

Amelia County Electoral Board  
Minutes – June 14, 2022

ATTENDEES: Mary Alice Williams, Chair                      Brenda Johnson, Secretary  
                 Mamie Barley, Vice Chair\*                      Deborah Hathorn, Director of Elections  
                 Lauren Whittington, ACDC Chair                      Paul White, ACRC Representative

The Amelia County Electoral Board met on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 in the Registrar's office. The previously scheduled May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Williams at 10:07 A.M. Minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. The written agenda was approved by consensus.

**Budget Update:** Hathorn stated that the FY 23 budget as submitted has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. She is in the process of purchasing several items in preparation for the November election and expected to end the fiscal year in the black, with limited unspent dollars.

**Redistricting:** Dept. of Elections has approved all redistricting changes. ELECT will generate new voter registration cards and handle the mailing of the cards. The cost, approximately \$2.5 million will be paid by ELECT. A notice of the redistricting changes will be placed in the Amelia Bulletin Monitor so voters will know to expect the new cards in the mail.

**June Primary** – There will be no June primary in the county.

**County Website:** Due to the absence of training, the documents required to be posted on the county's website has not been done. Hathorn is receiving training from another county employee and hopes to be able to rectify the problem very soon. Chair Williams will ensure that the Board of Supervisors is aware of the issue by letter or via comments at the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow.

**Grant Applications** – Hathorn was asked to talk to Holly Steele, Amelia County's Director of Community Development, to explore possible grant opportunities and report back to the Board. We will follow up at the July meeting.

We had a brief discussion regarding Board members participating in meetings telephonically. We reviewed policy number 2.3.1.4, *Electronic Participation in Meetings* and agreed to draft a written policy as was recommended. Secretary Johnson will submit a draft of the policy at the July meeting.

Hathorn stated that the Board members email address should be available in a few days. Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> is a federal holiday and the office will be closed. Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for candidate packets to be submitted for the District 1 School Board vacancy. The position will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

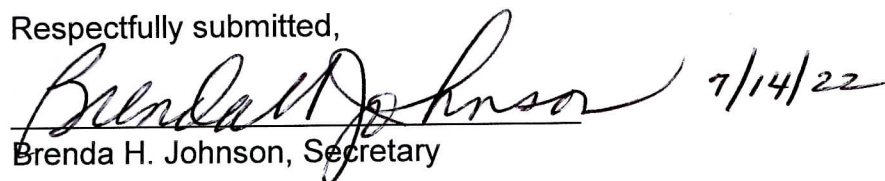
**Closed Session:** The Board went into closed session at 10:49 AM and returned to the regular meeting at 10:52 AM. Upon return from the Closed Session, Chair Williams announced that the five individuals who had submitted their names to be considered as Officers of Election were approved to be added to the list.

**Public Comment Period:** Ms. Whittington again expressed concern over non-compliance of posting documents on the county's website. She suggested that we have larger curbside voting signs and be prepared for same day voter registration in November. She noted that Bill HB44-dealing with FOIA permits electronic Board meetings. She also stated that she had an additional name for Officer of Election. Mr. White reiterated the concerns regarding the county's website. He suggested that we ask the Monitor (ABM) to do a community service article for the paper regarding redistricting changes; versus us submitting an article and having to pay for it. He also asked if we had enough Officer of Elections and he was informed that we did. Chair Williams thanked Ms. Whittington and Mr. White for their remarks and said the Board will take into consideration their comments, suggestions and concerns.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 10:-00 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda H. Johnson, Secretary

\*Listened in via telephone