

County of Rockingham 20 East Gay Street Harrisonburg, VA 22802

The **February 19**, **2020** meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Rockingham County Human Resources (conference room) by Linda Shuler, Chair. Electoral Board members attending: Linda Shuler, Chair; Trish Philon, Vice Chair; and Susan Threewitts, Secretary. Also in attendance: Director of Elections, Lisa B. Gooden; Jennifer Frederick, Deputy Director of Elections; Stephen King, County Administrator; Casey Armstrong, Deputy County Administrator; Terri Perry, Director of Technology; and Dusty Moyer, Senior Systems Analyst. Also invited to the meeting was Robert Michael (Mike) Auchard, who will begin service as an Electoral Board member on March 1, 2020.

A motion to enter closed session at 4:01 p.m. was made by Trish Philon, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, according to Virginia Code Section 24.2-625.1(B) as noted: "The State Board of Elections or a local electoral board may hold a closed meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the purpose of discussing protocols for maintaining the security of ballots or voting and counting equipment, or risk assessments of specific local electoral procedures, where discussion of such matters in open meeting would compromise the security of any election."

A motion was made by Trish Philon, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, to return to regular session at 4:53 p.m. Upon a roll call vote, members certified that only the matters discussed during the closed session just concluded were those both lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements and identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened.

Ayes: Philon, Threewitts, and Shuler

Nays: None

Rockingham County Security Plan: A motion was made by Trish Philon, seconded by Susan Threewitts, and unanimously carried, noting that Rockingham County's Security Plan was reviewed in closed session and is approved as it pertains to ballots or voting and counting equipment, or risk assessments of specific local electoral procedures, where discussion of such matters in open meeting would compromise the security of any election. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting to discuss any breach of security in the conduct of an election.

Ayes: Philon, Threewitts, and Shuler

Nays: None

<u>Meeting to Reorganize</u>: It was the consensus of the Board to hold the reorganizational meeting of the Rockingham County Electoral Board at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 4, prior to the Canvass of Votes.

<u>Adjourn</u>: A motion was made by Susan Threewitts, seconded by Trish Philon, and unanimously carried, to adjourn at 4:58 p.m.

Susan C. Threewitts, Secretary

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