

Minutes of Grayson County Electoral Board

August 15, 2024

Present: Anne Beamer, Chair; Wanda Pinion, Vice-Chair; Julia Delacroix, Secretary, Zachary Hill, General Registrar; Randy Shinault, Deputy Registrar.

At 5:05 pm on August 15, 2024, Mrs. Pinion motioned the meeting into session. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the meeting began.

Mrs. Pinion motioned to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Pinion motioned to approve the motions from the June meetings. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

At 5:08, Mrs. Pinion moved to close the session following Virginia Code §2.2 3711 (A)1 - Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the Board moved into closed session.

At 5:45, Mrs. Pinion motioned to end the closed session. Ms. Delacroix seconded. The meeting moved back to open session.

The Board, with Mr. Hill and Mr. Shinault, certified that the only matters heard, discussed, or considered in closed meeting were those confidential pursuant to VA Code §2.2 3711 (A)1. As a result of the closed session, the Board took the following action: None.

Mr. Hill offered an update on the November election, informing the Board that state ballot proofing will begin September 6, to continue through September 20. Grayson County will order ballots equivalent to 120% of registered voters to account for spoiled ballots.

Mr. Hill also informed the board that the state approved partial funding for 17 poll print stations for ballot on demand. Mr. Hill walked the board through the benefits and drawbacks of ballot on demand. Benefits include lower printing costs. Drawbacks include potential IT concerns and software licensing fees that are roughly equivalent to what printed ballots currently cost.

Mrs. Pinion motioned that the county refuse these state funds and not invest in ballot on demand at this time. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hill shared that a representative of the Virginia Republican party sent a letter to the registrar's office requesting information typically provided in response to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. As this information would take significant staff time to compile, the board agreed unanimously to await a formal request.

Mr. Hill informed the Board of an insurance review of polling places, clarifying coverage. He reminded the Board of ADA compliance checks of polling places to be conducted on Saturday, August 17.

And he reminded the Board of the next training date for poll workers: October 15 at 6:00 pm.

Finally, Mr. Hill and Mr. Shinault shared their work engaging future voters at Grayson High School by partnering with the school on their Homecoming elections and including students throughout the election process.

At 6:30, Mrs. Pinion motioned to close the meeting. Ms. Delacroix seconded, and the meeting adjourned.

The Board will next meet September 19, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Delacroix, Secretary

Anne Beamer, Chair

Wanda Pinion, Vice Chair