

**PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY
ELECTORAL BOARD**

P.O. Box J
Farmville, Virginia 23901

MINUTES

DATE: April 20, 2023

PURPOSE: Electoral Board Business Meeting

PRESENT:

Members: Charles Puckett, Chairman, Michele Schumacher, Vice Chair and Gwendolyn Akers-Booker, Electoral Board Secretary; Lynette Wright, General Registrar and Caitlin Bryant, Deputy Registrar.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

The meeting was called to order by Charles Puckett, Chairman at 10:30 am.

The minutes of the March 16, 2023, minutes were reviewed with a motion by Michele Schumacher and seconded by Charles Puckett, Chairman. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Next Item of Discussion was Poll Workers Letters for June 2023 Republican Primary Election. Confirmation of this primary was sent to the General Registrar on Monday, April 17th indicating that there will be a June Republican Primary (9 precincts). The Primary date is Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and this will be for the 50th House of Delegates. Upon completion of the L & A testing, Early Voting will begin and will run for 45 days. Early Voting will take place in the Prince Edward County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Voter Registration Office. There are two candidates that will be on the ballot. Mr. Puckett made a motion that poll worker letters be mailed by the Electoral Board Secretary. The motion was seconded by Michele Schumacher and was unanimously approved.

Michele Schumacher moved that the Electoral Board of Prince Edward County convene a closed session under Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the discussion of Personnel matters made confidential pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A), specifically discussion and review of the Assignment of the General Registrar. The motion was seconded by Charles Puckett and was unanimously approved.

Following the closed session, the public was invited to return to the meeting. Mr. Puckett called the meeting to order. On a motion duly made and seconded the following resolution of certification was approved by a roll call vote:

**Resolution of
Certification**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Electoral Board of Prince Edward County certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Committee.”

Vote	Ayes	Nays
Mr. Charles Puckett	X	
Ms. Michele Schumacher	X	
Ms. Gwendolyn S. Akers-Booker	X	

All members present responding affirmatively, the resolution of certification was adopted.

Upon returning to our regular meeting, Mr. Charles Puckett, Chairman requested that the General Registrar be brought back to the meeting. A motion was made by Michele Schumacher and seconded by Gwendolyn Akers-Booker to reappoint Ms. Lynette Wright as General Registrar. The appointment will be for the term beginning July 1,2023 through June 30, 2027. The appointment term for the Deputy Registrar was set the same as the General Registrar.

The General Registrar thanked the board for working with her and the staff and if there was anything that she could assist us with, she would be more than happy to do so. Ms. Wright discussed the upcoming election indicating that for the June Primary the 50th District will be for 9 Precincts in Prince Edward County. The locations to be open on voting day will be as follows: 101,301,302,401,501,502,601,701,801 and CAP. *Precinct 201-Lockett will not have a primary.*

Early Voting which will begin after L & A Testing which will be scheduled during the first week in May. With regards to the Relocation of Polling Place District from the Fire Station to the Train Station, letters were mailed on April 13,2023 informing individuals of their new polling location. The Electoral Board was informed that signage will be placed in and out of the area informing residence that there will be a Republican Primary.

The Electoral Board will not be meeting for the regular scheduled times during the months of May and June and in the event, we were needed, she may contact us immediately.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michele Schumacher and seconded by Mr. Charles Puckett, and was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023.

Gwendolyn S. Akers-Booker

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