



City of Franklin, Virginia Electoral Board

Gary Wyse - Chairman; Doris Artis - Vice Chairman and Purlie E. Banks - Secretary.

DRAFT MINUTES

Location of Meeting: Franklin Emergency Services
100 South Main Street
Franklin, VA 23851

Date: June 28, 2022

Attendance: Doris Artis, Purlie E. Banks, Gary Wyse

Visitor:

The meeting of the City of Franklin Electoral Board met on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Gary Wyse, Chairman. Per minutes dated June 14, 2022, the Electoral Board was to conduct the evaluation of the General Registrar on this date; however, per an email received from Gary Wyse on June 20, 2022, the evaluation was postponed "because of the city administration's desire to combine the ordinance changing the districts within the City of Franklin with the actual polling places to be used, the General Registrar had increased pressure along with her daily duties to get this accomplished". Therefore, a tentative date of July 27, 2022, at 10 o'clock am was selected provided the General Registrar was available.

II. Minutes

The draft minutes dated June 14, 2022; June 22, 2022, and June 24, 2022, were reviewed. Per Doris Artis, she was not in attendance to the meeting on June 24th and the date was incorrect. The correction was noted and will be changed on the final minutes. Gary Wyse moved to accept the minutes with the amended corrections. It was seconded by Doris Artis. The motion passed unanimously.



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III. Discussion of Training Techniques

During the primary election, the Electoral Board members had received several concerns and/or suggestions about the training. Upon reviewing some of the challenges that occurred during the election, the following suggestions were made:

1. Ensure the key is on the screen (This can be viewed by the Chief and/or Assistant Chief.). Be mindful of the shift key (This should be included in the training.)
2. Have a separate folder with instructions for opening and closing the polls.
3. The Electoral Board conduct a mock election.

IV. Polling Precincts/Redistricting

The General Registrar joined the meeting at 11:12 am. She was notified of the date and time of the evaluation. A tentative date of August 19, 2022, was selected for each board member to conduct the mock election. Jennifer Maynard suggested the Electoral Board do a training online from ELECT. She will send the website link.

Per the General Registrar, the ordinance for redistricting will be signed on July 11, 2022. The Electoral Board does not have to rush to get the polling precincts to match the proposed election districts, as previously informed.

The Electoral Board reviewed the redistricting map that was chosen by the City Council of Franklin. Although there has been a change in Ward 2 and Ward 6, it was suggested that the polling precincts remain where they are because they are within the one-mile precinct boundary requirements. Also, it is more feasible for the voters.



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The City Councilman for Ward 4 has requested the voting precinct be moved into his Ward. Currently, the voting precinct is at the Sportsman which meets the one-mile precinct boundary requirement. The Councilman had suggested First Baptist on Hall Street, but it is not ADA accessible. After much discussion, the Electoral Board selected the following:

1. Franklin Christian Congregational Church
2. Incubator
3. Food Bank
4. Franklin Baptist Church

Prior to moving a precinct, the Electoral Board need to verify if a public hearing must be conducted.

V. Adjournment

Having no other business before the Electoral Board, Gary Wyse moved that we adjourn. Doris Artis seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Humbly Submitted,

Purlie E. Banks 

Purlie E. Banks
Secretary

