

FREDERICK COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Mary Strenko Chairperson
Kay Dawson Vice-Chairperson
Lynnette Embree Secretary
343 Sunnyside Plaza Drive, Winchester, Virginia 22603

The Frederick County Electoral Board met on Monday, November 20, 2023. Those present were Chairman Mary Strenko, Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson, Secretary Lynnette Embree and Registrar Rich Venskoske.

Guests present: Sherry Long and Rodney Wine

- 1.) Chairman Mary Strenko called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- 2.) A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Secretary Lynnette Embree, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson, and passed unanimously.
- 3.) Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, November 8, November 9, November 12, and November 13, 2023. Secretary Lynnette Embree seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4.) Old Business:

- a. An Officer of Election debrief from the November 7, 2023, election was held.
- b. A discussion of November 7, 2023, Election Day was also held.
- c. Most of the errors that occurred for the November 7, 2023, election was in the Central Absentee Precinct (absentee ballots and early voting). The Board will consider more training for the CAP Officers of Election for the next election.

5.) New Business:

- a. A discussion of the roles and responsibilities on Election Days in the future was had.
- b. Early voting for the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary begins on Friday, January 19, 2024.

6.) Registrar Business:

- a. There were complaints about people handing out sample ballots and the aggressiveness of these folks.
- b. Signs of candidates. This may be addressed at the Board of Supervisors meeting in December 2023.
- c. A discussion of voter intimidation and election interference was had.
- d. Registrar Venskoske has asked the Frederick County Finance Committee for funding for a new part-time employee as well as \$84,000 for the March 2024 Presidential Primary.
- e. Registrar Venskoske passed around two designs for pins for the Officers of Election for the November 2024 election.
- 7.) The Electoral Board and Registrar Venskoske heard from Sherry Long and Rodney Wine.
- 8.) A motion to go into closed session was made by Secretary Lynnette Embree, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson, and passed unanimously.
- 9.) A motion to come out of closed session was made by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson and seconded by Secretary Lynnette Embree. The motion passed unanimously with all members of the Electoral Board and Registrar Venskoske agreeing that the only item discussed was the applications for new Officers of Election.

- 10.) Secretary Lynnette Embree made a motion to approve nine applications for Officers of Election. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson and passed unanimously.
- 11.) The next Electoral Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.
- 12.) A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson, seconded by Secretary Lynnette Embree, and pass unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lymette L. Embree

Secretary

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Vice-Chairman

Secretary

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