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“SIC ITUR AD ASTRA”
SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE STARS

June 30, 2016

Richmond City Electoral Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:10p.m. by Starlet Stevens, Chairwoman to the Richmond City Electoral Board. All others in attendance were Adriene Davis, Executive Assistant to the Electoral Board; Kirk Showalter, General Registrar of the City of Richmond; Cecelia Dabney, Secretary of the Board; Ophelia Daniels, Vice Chair of the Board; Mr. Alan Schintzuis and Mr. Ricky Johnson.

Candidate Appeals

Miss Showalter provided reports to the Board regarding her officers findings as to the candidates that received sufficient signatures and those who did not. She also reported that those that did not receive sufficient signatures were notified of the State’s appeals process. The deadline to file an appeal was Monday June 27, 2016 at 9:00am. Two candidates filed an appeal by the deadline; Mr. J. Alan Schintzius (Mayor) and Mr. Ricky Lamont Johnson (School Board, 6th District). Registrar Showalter researched the materials filed with the appeals and recommended that three of Mr. Schintzuis’ signatures and should be accepted. However, these two candidates still had insufficient signatures.

Chairwoman Stevens motioned to accept Registrar Showalter’s recommendation on both candidates, Secretary Dabney seconded, and Vice Chairwoman Daniels abstained.

Mr. Schintzius commended the staff on the courteous and professional manner in which they assisted him but would like to share his experiences with staff in the future and make suggestions in refining the appeals process.

Ms. Showalter also reported that Jaynell A. Pittman-Shaw, candidate for School Board received enough qualified signatures however, did not file the Statement of Economic Interests and Statement of Organization before the deadline.

Setting July Board Meeting Date and Determine Action Items

The Board set its next meeting for Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 12:00pm.

Status of Virginia Department of Elections' guidance on voter registration and absentee balloting deadlines for the December run-off election

Ms. Showalter reminded the Board that neither the City Charter nor the Code of Virginia specify the deadline for voter registration nor the deadline for absentee voting before a December run-off election. At the Board's request, Ms. Showalter sent a letter to Edgardo Cortes, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections in early February and again on Monday June 20, 2016 seeking guidance in this matter, but has not received a response. Chairwoman Stevens will contact Mr. Alcorn for guidance.

Certification of Local Candidates

Chairwoman Stevens motioned to certify all local candidates that made the ballot with the exception of the three mentioned. Vice Chairwoman Daniels seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Closed Session

Chairwoman Stevens made a motion to go back into closed session to discuss the performance of the General Registrar.

Certification to reopen the meeting was read by Chairwoman Stevens. All signed in favor.

Other Business

No other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30. All were in favor.

Cecelia B. Dabney, Secretary
Richmond City Electoral Board

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Recorder