

Alexandria Electoral Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2022
9:30 am
132 N. Royal St., Suite 100

Chairman Brown called the October 14, 2022, meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present were the three members of the Alexandria Electoral Board (Bruce A. Brown, Jack Powers, and Mary Lyman); the General Registrar (Angie Maniglia Turner); the Elections Manager (Mark Hirschman); and three members of the public (Annetta Catchings, Chair of the Alexandria Republican City Committee, Herb Mannis representing the Alexandria Republican City Committee, and Jill Mobley).

Electoral Board Reports and Previous Minutes

Mr. Powers moved to approve the minutes from the September 7th, 2022 meeting, Ms. Lyman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Election Officers

Ms. Maniglia Turner presented the Board with additions and deletions to the list of appointed election officers. The Board reviewed the list. Discussion ensued on the process for appointing election officers. Mr. Powers moved to approve the election officer appointment list; Ms. Lyman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Election Office Report

Ms. Maniglia Turner reported on current registered voter statistics, campaign finance reports, and the next fiscal year budget. Discussion ensued regarding the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) and future locations for polling places. Ms. Maniglia also updated the Electoral Board on absentee by-mail voting, in-person voting, and ongoing preparations for Election Day.

Relocation of Polling Place for Precinct 206

After discussion, Mr. Powers made a motion to make an official recommendation to City Council to move the polling place for precinct 206 from Chinquapin Park Recreation Center to Alexandria City High School. Ms. Lyman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Comments and Board Member Comments

Both public and board member comments focused on the importance of civility and respect inside polling locations. Chairman Brown re-iterated that there were three groups of people allowed in any polling location; 1) election officers 2) designated representatives of candidates or parties and 3) voters. Chairman Brown also went on record to say, "the only thing that is partisan [in a polling place] is the secret marking on the voter's ballot," and that the republican party is conducting extensive observer training. The training is repeatedly stressing that republican party observers must treat every voter and election officer with respect. Chairman Brown acknowledged this does not guarantee that every observer will be perfect, but that the training is of high quality and is reaching a large percentage of republican party observers.

Chairman Brown also went on record stating that his recommendation to the Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT) Director was to prioritize upgrading the Virginia Election and Registration Information System (VERIS) and improve ELECT communication with localities.

Future Board Meetings

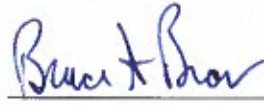
The Board scheduled the following meetings:

Monday, November 7 – 9:30am Pre- Election Meeting
Wednesday, November 9 – 9:30am Canvass
Wednesday, November 9 – 10am Provisional Ballot Hearing
Tuesday, November 15 – 9:30am Conclusion of Canvass

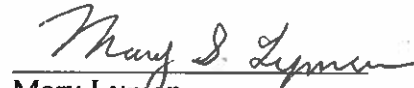
At 11:35 p.m., Mr. Powers moved to adjourn the Board meeting, Ms. Lyman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



Jack Powers
Secretary



Bruce A. Brown
Chairman



Mary Lyman
Vice Chair