

James City County Electoral Board

Meeting of Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Conference Room
Office of the General Registrar, 5300 Palmer Lane

Tom Gee, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 Tuesday, March 21, 2017 were approved.
2. Preparation for the Primary Dianna Moorman briefed the Board on continuing preparations for the primary June 13. She mentioned two problems, but neither needs to be resolved before the primary. One is the need to hire another machine technician; another is to acquire some new voting booths, many of which have broken or defective parts. L&A testing of the machines will be on April 21; absentee in-person voting begins a week later. Ms. Moorman showed the Board a card which should ease the problem of providing information to voters who show up at the wrong precinct.
3. Review of 2017 Virginia Legislation Ms. Moorman provided a summary of approved legislation affecting the electoral process. It appears some of the changes will improve aspects of the process. There were no major and far-reaching changes.
4. Staffing Update There is a vacancy in a full-time position. Ms. Moorman has received a number of applications for the position.
5. Equipment Ms. Moorman presented the possibility of replacing poll book laptops with tablets. The tablets utilize touchscreen technology rather than requiring a mouse, making them more familiar to many OEs. They also are slightly less expensive to buy, and batteries will last a little longer. With regard to new optical scanners, they need to be in the fiscal 2019 budget so that many voters will be familiar with them by the time of the 2020 Presidential election.
6. The Board adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Jack Edwards, Secretary