

Amelia County Electoral Board
Minutes – January 12, 2023

ATTENDEES: Mary Alice Williams, Chair
Adria Dieffenbach, Vice –Chair
Martha Muniz, ACRC Chair
Brenda Johnson, Secretary
Deborah Hathorn, Director of Elections
Lauren Whittington, ACDC Chair

The Electoral Board of Amelia County met on Thursday, January 12th in the Commonwealth Attorney's conference room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Williams at 10:04 A.M.

Adria Dieffenbach has been appointed to the Board for a 3-year term, January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025. Chair Williams welcomed her to the Board.

Minutes of the December 8th meeting were approved as presented with minor corrections notated on the original document. The agenda was approved by consensus.

BUDGET - No budget issues to report, however, Hathorn will provide a mid-year update as soon as the information is made available. Hathorn confirmed that the VEBA dues have now been paid. Chair Williams suggested that we look at adding a full time Assistant Registrar to the staff.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY – policy was submitted to the county attorney a few months ago and we have not received any feedback.

Officers for the Board for 2023 will be: Chair - Mary Alice Williams, Vice Chair-Adria Dieffenbach and Secretary- Brenda Johnson. The motions to elect the officers were unanimous.

Officers of Election need to be appointed or reappointed this year. Boot Camp will include training on the new electronic poll books.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:


- Muniz requested that the December 8th minutes be changed to reflect a “busy” year versus a “challenging” year. She stated that House District # 72 (Ware) will have a primary election. Deadline to file for the June 2023 Primary is April 6th. She expressed interest in advocating for the Registrar's office to find a new home with more space.
- Whittington noted that the minutes need to include the election of the officers of the Board. She also suggested that we consider rotating terms (1-2-3 years) of OOE's versus all terms ending at the same time.

Chair Williams thanked Muniz and Whittington for their presence and comments.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 2nd at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda H. Johnson, Secretary