

**Harrisonburg City Electoral Board
Minutes
Monday – August 23, 2021
10:00 a.m.
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**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Weins at 10:00 a.m.

**In Attendance**

**Electoral Board Members; Dave Wiens, Chair, Sandra Price-Stroble, V.Chair Jane Grant Burner, Secretary and Mark Finks, Director of Elections and Katrina Gerald, Assistant Director of Election. Also, Pat Haden, GOP Harrisonburg City Chair and Sara Akers with the JMU Civic Engagement Department.**

**Price Stroble made a motion to approve the agenda by adding a public comment and the motion was seconded by Grant Burner as amended.  
Wiens. All board members voted in favor.**

**Wiens made a motion to approve the minutes from July 29<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended and motion was seconded by Price-Stroble.  
All board members voted in favor.**

**Quorum Present**

**Public Comment:**

**JMU made a proposal from the JMU Young Dems and JMU College Republicans expressing a request for campus voting location/s and possible Sunday schedule for voting.**

**Harrisonburg City would have to comply within (60)days or by September 2<sup>nd</sup> to add additional voting precinct arrangements as well as adding two public comment sessions to comply with code. Once any new permanent location is added it must then be utilized at every election going forward. For June primaries the JMU students have left campus for the scholastic year and there would be no need for a voting location on campus. Also, at this time the city does not have enough poll books for any additional voting precincts. Plus, a voting precinct can't be cut off by on campus gates. Any such proposal can't be considered at this time. Voters can also request absentee ballots to accommodate difficult schedules. Drop off voting locations could be considered.**

**Price- Stroble made a motion to move forward with possible alternative satellite voting options and Grant Burner seconded the motion. Roll call vote; Weins, aye, Price-Stroble, aye and Grant Burner, aye.**

**Sunday voting in the city was discussed but Registrar did not recommend that option, but will obtain statewide voting records on Sunday voting for future review. Any further discussion by the board will be tabled until all records are researched concerning Sunday voting.**

- As of 8/23/2021 the City of Harrisonburg has 24,893 registered voters. 25,000 ballots will be ordered for November Election.**
- Hours for early (45) day voting will be M-F 8:30-4:30 pm, and the final two Saturdays are scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- November voting for the old Convo Center will end this year. JMU has not indicated a new location for the JMU precinct. (Criteria; no campus entry gates, easy accessibility to students, ample parking and ADA accessible)**

**Director of Elections Report:**

- Training to be scheduled for new Equipment (Express Votes - ADA voting)**
- Possible proposed training dates for the Officers of Election, to include early voting and Nov. election day voting in the city: Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>  
Also, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Another DS200 voting machine will need to be rented from Print Elect, per code.**
- Next year early votes could be reported per city precincts.**
- New configuration for Express Votes with the use of new ADA machines.**
- Replacement Ballots mailed (11 days) before the election most probably will not be received back to office before election day due to current mail deliveries.**
- Drop off bags @precincts will be picked up by 7:00p.m. by EB Secretary and one other person of opposing party.**
- Registrar's office will be closed for in house training (9-3) on Friday-August 27th**
- Preliminary scheduling for Officers of Election for early voting starting September 17th is in progress.**
- Discussion has started concerning the 'Page Program' with Harrisonburg City Schools and the students assisting on Election Day.**
- New 'I Voted Stickers' for voters will be created for next year.**
- Redistricting Lines for Harrisonburg City are in progress. These lines will change voting locations in some voting precincts.**

**Closed Session**

**Price-Stroble made a motion and motion was seconded by Weins that the Board enter into executive session at 11:50 a.m. for the purpose of (i) reviewing security plans and assessing actions to mitigate those risks, as provided by Section 2.2-3711.A.35 and 24.2-625.1.B of the Code of Virginia, (ii) discussion and consideration of personnel, the appointment of one or more current and prospective City of Harrisonburg Officers of Election.**

**Return to Public Session**

**Weins made a motion to return to Public Session at 12:15 p.m. and motion was seconded by Price-Stroble.**

**RESOLVED, that to the best knowledge of each member of this Board (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of Chapter 37 (Virginia Freedom of Information Act) of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which today's executive session was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the executive session.—. Roll Call vote: Weins, yes; Price-Stroble, yes; and Grant Burner, yes.**

**Officers of Election were approved as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote: Wiens, yes, Price-Stroble, yes, and Grant Burner, yes.**

**Final Business**

**City Website will reflect tentative announcements for dates of monthly Electoral Board Meetings.**

**The next 'Electoral Board Meetings' are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Monday - September 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday - September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Adjournment**

**The motion was made by Wiens and seconded by Price-Stroble to adjourn the EB Board meeting at 12:45 p.m. All voted in favor.**

**Respectively submitted,  
Jane Grant Burner, Secretary**

