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Electoral Board Members

Brent Rowlands, Chairman
Isaac Baker, Vice-Chairman
Edward Roettger, Secretary

CITY OF SUFFOLK ELECTORAL BOARD JULY 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Brent Rowlands at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at the Voter Registration Office, 440 Market Street, First Floor, Suffolk, Virginia.

ATTENDEES:

Chairman Brent Rowlands, Vice-Chairman Rev. Isaac Baker, Secretary Edward Roettger, Election Officer Consultant Les Ward, General Registrar Burdette Lawrence, Mr. Richard Shoemaker, Delegate Clinton Jenkins, Mr. Miller Cary, Mr. James Oaks, and Ms. Robin Holton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Rev. Baker motioned to approve the meeting minutes from June as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roettger and was carried by a vote of 3-0.

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rev. Baker moved to restructure the Board. Mr. Rowland motioned that the Board should wait until the August meeting before formally restructuring and asked for a vote on the issue. Mr. Roettger seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3-0.

Rev. Baker presented a pay complaint from an election official. Mr. Rowlands suggested that a letter be drafted to compare the pay scale between Suffolk City and the surrounding localities to send to all election workers. Rev. Baker also presented a suggestion that election officials be required to submit a letter of resignation when they terminate their position before their term has ended. Mr. Rowlands asked the Registrar to draft these letters.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Miller Carey, Mr. Richard Shoemaker, and Delegate Clinton Jenkins spoke during the public comment session.

CLOSED SESSION:

Rev. Baker moved that the Board convene in closed session pursuant to Section §2.2-3711 (A) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of discussing matters concerning election officers during the June 21, Republican Primary. Mr. Roettger seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Rev. Baker moved that the Electoral Board certify that only matters discussed in the closed session were matters concerning election officials during the June 21, Republican Primary Election as directed by Section §2.2-3711 (A) of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rowlands and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

OPEN SESSION:


Rev. Baker made a motion to open the meeting for adjournment. Mr. Roettger seconded the motion and it was carried by a vote of 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next board meeting will be held on August 9, 2022.



Brent Rowland, Chairman



Isaac Baker, Vice-Chairman



Edward Roettger, Secretary