



# CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

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## Electoral Board

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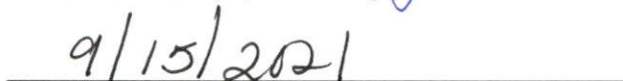
### ELECTORAL BOARD MINUTES

The Portsmouth City Electoral Board met on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in the Office of the General Registrar. Chairman William H. Watts, Sr., Vice-Chair Curtis L. Gunn, Secretary Carol Summerlyn, and General Registrar and Director of Elections Alexandra N. Reid were present. Ms. Laura Venker, a representative of the Virginia Turnout Project, Portsmouth Democratic Committee Chair Angela Hollingsworth, Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Steering Committee President Rev. Dr. Milton Blount, Bishop Jerome Williams of New Testament Church, and Ms. Marilyn Hill were also present. Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.; Vice-Chair Gunn offered a prayer. The minutes of the June 9, 2021, meeting were approved. The general registrar gave the following report: due to the name changes effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, new voter registration notices were mailed to voters of Precinct 25, Waterview Elementary School, formerly John Tyler Elementary School, and Precinct 29, Manor High School, formerly Woodrow Wilson High School; civic leagues were mailed various election information documents; polling place assessments were conducted on all precincts not owned by the city; voter registration application sites were restocked; and training on new software associated with the DS450 was conducted by Ms. Debbie Andrews, Elections Programmer with PrintElect. The board was informed of the start date for preventative maintenance on the voting equipment, the video surveillance start date and installation date for the official ballot drop box on Columbia Street, and the start date of early voting. The chair then allowed the five guests three minutes each to present their views to the board on the merits of Sunday voting. Following the speakers' comments, the chair allowed the board members time to respond. The motion carried previously on June 9<sup>th</sup> not to open on Sundays for early voting was upheld. The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

  
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