



**VOTER REGISTRATATION
AND ELECTIONS
City of Fairfax
November 30, 2017 Electoral Board Meeting Minutes**



Brenda F. Cabrera
Director of Elections
General Registrar

Electoral Board
Secretary: Richard Herrington
Chairman: Dean Ross
Vice Chairman: Curt Chandler

CALL TO ORDER

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

PRESENT

Richard Herrington, Secretary; Tom Ross, Chairman; Curt Chandler, Vice Chairman; and Nancy Tingen, Deputy General Registrar/Director of Elections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8-13 ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

The Chairman asked that a motion be presented to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2017 Electoral Board meetings as written. The Chairman and Vice Chairman stated there were two minor grammatical corrections needed. Discussion followed. The Secretary affected changes to the minutes to the satisfaction of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Chairman moved the minutes for the November 8-13 Electoral Board meeting minutes be approved. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VOTER CONFIDENCE IN ELECTIONS

The Secretary noted the continuous stream of news articles concerning the Presidential Advisory Commission and stated there were several states expressing concern related to the information the commission was seeking. It was the sense of the Board that the issue did not affect the City of Fairfax but needed to be monitored.

- Certification of Elections
 1. State Board of Elections – There were news topics related to the State Board of Elections (ELECT) which indicted attention would be focused on ELECT’s actions related to voter fraud
 2. Fredericksburg ballots – Questions were being raised about voters being given incorrect ballots in the Gubernatorial election. The Chairman recommended the General Registrar monitor the situation as it had the potential to raise serious questions about the performance of the Fredericksburg General Registrar.

SIGNAGE ISSUES

The Chairman noted a few voters had raised questions concerning the signage in or around some of the precincts. Discussion followed. It was determined review of signage will be done with attention given to the following precincts.

- Precinct One (1)
- Precinct Five (5)
- Precinct Six (6)



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The Chairman will conduct the review and make recommendations, sensitive to cost and the scourge of the “signage blight.” In addition, Precinct One (1) has parking related issues the Chairman is familiar with and may be resolved with the use of temporary signs. The Chairman will report his findings at the next Board meeting

CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR VOTING EQUIPMENT

The Vice Chairman stated there was increased attention being given to security of voting equipment and asked about the procedures now used and the last time those procedures were reviewed. Discussion followed. The Chairman moved that a committee be formed consisting of the Secretary and Vice Chairman as co-chairmen of the “Chain of Custody Review Committee”; when the question was called, the motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 7, 2017

The Vice Chairman presented a list of 11 observation made during the Gubernatorial Election on November 7, 2017. The Secretary and Vice chairman commended the Vice Chairman as the list contained not only observations, but also recommendations that could improve existing processes and procedures. All items were discussed and additional action will be considered after the first of the year. A copy of the Vice Chairman’s “CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ITEMS” will be attached to these minutes.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION

The Vice Chairman suggested two proposals that the General Assembly may want to consider:

1. Change the requirement to enumerate write-in candidates when over 5% of the votes are for “write in”
2. Establish a requirement for random post-election audit(s)

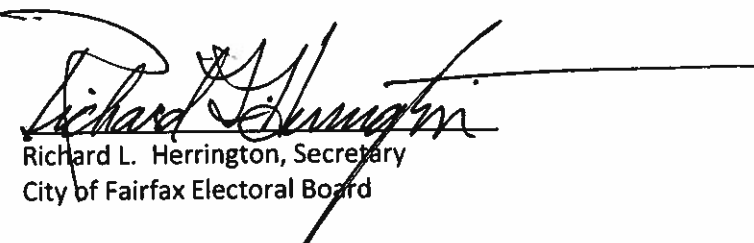
There was discussion and consensus of the Board that the first item needs to be pursued and presented in a way elected representatives gain a clear understanding of the undue strain existing procedures now place on General Registrars/Director of Elections throughout the Commonwealth. The second item is believed to be actively being considered by ELECT.

NEXT MEETING

The Electoral Board will meet February 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. The General Registrar’s Office will be asked to advertise the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.


Richard L. Herrington, Secretary
City of Fairfax Electoral Board