

CAMPBELL COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Members Present: Raner, Wooldridge, Millson-Martula

Guests Present: General Registrar Martin, County Attorney Isenhour, and three members of the public

Chairman Raner called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Meeting Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2025 meeting as modified.

County Attorney

County Attorney Tripp Isenhour provided the Board with an overview of the Board's roles and responsibilities regarding the appointment of election officers. The Board agreed unanimously to reach out to the county's political party leaders to suggest that they send to the General Registrar, at any time during the year, the names of potential election officers to represent their respective parties.

Mr. Isenhour also addressed the Board's obligations regarding the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, whenever two Board members discuss official business that constitutes a meeting for which advance notice must be given. All official communications of the Board become the public record subject to review by the public.

Voting Systems

The Board and General Registrar held an extensive discussion of the voting system that will be needed to replace the current machines.

The Board voted, two in favor (Raner and Wooldridge) and one opposed (Millson-Martula), to schedule a demonstration of the ES&S voting system. That

demonstration will be scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 12:00 pm. The General Registrar will obtain or develop a ratings sheet for comparing the systems of various vendors. Raner shared with the group two documents relating to voting systems.

Other Matters

1. Agenda items for future meetings will be submitted to Chairperson Raner.
2. Board Communications

Millson-Martula expressed his concern that decisions regarding official business should not be made outside official meetings, and when official business is discussed, all Board members should be party to that discussion. The Board agreed unanimously that when only two Board members respond to a request for a response, we will proceed on the basis of those two responses.

Public Comment

One comment was offered regarding the Board's review of voting systems.

Appointment of Election Officers

Closed Session

At 12:18 pm, the Board voted to go into closed session solely for the purpose of appointing election officers for 2025.

Open Session

At 1:03 pm, the Board returned to open session, and it unanimously certified that only the appointment of election officers for 2025 was discussed in the closed session. The Board unanimously appointed 71 election officers for 2025 based on the submission of paperwork up to that time.

Millson-Martula brought up the possibility of appointing election officers for half-day shifts on Election Day. As that would create additional work for the office, Martin would like to ease into offering that option. However, she is not opposed to having a pair of election officers approach the office about working split shifts.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Submitted by:

Chris Millson-Martula

Chris Millson-Martula, Secretary