

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Minutes

P.O. Box J
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September 24, 2019

EB Electoral Board Meeting

The meeting of the Electoral Board for Prince Edward County was called to Order by Chairman, Dr. Sam Martin. In attendance to the meeting was Ms. Gwendolyn S. Akers-Booker, Secretary to the Electoral Board along with Ms. Lynette Wright, General Registrar. Mr. Charles Puckett, Vice Chairman was absent. There were no other community members in attendance.

The purpose for this meeting was to review information related to the upcoming November Election. Print Elect arrived on September 13th as scheduled to perform our maintenance on the voting equipment for the November Election and all machines were accounted for and processed as required by the State Board of Elections. There was one guest in attendance to the L & A Testing.

Ms. Gwen Akers-Booker thanks the individuals who worked hard on making sure that our equipment was up dated as required and special thanks to Lynette Wright and her Part-Time Assistant Kaitlyn for all the hard work that was done to get us to this point as Absentee Voting has begun.

Applications for Office of Elections Poll Workers were provided to the committee for approval to work in the upcoming election. The Secretary along with the Chairman approved the applicants and those who are able to work will be sent a letter informing them of a training date. The applicants will be processed and letters sent regarding their acceptance.

Lynette Wright, General Registrar informed the board that the majority of the Officer of Elections have called indicating that they will be working the November 5th Election. We were also notified that two of our veteran officers submitted notice of Retirement. These two individuals have been with the Office of Elections for more than 20 years. We, the Electoral Board wish to thank each and everyone for their hard work and dedication to the election process and we appreciate all that has been done to help make our elections run smooth.

In reviewing the process of the 2020 Election year with the General Registrar, there is a lot of work that will need to be done possibly 5 Elections will be held during the upcoming year. With these many elections, there will be quick turnaround of information to be processed, lots of data to be entered in the data base for the State, ballots to be processed and approved along with absentee information on all applicants who will be applying to vote in the upcoming elections. The majority of the work to be done has to be processed in house and as you may

already be aware, the November 5th Election is around the corner. If you are not available to vote on the actual day, our Voter Registration Office is open for Absentee Voting.

The upcoming Elections for 2020 will be as follows: March 3, 2020; May 5, 2020; June 9, 2020 (tentative); August, 2020 (tentative) and November 3, 2020. As you can see the year 2020 will be an extremely busy year for all of us. Based on the facts that we have to process information set before us, we the Electoral Board Members feel strongly that the need to move the current Assistant Registrar from Part-Time to Full-Time is warranted as soon as possible.

We, the Electoral Board recommended to Ms. Lynette Wright, General Registrar, that she submit a letter in writing to the proper authority within the County Office and cc all members of the Board of Supervisors with reference to this much needed item. As stated earlier, with this Full-Time position, this will help support all that has to be done and it will accommodate the large workload set before the Voter Registration Office next year. With this in mind, a Full-Time person warranted to help support the General Registrar process a smooth and efficient upcoming 2020 Election year. For more information you may visit: www.Elections.Virginia.Gov for the 2020 Election Year Calendar.

In closing, the Electoral Board Members can only continue to thank the Voter Registration Office of Prince Edward County for an outstanding job that is done each and every time.

Without further to do the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn S. Akers-Booker

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