

Norfolk Electoral Board

Minutes of the November 27, 2024, Board Meeting

Present:

Ms. Atoy Carrington (Chairwoman), Ms. Marianne McKay (Vice-Chairwoman), Mr. H. Michael Ziegenfuss (Secretary), Ms. Stephanie Iles (Director of Elections & General Registrar), Ms. Rosanna Benccoach (Deputy Director of Elections & Deputy Registrar), and Observers - Raymarie Rowzie, Charles McKay, Mark Snell-Cook, Trey Teich, Arthur Devine, Kristin Worrell, Tamara Hanger, Jeannie Sylvia, Paula Markham, Linda Asher, Gregory Bright, Catherine Nesmith, Amina Matheny-Willard, and Phillip Hawkins, Jr.

The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order on Wednesday November 27, 2024, at 11:26 a.m. by Ms. Atoy Carrington in the Norfolk Office of Elections.

Ms. McKay moved to approve the minutes for October 2nd, November 6-15th canvass, and November 20, 2024 Electoral Board Meetings. Mr. Ziegenfuss seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Closed Session:

At 11:38 a.m., it was moved by Mr. Ziegenfuss and seconded by Ms. Carrington to go into a closed session pursuant to the Code of Virginia for discussion of personnel and incident review at a precinct. The motion was approved by a two to one vote of the Board with Ms. McKay dissenting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Ziegenfuss and seconded by Ms. Carrington and passed by unanimous vote of the Norfolk Electoral Board, the Electoral Board reconvened in open session.

Further, at 1:08 p.m., Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to adopt the following certification:

"We certify that the Norfolk Electoral Board convened a closed meeting on November 27, 2024, pursuant to an affirmative vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and that Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

The Norfolk Electoral Board further certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board in the closed meeting."

Ms. Carrington seconded the adoption of the certification, and the Board unanimously voted to approve the certification.

Such other business as may come before the Electoral Board:

Ms. McKay requested the Provisional votes cast for the November 5, 2024 General & Special Elections. Ms. Iles provided the numbers to the Board.

Ms. Iles provided a procedural overview of the upcoming City Council Superward 7 recount to be held on December 19-20th in the Norfolk Courthouse, Courtroom 6A. Ms. Matheny-Willard advised the recount is open to the public.

Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to adjourn the meeting, which Ms. Carrington seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. by a two to one vote of the Board with Ms. McKay dissenting.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Ziegenfuss, Secretary
November 27, 2024