

Norfolk Electoral Board

Minutes of the December, 9, 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 Bencoach (Députy Director of Elections & Deputy Registrar), and Observers - Arthur Devine, Tamara Hanger, Paula Markham, Linda Asher, Catherine Nesmith, Dr. Frederick Rochte, Gisele Kasper, and Rebecca Hryniewicz.

The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order on Monday December 9, 2024, at 11:02 a.m. by Ms. Atoy Carrington in the Norfolk Office of Elections.

Closed Session:

At 11:15 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. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board.

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 11:27 a.m., Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to adopt the following certification:

"We certify that the Norfolk Electoral Board convened a closed meeting on December 9, 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:

The Board members and Registrar discussed the upcoming recount for City Council Superward 7 race. The recount will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Norfolk Courthouse, courtroom 6A. Ms. Iles conveyed the recount is open to the public.

The next meeting of the Norfolk Electoral Board was set for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Elections’ Office Board Conference Room in Norfolk City Hall.

Ms. McKay moved to adjourn the meeting, which Mr. Ziegenfuss seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m. by unanimous vote of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Michael Ziegenfuss". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Ziegenfuss, Secretary

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