Albemarle County Electoral Board Emergency Meeting

August 11, 2025

Location: Albemarle County Office Building, 5th Street
Attendance: Jim Heilman, Clara Belle Wheeler, Bucky Walsh, Senior Assistant County Attorney Andrea Ruege, Jeania Pace, and Erin Davis

The meeting began at 1:00 pm.

Guidance from Va. Dept. of Elections (ELECT). Bucky asked about guidance that ELECT gave to Registrars at the recent ELECT training but evidently did not give to Electoral Board members. Clara Belle said that the guidance was that Virginia Mobile ID's on cell phones were now considered valid IDs. But she noted that these have not yet been approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Discussion ensued.

We set August 18 as the date to review/develop new updates of the Chief/Assistant Chiefs' Manual.

Executive Session. Clara Belle moved the following: RESOLVED, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as provided for by Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 1:07pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:37 pm. (Board members participated in the executive session along with Counsel Ruege. Jeania and Erin participated in part of the session.) Clara Belle moved the following: RESOLVED, that to the best knowledge of each member of this Board, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Chapter 37 (Virginia Freedom of Information Act) of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which today's executive session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair and Counsel offered the following statement:
The General Registrar is currently the subject of an investigation and is on administrative leave. There is no further information available at this time.

It was noted that staff have been given the above statement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James M Heilman

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Secretary, Albemarle County Electoral Board