

Norfolk Electoral Board

Minutes of the December 1, 2022 Meeting

Present:

H. Michael Ziegenfuss (Chair, via telephone), Atoy Carrington (Vice Chair), Michael Khandelwal (Secretary), Stephanie Iles (Director of Elections & General Registrar), Rosanna Bencoach (Deputy Director of Elections & Deputy Registrar)

Guests: Liz White (Ex. Dir. of Upvote Virginia), James Shull (Fair Vote Virginia), Travis Davidson (Fair Vote Virginia)

The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by Mr. Ziegenfuss in the Elections Office Board Conference Room in Norfolk's City Hall.

Mr. Ziegenfuss appointed Ms. Carrington as acting chair for the meeting, since he was attending via telephone.

Approval of Minutes from the November 9, 10, 14, & 15, 2022 General Election Canvass

Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to approve the minutes from the November 9, 10, 14, & 15, 2022 General Election Canvass, which was seconded by Mr. Khandelwal. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Oath of Office Ceremony Participation

Ms. Carrington will attend the City Council ceremony and read the Certificate of Election for each Council member elected. Mr. Khandelwal will sign the Certificates of Election before year's end. The School Board's ceremony is yet to be scheduled.

Ranked Choice Voting Presentation

Ms. White, Mr. Shull, and Mr. Davidson spoke to the Board about ranked choice voting.

November 9, 2022 General Election Precinct Evaluation

The Board discussed the November 9, 2022 General Election and Precinct operations. All precincts ran smoothly, and the Board was impressed with the Chiefs and the Officers of Election, as well as the Elections staff.

January 10, 2023 Special Election Preparation

Ms. Iles reported that Logic and Accuracy testing was about to begin for the Special Election. December 30 will be the last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail, and January 7 will be last day to vote Absentee In-person for the Special Election.

The Board discussed logistics of the day and ensured that the new Electoral Board member would be able to be up to speed by January 10.

Such other business as may come before the Electoral Board:

The Board recommended bonuses for the Elections Staff.

Ms. Iles reported that after the Special Election, a "grand opening reception" would be planned for the new office.

Ms. Iles reported that reaching out to the schools for youth-designed new "I Voted" stickers was in progress.

Mr. Khandelwal moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Ziegenfuss. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 a.m. by unanimous vote of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Khandelwal', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael Khandelwal, Secretary