

Surry County Virginia Electoral Board Meeting, May 19, 6:00 P.M.

Registrars' Office, 168 Commerce Street, Dendron, Va

Present

Bill Etchison, Chair, Lynita Mason V. Chair, Cheryl Varner, Secretary

Sharna White, Registrar, and members of the public

Meeting called to order by Bill Etchison, Chair 6:00 pm.

Approval of Agenda motion made by Lynita Mason, 2nd Cheryl Varner

Approval of minutes of April meeting motion made by Lynita Mason, 2nd Cheryl Varner

Public comments, questions about finding agendas/minutes on county website.

Discussion of Spring Grove/Claremont merger of polling location. Secretary, Cheryl Varner, mentioned that our registrar had indicated she was in FAVOR of merging the districts Mrs. Washington, Michael Washington and church trustee were present representing First Baptist Church Claremont. Registrar was to set up a work session with Board of Supervisors.

Officers of Election training discussion led by Chair Bill Etchison. In person training offered on June 7 and June 14.

Motion made by Lynita Mason; officers of election completing online training and completing certification by the deadline be allowed to serve for the June primary. Motion Seconded by Bill Etchison, Chair. Vote Lynita Mason Aye, Bill Etchison Aye, Cheryl Varner Nay.

Motion made by Cheryl Varner that party chairperson or his/her appointment be allowed to observe in person officer of election training. Lynita second. All in favor.

Discussion of arrangement of officers of elections for June primary. Sharna White, registrar offered to arrange officers of elections for primary elections.

Motion made by Lynita to allow registrar Sharna White to delegate and reorganize officers of election.

Motion amended by Cheryl Varner to allow to registrar Sharna White to make assignments of officers of election with final approval by the electoral board. 2nd Cheryl Varner. All in favor.

Kenneth Bell request appointment of officer of election. Motion made by Lynita to be added and appointment as officer of election for 2025-2026. All in favor.

Budget of registrar discussion. Cheryl Varner requested that registrar Sharna White email her budget and expenses of the registrars' office for 2024-2025 Sharna White agreed to provide this information by email to the board members.

Next Electoral Board meeting 10:00 am, June 18th for purpose of primary canvas.

Final canvas to begin at noon on June 20th Meetings/Canvas at registrar's office

Bill Etchison led discussion of possibly using government center/district courtroom for future meetings for the electoral board per the volume of persons in attendance and use of microphones.

Motion to adjourn meeting made. By Lynita Mason at 6:43 P.M. second by Cheryl Varner

All in favor.

Secretary, Cheryl Varner