

Minutes of the September 8, Electoral Board Meeting

Catherine Hobbs called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

First order of business was to review the draft minutes of the September 1, Electoral Board Minutes.

Catherine Hobbs moved that we approve the minutes of the September 1, as amended, Patricia Hastings seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, all voted Aye. The motion was carried.

The board moved onto the matter of Dr. Staiger's candidate paperwork for the Columbia Precinct School Board for the November 2017 election.

Catherine Hobbs reviewed the issues relating to the Dr. Staiger paperwork submission.

Patricia Hastings reviewed the Statement of Economic Interests instructions and the related 2017 State of Virginia Election Law.

Catherine Hobbs reviewed the instructions from the 2016 GREB

Dan Graff indicated that the required paperwork was not submitted by the filing deadline therefore the candidate should not appear on the ballot.

Dr. Kathy Swenson Miller spoke that the candidate made her paperwork submission to the best of her understanding and that she requested that her paperwork be checked for completeness. She indicated that this incident could act to discourage other candidates.

Dr. Staiger spoke about the challenges in becoming a candidate and errors in submission should not preclude her appearing on the ballot. She complimented the General Registrar Joyce Pace on her professionalism.

Virginia Election Law 24.2-502 indicates of a Statement of Economic Interest is a requirement of Candidacy.

Fred Payne, Fluvanna County Attorney, stated that the Fluvanna County Electoral Board was accurately reading the relevant portions of the Virginia Election Law in noting that due to the late submission of the candidate paperwork the candidate could not appear on the ballot.

Dr. Staiger indicated that she was going to attend the State Board of Elections meeting at 2:00PM on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Dan Graff suggested that the Electoral Board defer any action until after the State Board meets at 2:00PM on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Joyce Pace, General Registrar, asked for guidance in how to handle requests for information.

Catherine Hobbs made a motion that we adjourn until Monday, September 11, 2017 at 11:00AM and reconvene in the Old Courthouse, Patricia Hastings seconded the motion, there was discussion about securing the Old Courthouse for the meeting, all voted Aye.

We reconvened at 11:30AM on September 11, 2017. Present were Catherine Hobbs Chairman of the Electoral Board, Patricia Hastings Vice Chair, Dan Graff Secretary and Joyce Pace, General Registrar.

We discussed the process of updating VERIS (Virginia Election Registration Information System) to reflect the change in status for Dr. Staiger's

Patricia Hastings moved that we mark Dr. Staiger in VERIS as disqualified as a candidate for the Columbia District School Board seat, Catherine Hobbs seconded the motion, All voted Aye.

Patricia Hastings moved that the statement in VERIS explaining the disqualification read: "On August 28, significantly after the deadline, it was discovered that Linda Staiger submitted a Statement of Financial Disclosure in her qualifying documents but did not submit the required Statement of Economic Interest. §24.2-502 states that the SOEI is a requirement of candidacy and §24.2-504 states that only persons meeting all of the requirements are entitled to appear on the ballot. Therefore, Linda Staiger must be disqualified." Dan Graff seconded the motion, All voted Aye.

Catherine Hobbs moved that we amend the September 1, 2017 Electoral Board minutes to reflect the correct spelling of Kathy Swenson Miller's name. Patricia Hastings seconded the motion, All voted Aye.

Under new business we discussed write in ballot procedures, staffing levels and make up training for the November Election.

Dan Graff moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:02PM, Patricia Hastings seconded the motion, All voted Aye.