James City County Electoral Board

Meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Conference Room Office of the General Registrar, 5300 Palmer Lane

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

- 1. The minutes for December 13, 2016 were approved. The Board did not meet in January.
- 2. <u>Appointment of Officers of Election</u> Dianna Moorman recommended a list of residents to be appointed for a term of two years. After a discussion of some former officers that were removed from the list because of unavailability or for other reasons, the Board unanimously approved a motion to appoint the remaining names on the list to a term as Officers of Election for a term ending February 28, 2019.
- 3. <u>L and A testing</u> In the past, the dates for L and A testing were established before each election. Dianna Moorman recommended a system in which the testing would be done on a common date about a week before AB voting in each election, permitting involved individuals to plan for that testing date and build other schedules around it. The idea is supported by the technicians who are most involved, as well as by the Board.
- 4. <u>Ballot order for June primary</u> It is desirable to order ballots well before an election, partly because of absentee voting. There are hazards in predicting primary turnout but everyone agreed that it is preferable to order too many ballots than too few. This makes election day run more smoothly, and minimizes the chance that blank ballots would have to be printed in the office. After discussion of previous primaries and the outlook for this year, the Board unanimously approved ordering Republican ballots equivalent to 15 percent of the total number of registered voters, and Democratic ballots equivalent to 15 percent of the total number of registered voters, with the usual rounding.
- 5. <u>General Registrar update</u> Dianna Moorman provided the Board with an update on the office move, plans for the primary, and related matters.

The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Jack Edwards, Secretary