James City County Electoral Board

Meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2018 Building Conference Room Office of the General Registrar, 5300 Palmer Lane

Tom Gee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Others attending were Kay Cheves, Vice Chairman; Jack Edwards, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, General Registrar and Director of Elections; and Shiela Lohr, Assistant Registrar.

1. Perry DePue was introduced and welcomed. Perry is a prospective member of the Electoral Board.

2. <u>Minutes</u> The minutes for January 9 were approved.

3. <u>Appointment of Officers of Election</u> Dianna Moorman presented a list of 63 officers of election who had volunteered since February, 2017. She recommended their appointment. The Board unanimously approved a motion to appoint those 63 persons as officers of election for a term ending February 28, 2019.

4. <u>Future System for Approval of Officers of Election</u> The Board discussed those persons who volunteer after the Board formally appoints the list of officers each February. They have been approved by the Director of Elections, and usually have been fully trained, but have not been formally appointed by the Board. There was general agreement that the difficulty could be resolved if the Board meets just before the election (perhaps the prior Tuesday). That meeting could be very brief, and might also be useful for last-minute briefing. This will be determined later, as a matter of scheduling.

5. <u>The March agenda</u> Since the Board will not have a secretary between March 1 and March 13, Dianna Moorman will serve the one-time function of soliciting suggestions for the agenda; putting together an agenda; and sending it to Board members before the meeting on March 13. The reorganization of the Board will be the first item on the agenda.

6. <u>General Registrar's update</u> Dianna Moorman briefed the Board on some aspects of the office, particularly the hiring of a full time staff member. She is encouraged by the strength of the applicant pool, and will make an offer after the final short-listed candidate has been interviewed.

7. <u>Chris Piper, Commissioner of ELECT</u> Dianna Moorman indicated she is extremely enthusiastic about the appointment of Mr. Piper, who is a former staff member of the elections operation in Richmond, and is well known to Registrars.

8. <u>Changing of the Guard</u> Jack Edwards, first appointed in October 2002, attended his last regular meeting as a member of the Board. Tom Gee offered some very kind words about this service, gave the outgoing member a certificate, and indicated Mr. Edwards would be missed. The latter indicated he had never served on a Board that more amicably served its responsibilities, and that James City County could be proud of its success in running elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Jack Edwards, Secretary