

**DRAFT**

Accomack County Board of Elections

Parks and Recreation Conference Room

January 16, 2024

Present Board Members Ms. Elizabeth Bell, Ms. Martha Sutherland, Dr. Roger Omwake, Registrar/Director of Elections Ms. Angel Shrieves Guests Mr. Robert Toner, Ms. Debra Olsen, and Mr. Claude Taylor

Vice Chair Ms. Martha Sutherland called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM. Ms. Elizabeth Bell was introduced as the newest member of the Board of Elections. Ms. Sutherland moved to nominate the following slate of officers for the 2024 Board of Elections: Ms. Elizabeth Bell, Chair, Ms. Martha Sutherland Vice Chair, Dr. Roger Omwake, Secretary. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Omwake and passed by unanimous voice vote. Minutes were read and approved as amended. That motion was made by Ms. Sutherland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Omwake and approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Shrieves gave an update of her activities since our last meeting. As there was no old or new business to consider, the meeting was opened for public comment. Mr. Robert Toner, Onancock congratulated Ms. Bell on her appointment to the Board. Mr. Claude Turner, Chincoteague commented on his experiences as an election official. Mr. James O'Connor, Chincoteague submitted written comments to the Board on his experiences as an election official. The Accomack County Democratic Committee submitted written comments. As the document referred to specific election officers, the reading and discussion of it was deferred to closed session. Dr. Omwake moved: I move that the Accomack County Board of elections convene in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3700(A)(1) of the code of Virginia for the purpose of the appointment of officers of election. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland Roll call vote Ms. Sutherland yes Ms. Bell yes Dr. Omwake yes Dr. Omwake moved to leave closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland Roll call vote Ms. Sutherland yes Ms. Bell yes Dr. Omwake yes Dr. Omwake then moved: I move that the Accomack County Board of Elections certify to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in closed session. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland Roll call vote Ms. Sutherland yes Ms. Bell yes Dr. Omwake yes Dr. Omwake then moved: I move that we nominate all individuals in our Officers of Election file as election officers for 2024. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Bell passed by unanimous voice vote Dr. Omwake moved: I move that we appoint the slate of officers discussed in closed session as election officers for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Bell Passed by unanimous voice vote. The next meeting was tentatively set for Wednesday February 28, 2024 at 2PM. Ms. Bell moved to adjourn 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Sutherland passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Roger Omwake

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