

1           The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held Thursday, August 22, 2019,  
2   in the Martha Brissette Conference Room of the Washington Building in Richmond, Virginia. In  
3   attendance: Robert Brink, Chairman, John O’Bannon, Vice Chairman and Jamilah LeCruise,  
4   Secretary, represented the State Board of Elections (“the Board”). Christopher E. “Chris” Piper,  
5   Commissioner, and Jessica Bowman, Deputy Commissioner, represented the Department of  
6   Elections (“ELECT”). Heather Hays Lockerman represented the Office of the Attorney General  
7   (“OAG”). Chairman Brink called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

8           The first order of business was the Commissioner’s Report, presented by Commissioner  
9   Piper. The Commissioner stated that in 2016, all 50 States were scanned by foreign entities, a  
10   few States and some localities were breached, but that no data was manipulated or deleted.  
11   Commissioner Piper informed the Board that the closed session would show the strong security  
12   posture set up for ELECT.

13           Commissioner Piper introduced Ben Gilbert of Homeland Security. Mr. Gilbert explained  
14   that his role with the Department of Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure  
15   Security Agency is to help build and strengthen the cybersecurity posture and capabilities. Mr.  
16   Gilbert introduced his team Rob Mooney, and Austin Bring from the DHS Elections Task Force.

17           Commissioner Piper introduced Aaron Mathes, with CGI Technology Solutions (“CGI  
18   INC.”). Mr. Mathes informed the Board that CGI INC. has been working with ELECT for  
19   approximately five years, assisting with list management, and Virginia Electronic Registration  
20   Information System (“VERIS”). He noted that the firm is now helping to create a program for  
21   Virginia Elections Officials regarding cybersecurity and their responsibility in their districts. Mr.  
22   Mathes introduced Jaime Woltz, Senior Consultant, and Karen Tinucci, Senior Consultant.

23 Chairman Brink opened the floor to public comment. Dr. Clara Belle Wheeler, a former  
24 Board member from Albemarle County, asked the Board to provide guidelines on write-in  
25 candidates and recounts.

26 At 1:32 PM Chairman Brink announced that the Board would go into a closed session.

27 Vice Chair O'Bannon moved *that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussion*  
28 *of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 2 or 14 of § 2.2-3705.2, as such discussion*  
29 *would jeopardize the safety or security of persons, facilities, information technology systems, or*  
30 *software programs, and discussions on reports or plans related to the security of any*  
31 *governmental facility, as authorized by § 2.2-3711(A)(19) and (34) of the Code of Virginia,*  
32 *Heather Hays Lockerman from the Office of the Attorney General, as well as Christopher Piper,*  
33 *Commissioner of Elections, Jessica Bowman, Deputy Commissioner of Elections, James Heo,*  
34 *Confidential Policy Advisor, Daniel Persico, Chief Information Officer, Grindly Johnson,*  
35 *Deputy Secretary of Administration from the Department of Elections, as well as Robert*  
36 *Mooney, Austin Bring, Benjamin Gilbert, and Bill Ryan from the Department of Homeland*  
37 *Security, as well as Jaime Woltz, Karen Tinucci, and Aaron Mathes with the CGI Inc., as well as*  
38 *Justin Brown, and Hal Greer from JLARC will attend the closed session because their presence*  
39 *will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of the subject of the meeting. Secretary*  
40 LeCruise seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

41 At 3:17 P.M. Secretary LeCruise moved *to reconvene in open session, and take a roll call*  
42 *vote certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only such public business matters*  
43 *lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public*  
44 *business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was concerned*

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45 *were heard, discussed, or considered.* Vice Chair O'Bannon seconded the motion, and the  
46 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

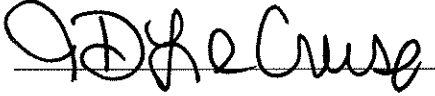
47 Secretary LeCruise – aye

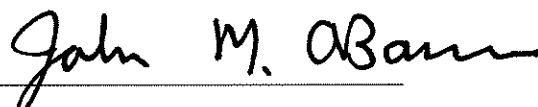
48 Vice Chair O'Bannon – aye


49 Chairman Brink – aye

50 Chairman Brink moved to adjourn the Board. The meeting adjourned at  
51 approximately 3:19 P.M.

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