



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

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Electoral Board


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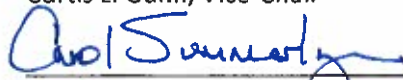
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ELECTORAL BOARD MINUTES

The Portsmouth City Electoral Board met on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, in the General Registrar's Office. Chairman William H. Watts, Sr., Vice-Chair Curtis L. Gunn, Secretary Carol Summerlyn and General Registrar Deloris O. Short were present. Chairman Watts called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. Vice Chair- Gunn offered a prayer. The minutes of the June 24, 2020, meeting were approved. The registrar presented a list of election officers to serve in the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections. Vice-Chair Gunn made a motion to approve the list as provided giving the responsibility and authority for the general registrar to make any changes as required. The registrar updated the board on the following items: A list of training dates for election officers was given to board members as well as dates for logic and accuracy testing for voting equipment. A new precinct listing with two polling place changes was provided. They are precincts 19 Victory Elementary School and 32 Woodrow Wilson High School. The registrar requested volunteers from the MRC (Medical Reserve Corps) to assist our election officers with maintaining with social distancing in the precincts and assist with the cleaning of voting equipment. The registrar informed board members of the recent legislation passed by the general assembly to include drop boxes, paid postage on the return absentee envelopes, and the requirement for a witness signature on envelope B is not needed. The registrar gave an update on absentee/no excuse voting which begins on Friday, September 18, 2020. The voting will take place in the lobby area due to social distancing. The registrar gave copies of the voting logistics and a diagram of the layout of the first floor lobby at City Hall from September 18 through October 31, 2020. The city managers staff prepared the information. The board had concerns with "face coverings will be required to be worn at all times for persons entering the building" as well as voter parking. The board directed the registrar to get clarification from Dr. Patton on those items. Voters are not required to wear masks in the polling place; however, masks are recommended. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.


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Nov. 4, 2020

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