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Galax City Electoral Board Meeting Minutes - February 29, 2024

The Galax City Electoral Board met in the Voter Registration Office in the Galax City Municipal Building in Galax, VA. The meeting was called to order by Josepha Thompson, Chairperson, and seconded by Rhonda Hatmaker, Vice-Chairperson on February 29, 2024 at 5:08 pm. Those present were Josepha Thompson, Rhonda Hatmaker, Sylvia Richardson, Secretary, and David Phipps, General Registrar, in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the annual reorganization of the Electoral Board as required by § 24.2-106(B) of the Virginia State Code.

To commence the reorganization process, Board Vice-Chairperson Rhonda Hatmaker made a motion that a vote be taken per § 24.2-115 of the Virginia Code. For the position of Secretary, Ms. Hatmaker nominated Ms. Josepha Thompson. After the vote was taken, Ms. Thompson was elected as Secretary by a vote of 2 -1. Per § 24.2-106(B), the board shall elect one of its members as chairman and another as secretary. The chairman and the secretary shall represent different political parties, unless the representative of the second-ranked political party declines in writing to accept the unfilled office. Due to Mrs. Richardson's service with other Community related Boards, she respectfully declined in writing the position of Chairperson of the Galax City Electoral Board and accepted the position of Vice-Chair instead. Per Mrs. Richardson's choice, Ms. Hatmaker will become the Chairperson of the Galax Electoral Board.

Due to an Officer of Election Training session being on the schedule for 5:30 pm, Ms. Hatmaker made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Richardson, for the Board Meeting to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Richardson, Secretary