

Electoral Board Meeting October 30, 2020

The Chesapeake Electoral Board met in the Office of the General Registrar on Friday, October 30, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Those in attendance were:

Elizabeth "Beth" Banks, Chairman;
David "Dave" Midkiff, Secretary;
Duane McNair, Vice Chairman;

Mary Lynn A. Pinkerman, General Registrar;
Deborah "Debbie" Tureman, Asst.
Registrar II

Agenda:

- General meeting and upcoming November 3, 2020 General Election

Beth Banks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes for the September meeting were accepted and approved by Dave and seconded by Duane.

Beth asked if there were any suggestions on how to handle Provisional Ballots. Mary Lynn assured her that the law allowed the office staff to assist the board with the provisional ballots and she would have as many as needed to accomplish the task.

Beth also asked about any major concerns at this point in the process. Some of the issues discussed included:

- Voters being confused by all the changes in laws and procedures
- Radios from the Fire Department for each precinct and each board member
- Limiting the number of observers inside the polling places due to COVID-19
- Defense against unauthorized observers

Mary Lynn reported that the news had said that Chesapeake has had more early voters than any of the neighboring localities. Due to having a good number of satellite locations, there were few major concerns.

Beth spoke of seeing that the Voter Registration Office received recognition from City Council in December.

Security matters and training were discussed, and Mary Lynn reported that office staff and Officers of Elections had received training about procedures.

The Board discussed Election Day and Canvass procedures. Due to the expectation of having a large number of Provisional Ballots, the board decided to hold Canvass on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, with Saturday hours if needed.

The Board agreed that we should all be careful, and remain calm and vigilant.

The motion was made to adjourn by Duane at 10:00 am, seconded by Dave and was agreed on unanimously.

David Midkiff, Secretary

Minutes submitted by Deborah Tureman, Assistant Registrar II