

Roanoke County Electoral Meeting Minutes

County Administration Building
5204 Bernard Dr., Suite 300B
Roanoke, VA 24018

Date: March 11, 2019 Minutes

Call to order by Chair Ken Sspan at 1:03 PM

Attendance: Ken Sspan, Chair, Secretary, Gailen Miles: Vice Chair, Dana Martin; Anna Cloeter, Director of Elections

Approve the minutes: Mr. Martin said that he did not make the statement as written in the minutes that, all three of the Board Members are required to go 'by VEBA and the state code' but provided no proof of that. Likewise, he referred to existing policies and was unable to cite any such policies. Ms. Miles made a motion that the minutes for March 1 be held until the Board had a chance to review the audio recording of the meeting concerning Mr. Martin's statement. Seconded by Mr. Sspan. Motion passed.

Agenda Items:

- VEBA Recap:
 - Mr. Sspan presented an outline of the conference.
 - Bills before the Governor that relate to Elections:
 - SB 1455: State Board to go from 3 members to 5.
 - HB 2790 (passed): "No excuse absentee voting" will increase turn out as recently seen in Georgia which had a 48% increase.
 - SB 1554 FOIA: if a vote is taken during closed session, the EB is subject to a fine.
 - HB 2034: EBs must petition circuit court to remove a GR
 - JLARC Report, an evaluation of ELECT's effectiveness with GRs
 - Commissioner's Report: Agree that VERIS needs to be stabilized
 - Election Security:
 - Commissioner Piper stated that the Russians tried to infiltrate some systems in Virginia but were unsuccessful.
 - Need to update our security plan using a template from State. Currently the due date is Sept.
- Reconfiguration of Precincts: We have received info from ELECT on procedures for entering info into VERIS. Otherwise still in progress.
- Develop Talking Points for the Recruitment Presentation:
 - Where you can help solving problems such as long lines.
 - Logistics of being an Officer of Election
 - General volunteers
 - Call for action: ask people to sign up to become an Officer of Election
- Review of Updated Brochure
- New Business:
 - Mr. Martin presented a template for holding EB meetings for us to consider at our next meeting.
 - Anna and Jen will be attending the ELECT tabletop. Expense reimbursement to come from ELECT. Date of event is April 17.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 3:45 PM

_____, Ken Sspan, Chair
_____, Dana Martin, Vice Chair
_____, Gailen Miles, Secretary