



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2019 – 3:00 pm  
Regular Meeting

The Rockingham County Board of Elections met Tuesday, May 21, 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: Members of the public

#### ITEM #1 – MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Board meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chair Richardson. Chair Richardson welcomed those in attendance.

#### ITEM #2 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Purgason made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson, and the vote was unanimous to approve the May 21, 2019 agenda.

#### ITEM #3 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Reece made the motion, seconded by Member Purgason, and the vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

#### ITEM #4 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wally White, 314 Von Ruck Road, Eden

I apologize I thought I made 10 copies but my printer seems to have only popped out 6, I'll tell you about that in a second. I'm coming because I was concerned when I saw the email in April that the General Assembly had yet again changed the law about early voting and had cut out the 1 Saturday that had been included in the law. So, I spoke to Pat Gannon at the State Board yesterday and he still says he needs to call me back to tell me exactly when you guys have to finalize and lock down your dates. But, that any changes would have to be a unanimous decision like last year. I'm basically just concerned on trying to get some kind of weekend days back into that and what I gave you here is clearly Tina's report but I added something on the end of it. So that like that Sunday that we had fought for and got and people said, "Well it wasn't really that well attended", it was 691 people, but if you look at it per hour of when we were open because we were only open 5 hours that day, it's the 4<sup>th</sup> highest voting day of that



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

very long early voting. And in fact, 2 of the top 4 most per hour voters that we got for both weekend days. So, I know that you guys will have to work and put into agenda to make your final decision on early voting, but I'm coming to urge you to work some kind of weekend days out to replace what the State took away in this last law change. And that's it, thank you.

### **ITEM #5 – VOTER PHOTO ID**

Director Cardwell reminded the Board county offices began making Voter Photo ID's, May 1. She informed them we have not had anyone request one yet but we have practiced using the equipment on each other and it is pretty user friendly. Also, we had to pay for the equipment up front but Director Galloway had put the paperwork in motion for the State Board of Elections to reimburse us. Director Cardwell explained anyone can request a Voter Photo ID, but not everyone needs one. She briefly went over the requirements and our process.

Director Cardwell reminded the Board of the mandatory sessions being presented in each county by the State Board of Elections. Rockingham County sessions will be held at the Governmental Center on June 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. and June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Director Cardwell discussed the methods of advertising we would be utilizing.

### **ITEM #6 – 2019 – 2020 BUDGET**

Director Cardwell discussed budget recommendations made by Lance Metzler, County Manager; and Paul Murray, Strategic Management Director. Discussion took place concerning the recommendations.

Member Purgason asked if she could have the floor for discussion of unfinished business concerning the April 16, 2019 meeting. After Member Purgason spoke, discussion took place.

Secretary Reece made inquiry into the Homeland Security Presentation/Study from August 24, 2018. Director Cardwell explained the feedback had been sent during the election and would be made available for the Board Members per their request but no paper copies could leave the office.

### **ITEM #7 - NEW BUSINESS**

Director Cardwell presented each Board Member with a copy of the Rockingham County Personnel Policy and informed them it was in the process of being updated. There was an interest expressed in someone disclosing what parts of the personnel policy impacts our organization.



# ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### **ITEM #8 - CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO G.S. 143-318.11(A)(6)**

Secretary Reece made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson, and the vote was unanimous to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) at 3:32 pm. Member Lawson made the motion, seconded by Secretary Reece, and the vote was unanimous to come out of closed session at 4:05 pm.

### **ITEM #9 – ADJOURNMENT**

Member Parris made the motion, seconded by Member Lawson, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 pm.

Next meeting is set for June 18, 2019 @ 3:00 pm – Regular Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

---

Tina Cardwell, Director

---

Royce Richardson, Chair