

# **Roanoke City Electoral Board Meeting Minutes Thursday January 23rd, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 2:00PM

In attendance: Electoral Board members Sharon Lazar, Byron Hamlar, and John Brill; and Director of Elections & General Registrar Andrew Cochran.

- Moved into closed session for the consideration of list of Election Day Officials (EDO) to reappoint.
- Came out of closed session
- List of officers recommended for appointment approved.
- Discussion of self study training for regular EDO's prior to the next election. New EDO's, Assistant Chiefs and Chiefs will still receive in class training. It was agreed that there will be an open book test the EDO's will need to turn in and that the Chiefs will be instructed to follow up with each returning EDO to make sure they are good with their self study.
- Review of a number of pending legislation that would impact elections. A number of the pending legislation items are rather concerning for various reasons: practical reasons for making running elections more difficult, increasing work load on the Registrar's Office, and some items that, if passed, should decrease voter confidence in elections.
- Discussion of the impacts and security preparations for no excuse early voting. The Board inspected the area to be made into the polling place for no excuse early voting.
- The Registrar had to fill out a 600 question survey on cyber security for the Department of Elections
- Discussion of the pay period for the Electoral Board from November 2018 to February 2019. Checks were not sent out to the Electoral Board at that time and no one noticed until January of 2020 when it came time to do taxes. Checks to cover that period will be sent out.
- Minutes from previous meetings were approved.
- Discussion of Election Day observations for the past November election.

Meeting adjourned at 4:02PM

Respectfully submitted by John Brill, Secretary of the Roanoke City Electoral Board