

**DRAFT Minutes of the Madison County Electoral Board (EB) Meeting
19 January 2022 at 1:00 p.m.; 414 N. Main St., Madison VA**

- **Call to Order:** Margaret (Fred) Douglas called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- **Attendees:** Secretary, Fred Douglas; new Republican EB member, Leri Thomas; new Democratic EB member, Annette Hyde; and Madison County Registrar, Lauren Eanes.
- **Introduction of New Members:** New members of the EB were introduced, and the terms of office of all members were reviewed.
 - Leri Thomas: 1/1/22 – 12/31/24
 - Annette Hyde: 1/1/22 – 12/31/22 (Annette is completing the last year of the 3-year term of Democrat Susanna Spencer, who resigned for medical reasons in December 2021.)
 - Fred Douglas: 1/1/21 – 12/31/23
- **Review of General Registrar Electoral Board (GREB) Handbook, Chapter 2 Local Electoral Boards:** EB members reviewed the responsibilities of the EB, as defined in the GREB Handbook, and noted that the jobs would need to be distributed among the three members.
- **Links to Critical EB Information:** EB members were provided with electronic links to applicable information/resources: the Election Code of Virginia, the GREB Handbook, Virginia Elections Calendars and Schedules, the Madison County EB Google Drive, the Madison County Website, and the Virginia.gov felon search site (to verify applicants may register to vote).
- **Mandatory New Board Member Training:** EB members were reminded that there is mandatory in-person training for new members on Saturday, 5 February 2022 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Milford, Virginia. All three members are scheduled to attend.
- **ELECT Advisories:** EB members were briefed on the existence and importance of ELECT Advisories. The advisories are issued, as required, to announce changes in election law and procedures. All EB members should review and be aware of the information in the advisories.
- **Local EB/GR Calendar:** EB members reviewed the Local EB/GR Calendar for calendar year 2022. This calendar, adapted from the State Board of Elections 2022 Deadline Calendar, identifies critical election due dates for the state, Local Registrar, and the Local EB.
 - EB members will have their first mandatory, official meeting on 2 February at 1:00 p.m. At this meeting, the EB officers will be determined, and Election Officials (EO) will be identified.
- **Potential Precinct Consolidation:** EB members reviewed and discussed a first draft proposal, prepared by the Registrar and addressed to the Madison County Board of Supervisors (BoS). The proposal recommends that the Graves Mill and Wolftown precincts be combined. After lengthy consideration, two EB members voted to proceed to the BoS with the recommendation, and one member abstained from voting on the issue. The recommendation may appear on the BoS agenda as soon as Tuesday, 25 January 2022. If the BoS agrees to pursue this recommended consolidation, the matter will be published in local newspapers and on the Madison County website, and will be open for public comment for 30 days, followed by a 30-day waiting period.
- **Homework:** EB members were asked to review all of the documents discussed during the meeting, and come to the meeting on 2 February 2022 with recommendations for an equitable and appropriate distribution of the EB tasks among the 3 members.
- **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Prepared by: Margaret Douglas, Secretary; Reviewed and Approved by: Leri Thomas and Annette Hyde