City of Richmond



CHERLYN STARLET STEVENS SECRETARY

JAMES M. NACHMAN

CHAIR

JOYCE KING SMITH

Electoral Board

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SUCH IS THE WAY OF THE STARS

Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

VICE-CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Nachman. Those attending the meeting included Joyce Smith, Vice-Chair, C Starlet Stevens, Secretary, Keith Balmer, Director of Elections, Jerry Richardson, Deputy Registrar, and Adriene Davis, Senior Executive Assistant to the Electoral Board, and Caitlin Shelton, Executive Assistant.

Opening Satellite locations/ Hickory Hill and City Hall

The statue states that 55 days prior to the General Election, the General Registrar has to post a notice about satellite locations, dates and times they are open.

Samuel Powell from the Attorney General's Office of Civil Litigations and Civil Rights Stated that the City of Richmond website on August 12 stated that all satellites would be open for 45 days starting September 17, 2021. Director Balmer did not put anything on the City's website. Information presented by Mr.Powell was from the June Primary. The language in the notice on the website was ambiguous and didn't specify whether the sites would be open for the primary or General Election. Director Balmer did not take this notice down from the website so the satellites should be opened in order to comply with the statute.

Vice Chair Joyce Smith made a motion to open all three locations Chairman Nachman seconded. Secretary Stevens opposed, motion passed.

Director Balmer said he could have the satellites open on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Public Comment for items on the Agenda

Councilman Michael Jones talked about residents in his district being impacted by Hickory Hill not being open.

Nancy Aldridge, member of Richmond City Republican Committee questioned the chartered bus service that was running hourly from City Hall to Laburnum Avenue. She wanted to know who was paying forthis and why GRTC was not being used. She also said that there were voters in other parts of the City that also

needed transportation to voting locations, Director Balmer said GRTC would not provide this service. He called City Hall and they agreed to pay for James River Bus Service to provide transportation.

Charles Willis from Richmond NAACP stated that it was imperative that citizens in Southside have these satellite locations open for the entire time.

Elizabeth Butler from, the Republican Election Integrity Group said she is interested that we follow the law with regard to the opening of the satellites.

June Primary Results Update

The revised spread sheets from the June Primary were presented. It was determined that the spread sheets were still not correct. Chairman Nachman determined that they needed to be redone in the proper format with the corrections to the totals being reflected per the instructions given at the last Board meeting on August 19,2021, and September 11, 2021.

Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Barbara Zedler from Republican Election Integrity Group asked that our meeting be properly posted 3 days prior to the meeting. She also noted that all records of these meeting, be kept whether in minutes or tapes and also that they be posted in a timely manner.

Elizabeth Butler from the Republican Election Integrity Group said she has requested the current list of all Election Officers several times and to date has not received the information. Per Adriene Davis, she is aware of this issue and she is having difficulty getting the list due to problems with the City I.T. department.

Meeting was adjourned.

James M. Nachman

Chairman to the Electoral Board

Joyce K. Smith Vice Chairwoman to the Electoral Board

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Cherlyn S. Stevens

Secretary to the Electoral Board