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Galax City Electoral Board Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2024

The Galax City Electoral Board met in the Voter Registration Office Room #102 in the Galax City Municipal Building in Galax, VA. The meeting was called to order by Josepha Thompson at 12:06 pm. Those present were Josepha Thompson, Chairperson, Rhonda Hatmaker, Vice-Chairperson, Sylvia Richardson, Secretary, and David Phipps, General Registrar, in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to conclude the Canvass and Certify the election at the conclusion of the March 2024 Democratic and Republican Presidential Dual-Primaries as required by § 24.2-671 of the Virginia Code. A motion was made by Ms. Thompson to certify the results, seconded by Mrs. Richardson and by unanimous vote, the Primaries were certified. The General Registrar printed the Abstract of Results for the Primaries, the seal of the City of Galax Electoral Board affixed to each and the Abstract of Votes were signed by each Board Member. After signatures were applied, the Board directed the General Registrar to mail one copy of the Abstracts to the Viriginia Department of Elections, provide one copy to the Clerk of the Galax City Council and keep one copy in the records of the Galax City Electoral Board.

The next item of business was the completion of the annual reorganization of the Board. After a short discussion, it was determined that the reconfiguration of the Electoral Board would go in to effect at midnight on March 15. The new configuration of the Board is as follows:

Ms. Rhonda A. Hatmaker, Chairperson Mrs. Sylvia D. Richardson, Vice-Chairperson Ms. Josepha B. Thompson, Secretary

The final item of business discussed concerned providing additional training for our Officers of Election in the setup of Unisyn OVI ADA interface for use by those who are print-challenged. The Board directed the General Registrar to obtain additional documentation from the manufacturer and incorporate it into the current Officer of Election training manual.

There was a motion made and approved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by the Board Vice-Chairperson Rhonda Hatmaker and was seconded by Secretary Sylvia Richardson. The motion carried by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

The Board will next meet in Closed session on April 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Richardson, Secretary