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Galax City Electoral Board Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, March 6, 2024

The Galax City Electoral Board met at the Registrar's office to pick up the Election materials at 9:30 am to travel to the Grayson County Clerk of Circuit Court's Office to begin the Canvass for the March 2024 Presidential Dual-Primaries that were held on March 5, 2024. In attendance was Ms. Josepha Thompson, Board Chair, Ms. Rhonda Hatmaker, Board Vice-Chair and Ms. Sylvia Richardson, Board Secretary.

After arriving at the Clerk of Court's Office, Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:16 am to begin the Canvass as required by § 24.2-671 of the Virginia Code. During the course of the Canvass, it was discovered that a few documents had missing signatures. The Precinct Chief Officers of Election were contacted and had to travel to the Canvass to sign the documents. It was determined that a few were missed at the end of a very long Election Day. After conducting a thorough review of all election returns from each precinct, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 pm and the Board members returned to Registrar's office.

It should be noted that during the Canvass meeting, a motion was made at 1:30 pm by Ms. Richardson for the Board to enter into closed session to conduct the Provisional Ballot Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson and the Board entered into closed session. There were three Provisional Ballots reviewed, all were for voters using Same Day Registration in which to cast their ballots. After consultations with the Registrar, it was determined that one provisional would be accepted and two were disqualified. Of the disqualified, one did not properly sign their application and one was not qualified to vote. After the Provisional Ballots were processed a motion was made Ms. Thompson to exit the closed session, was seconded by Ms. Hatmaker and the Board returned to open session at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Richardson, Secretary