

Electoral Board Meeting for February 18, 2025

The electoral board meeting was called to order by chairman Bill Etchison at 10:00 A.M. Surry County Virginia in the conference room of the registrar's office. @ 168 Commerce Street. Surry, Virginia, Members present were Chair, Bill Etchison, Vice Chair, Lynitia Mason, and Secretary Cheryl Varner. Also present were members of the public Robert Chandler, Donna Skinner. Howell Godfrey, Ronald Howell Sr., Diane Cheek, and Charlome Pierce.

Secretary, Cheryl Varner presented meeting minutes from February 3, 2025 Lynita Mason requested a correction of the minutes concerning the misspelling of the word "chair". With the correction noted, a motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion adopted.

New Business

Chair Bill Etchison led discussion of page 115 242.115 of Virginia Election Laws.

Bill also made a suggestion of making officer of election appointments on a 1 year basis

Discussion of Officers of Election training. Cheryl Varner suggested officers be required to do online training prior to an in person training for follow up and questions.

Motion was made by Secretary Cheryl Varner to go into closed session in accordance with section 2,2-3711(A) 1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended for discussion of personnel matters, Bill Etchison -Aye Lynta Mason Aye, Cheryl Varner Aye. Motion Adopted.

Motion was made by Secretary Cheryl Varner to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were described in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were discussed or considered, Authority: Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended. Bill Etchison -AYE, Lynita Mason -AYE, Cheryl Varner- AYE

Public Comments Charlome Pierce inquired if there had been any action by the board concerning a letter that she and Zion Charity had written. Answer by Bill Etchison was no.

Request by Charlome Pierce to consider moving Bacon's Castle polling location to Mt. Nebo Church. Also request to add additional signage for voting day of polling locations and a permanent sign at the registrar's office.

As no other comments or discussion, Chair Bill Etchison made a motion to recess the meeting at 12:24. P.M. Meeting to reconvene Monday the 24th of February @ 10:00 A.M.

Monday February 24th @ 10:00 am meeting opened by Chair Bill Etchison. Electoral Board members present were Chair Bill Etchison, Vice Chair Lynitta Mason, Secretary Cheryl Varner.

Members of the public present were Art Nelson, Donna Skinner, Dean Maddern, Bob Chandler, Bob Weidner, Kathy Weidner

Motion was made by Secretary Cheryl Varner to go into closed session in accordance with Section 2.2 3711(A) 1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended to discuss personnel matters. William Etchison, AYE, Lynita Mason AYE, Cheryl Varner, AYE

Motion was made by Bill Etchison to end the closed session and go back to open session. Motion Adopted.

Motion was made by Secretary Cheryl Varner to certify that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act and only public business matters as were described in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were discussed or considered. Authority: Section 2.2-3712 (D) of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended. Bill Etchison, - AYE, Lynita Mason - AYE, Cheryl Varner- AYE.

Motion Made by secretary Cheryl Varner.

1. Item #3 of the electoral board meeting minutes dated June 23, 2023 which read "The registrar will be allowed to continue the duties of her private business. S. W. White Consulting and conduct her private fitness classes as long as they do not conflict with her duties as general registrar as established by section 24.2-114 of the 1950 code of Virginia, as amended and the guidelines established by the Department of Elections (ELECT) Authority: Section 24.2-110 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended" is RESCINDED as of February 24, 2025.

2. The Electoral Board grants the registrar the permission to undertake tax preparation for individuals and fitness instruction through her private business. S.W. White Consulting, LLC (Sharna White)

3. The Electoral Board DOES NOT consent to S.W. White, LLC (Sharna White) to provide tax services for any cooperation or business without the prior approval of the electoral board.

4, Sharna White (S.W. White, LLC) shall not provide any type of paid services for the county of Surry outside of the duties as registrar

Bill Etchison - AYE-, Cheryl Varner- AYE, Lynita Marson (No Vote)

Bill Etchison made a motion to adjourn meeting at 12:20 P.M. Motion Adopted.

