

**MATHEWS COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
9/14/2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order @ 9:30 at the General Registrar's office. All members present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: After calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Thorpe led the pledge.

MINUTES The minutes from the June, 1, 2023 were approved 3-0.

CLOSED SESSION Bohn motioned that:

The Electoral Board of Mathews County convene in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A)(1) of the Code of Virginia for the "Discussion of performance of appointee of the Mathews County Director of Elections and General Registrar and Election official(s). The protection of the privacy of individuals in personnel matters not related to public business.

The motion passed 3-0. The public portion of the meeting was adjourned and the closed session opened at 9:33.

The closed session was closed and the regular public meeting re-adjourned. @ 9:46. Thorpe motioned, Zych seconded and motion to approve personnel action from the closed session (approving the applications of two election officers) passed 3-0. County party chairpersons of the two applicants will be notified and applicants will be send board member application packets.

SCHEDULE Early voting begins on Friday, 9/22. Mail-in ballots will be sent to applicants on Wed., 9/22. Over 200 mail-in ballots will be sent.

NEW BUSINESS

- GR Faulkner expects a large in-person early vote. She has secured a tent to use outside the office. An election officer with scanning machine will be on duty in the tent. After receiving and marking

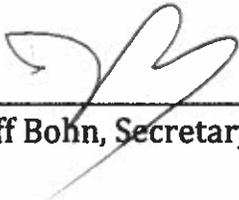
ballots from the walk-up window, voters will scan their ballots in the tent. This should improve the flow of voter traffic.

- Training dates for election workers and chiefs/assistant chiefs has not been finalized but will be as soon as sites are approved by county, probably the last week of October (Wed. and Thurs. nights). Faulkner is working for a more interactive worker training.

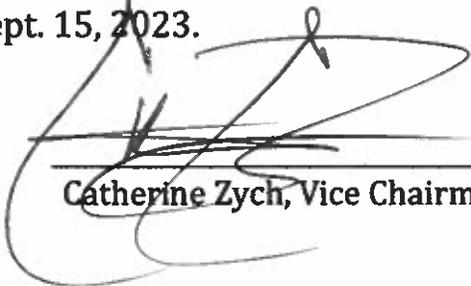
ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting, the board and GP Faulkner and Election IT Dave Shuber began logic testing on the scanners. The board could not load the test ballots on to the scanners. Faulkner called the vendor who ran tests on the ballots. In preparing the (very busy) ballot, the vendor inadvertently covered the protective security watermark with ballot information, thus making the watermark unreadable and the ballots nonfunctional. Vendor will replace ballots---at their cost--- and send them overnight, and should arrive on Friday. Board and Shuber will meet on Monday to continue logic testing for the election.

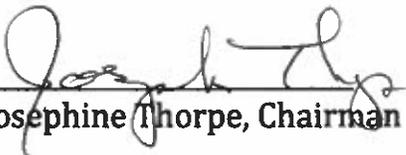
Submitted by EB Secretary Bohn on Sept. 15, 2023.



Jeff Bohn, Secretary



Catherine Zych, Vice Chairman



Josephine Thorpe, Chairman