



ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

AMENDED BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2019 – 3:00 pm

Regular Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 3:00 pm in the Board of Elections Board Room.

Board Members Present: Royce Richardson, Chair; Toni Reece, Secretary; Leanna Lawson, Member; Jeff Parris, Member; and Bonnie Purgason, Member

Staff Members Present: Tina Cardwell, Director; and Amy Simpson, Senior Deputy Director

Other Persons Present: John Morris, County Attorney; Members of the public

ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 3:07 pm by Chair Richardson. Chair Richardson welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson, and the motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote to approve the June 18, 2019 agenda.

Chair Richardson – Aye

Member Lawson – Aye

Member Parris – Aye

Secretary – Reece – Nay

Member Purgason – Nay

ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson, and the motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Chair Richardson – Aye

Member Lawson – Aye

Member Parris – Aye

Secretary Reese – Aye

Member Purgason – Nay



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ITEM #4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ITEM #5 – 2019 – 2020 BUDGET

Director Cardwell explained the budget cuts made by the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners and how it would impact the Board of Elections office. Discussion took place concerning the budget cuts with possible solutions and justifications.

Member Lawson made the motion, seconded by Secretary Reece, and the vote was unanimous to have Director Cardwell to check into the possibility of getting a buzzer system that meets the needs of having security, keeping people safe and has the mechanism for the sound to be heard throughout the building and have it installed.

ITEM #6 – 2019 MUNICIPAL ONE STOP PLAN

Director Cardwell explained what the One Stop Plan normally consisted of during a Municipal Election and presented the Board with a draft. She explained the statutes that changed and how they applied to an election. After discussion Director Cardwell asked the Board to review the draft and be prepared to pass a One Stop Plan in July if possible.

ITEM #7 – DISCUSS DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REPORT

Director Cardwell reminded the Board the report from Homeland Security was available but could not leave the office. All members of the Board are welcome to come to the office at any time to review the recommendations of Homeland Security.

ITEM #8 – NEW BUSINESS

Director Cardwell once again reminded the Board of the Voter ID sessions to be presented by the State Board of Elections. The dates and times are June 19, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Governmental Center and June 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm, also at the Governmental Center.

Director Cardwell informed the Board we are in the process of updating all brochures and would be replenishing them in the locations where they are available to the public.

The Chair made a statement that he wanted to advise the other board members concerning a recent petition mailed to the County Board of Elections, and Member Parris asked for clarification from Rockingham County GOP Chair, Diane Parnell.



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ITEM #9 – ADJOURNMENT

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson and the motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Chair Richardson – Aye
Secretary Reece – Aye
Member Lawson – Aye
Member Parris – Aye
Member Purgason – Abstain

Next meeting is set for July 16, 2019 @ 3:00 pm – Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Simpson
Senior Deputy Director

Royce Richardson, Chair