election cannot accept donations, grants, etc. of any type unless it is from a governmental agency. For example, if you are invited to speak at a function and everyone is paying for dinner you must pay for your own dinner. It is now illegal for a group that is not a governmental agency to pay for the meal. We cannot accept any gifts from private organizations or businesses.

REDISTRICTING UPDATES: Redistricting has been completed, and as mentioned previously, new voter cards are being sent out by the Department of Elections. All (10) ten of our new precincts are going to be used in the November election.

National Night Out: This will be held on October 11 in the parking lot of Target at Stafford Marketplace. We will have a table to recruit election officials. The need for additional election officials was stressed to both political parties.

There being no further business, at 10:58, Brandynicole made a motion to adjourn. Jim seconded, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted



Gloria Chittum, Secretary