

# City of Richmond



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## Electoral Board

Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2020

“SIC ITUR AD ASTRA”  
SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE STARS

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Electoral Board was called to order at Noon July 23, 2020 in the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Board Room City of Richmond, James Nachman, Chairman presiding.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was no public present for comment.

### **DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE**

There was one candidate, Mr. Wheeler, did not get sufficient signatures to place his name on the ballot. An e-mail was sent informing the candidate of the appeal process. Only 119 signatures were submitted. No appeal was filed.

### **CANDIDATE BALLOT ORDER**

The order on the ballot for Mayor has been decided by court order and the City Council, School Board ballot orders have been adopted by the Electoral Board based on the logic of the court order for the Mayoral candidates. Registrar Showalter presented spreadsheets to give a better understanding how the order on the ballot will be determined for the November 2020 Election in the Mayoral, City Council and School Board races.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

A follow-up of St. Paul’s Baptist Church, South Richmond as a possibility for a precinct, was made by Vice Chair, Joyce Smith. The facility is still not ADA compliant.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jane Newell asked if her organization could be of service please let them know. The Chair responded “if you have any good people who don’t mind going to classes, getting up early in the morning, working long hours, we could use them as Chief Officers, Assistant Chief Officers or Election Officers, please let us know”. Carol Stevens, a former election officer suggested that we recruit teacher as election officers since the General Assembly passed the bill making election day a legal holiday. Also, Ms. Stevens wanted to know if we’d considered having “drop boxes” for ballots. The Registrar Showalter replied that under the present law, it is not allowed, however, we did institute for the June Primary, a drive up drop off service.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Stevens moved that the Electoral Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to [Section 2.2-3711\(A\)\(1\)](#) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to discuss personnel matters of employees of the Electoral Board, including but not limited to Officers of Elections appointed by the Electoral Board. Motion was seconded by Joyce Smith. Motion passed.

Certification of closed session was signed “yes” by all Board members, all were in favor. Session is opened.

All Board members were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

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James M. Nachman  
Chairman to the Electoral Board

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Joyce K. Smith  
Vice Chairwoman to the Electoral Board

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Cherlyn S. Stevens  
Secretary to the Electoral Board