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3 The State Board of Elections Board Meeting was held on Monday, November 26,
4 2012. The meeting was held in the General Assembly Building, House Room C in
5 Richmond, Virginia. In attendance, representing the State Board of Elections (SBE) was
6 Charles Judd, Chair; Kimberly Bowers, Vice Chair; Donald Palmer, Secretary; Joshua
7 Lief, Senior Assistant Attorney General and SBE Counsel; Justin Riemer, Deputy
8 Secretary; Nikki Sheridan, Confidential Policy Advisor; Chris Piper, Election Services
9 Manager; Matt Abell, Election Services Lead; and David Blackwood, Policy Analyst.
10 Chairman Judd called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

11 The first order of business was the approval of the Minutes from the State Board
12 of Elections Board Meetings held on October 10th, 24th, 26th and November 6, 2012. After
13 careful review, Vice Chair Bowers made a motion to approve the Minutes. Secretary
14 Palmer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Minutes.

15 The second order of business was the Secretary's Report delivered by Secretary
16 Palmer. The Secretary's Report is an agenda item for each Board Meeting describing
17 recent developments at SBE. Secretary Palmer reported that he was grateful to the staff
18 for the dedication that they showed as a group in preparation and executing their duties as
19 related to the general election. Secretary Palmer stated that the general registrars and the
20 poll workers were the driving force for ensuring a successful election for the
21 Commonwealth of Virginia. Secretary Palmer stated that SBE has been conducting post
22 election meetings to discuss changes and areas of improvement for future elections.
23 Secretary Palmer stated that a meeting will occur with the general registrars and electoral
24 board members to receive their input on the election and to discuss lessons learned.
25 Secretary Palmer stated that SBE is being challenged with a 4% budget reduction which
26 affects agency and locality funding. Secretary Palmer stated that approximately two-
27 thirds of the SBE budget is designated to the localities. Secretary Palmer stated that SBE
28 has experienced budget reductions over the last six years. Secretary Palmer stated that
29 David Blackwood, SBE Policy Analyst, would be leaving his position with SBE and
30 thanked Mr. Blackwood for his valuable service and leadership. Secretary Palmer stated
31 that the Electoral College will meet on December 17, 2012 at noon in The House
32 Chamber and that SBE is making those preparations.

33 The next order of business was the Legal Report delivered by Joshua Lief, Senior
34 Assistant Attorney General and SBE Counsel. The Legal Report is an agenda item for
35 each Board Meeting describing recent developments at SBE. Mr. Lief provided an
36 update on current litigation.

37 The next order of business was the Ascertainment of the November 6, 2012
38 General Election. On examination of official statements contained in its record books
39 and verified by the certified abstracts on file in its office of the votes cast in the General
40 Election, the Board certified the following persons to be elected to the offices indicated,
41 issued Certificates of Election for each, and directed the Secretary to deliver them to each
42 successful candidate upon ascertaining the election in accordance with Section 24.2-680
43 of the *Code of Virginia*. For the office of Electors for the Democratic Party for Barack
44 Obama, President and Joe Biden, Vice President; Judy L. Mastrangeli from the First
45 Congressional District; Sandra W. Brandt from the Second Congressional District; Betty
46 L. Squire from the Third Congressional District; Susan Johnston Rowland from the
47 Fourth Congressional District; Christopher M. Daniel, Jr. from the Fifth Congressional
48 District; Gary W. Crawford from the Sixth Congressional District; Ben Ragsdale, Jr.
49 from the Seventh Congressional District; Edna N. Frady from the Eighth Congressional
50 District; Melanie B. Salyer from the Ninth Congressional District; Evan D. Macbeth from
51 the Tenth Congressional District; Janyce N. Hedetniemi from the Eleventh Congressional
52 District; Terry Carroll Frye At Large; and Anita A. White At Large.

53 For a Member of the U.S. Senate, Timothy M. Kaine, Democrat.

54 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the First Congressional
55 District, Robert J. “Rob” Wittman, Republican.

56 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Second Congressional
57 District, E. Scott Rigell, Republican.

58 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Third Congressional
59 District, Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, Democrat.

60 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Fourth Congressional
61 District, J. Randy Forbes, Republican.

62 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Fifth Congressional
63 District, Robert Hurt, Republican.

64 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Sixth Congressional
65 District, Robert W. “Bob” Goodlatte, Republican.

66 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Seventh Congressional
67 District, Eric I. Cantor, Republican.

68 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Eighth Congressional
69 District, James P. “Jim” Moran, Jr., Democrat.

70 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Ninth Congressional
71 District, H. Morgan Griffith, Republican.

72 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Tenth Congressional
73 District, Frank R. Wolf, Republican.

74 For a Member of the House of Representatives for the Eleventh Congressional
75 District, Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly, Democrat.

76 Chairman Judd stated that SBE Board Members having examined the certified
77 abstracts on file in the office of the State Board of Elections of the votes given in the
78 counties and cities of the Commonwealth at the Special Election held for and against the
79 proposed amendments to Section 11 of Article I and Section 6 of Article IV of the
80 Virginia Constitution and having made the foregoing statement of the whole number of
81 votes so given, we ascertained and determined that a majority of the votes were for the
82 adoption of the proposed amendments.

83 Chairman Judd stated that the process was complete and the results had been
84 ascertained with the corresponding certificates signed. Chairman Judd declared the
85 results of the 2012 General Election official.

86 Chairman Judd asked if there was any other business to come before the Board.
87 Samuel Wright, Director of the Service Members Law Center, approached the podium.
88 Mr. Wright stated that he would like to thank the Board Members and SBE for the work
89 Virginia performed in getting the absentee ballots to service members and overseas
90 residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Wright stated that it was a successful
91 election for those individuals he serves that required those services. Chairman Judd
92 thanked Mr. Wright for his comments. Chairman Judd asked if there was any other
93 business to come before the Board.

94 Robin Lind, on behalf of the Virginia Electoral Board Association, approached
95 the podium. Mr. Lind stated that he has budgetary concerns for the localities. Mr. Lind

96 stated that the localities have been operating on reduced budgets and would like to send
97 their data to support the effects on the localities of reduced budgets. Chairman Judd
98 thanked Mr. Lind for his comments.

99 Chairman Judd asked if there was any other business to come before the Board for
100 the Good of the Order. On behalf of SBE staff, Deputy Justin Riemer thanked the SBE
101 Board Members for their dedication and hard work in supporting the staff of SBE in
102 preparation for the election. Chairman Judd and Vice-Chair Bowers both expressed
103 gratitude to the entire staff of SBE for their hard work in ensuring a successful election.
104 Secretary Palmer made a motion that certain guidance put forth in the general registrars'
105 handbook hold until after the General Assembly meets to discuss pertinent issues. Vice
106 Chair Bowers seconded the motion and with no further discussion the Board unanimously
107 approved the motion.

108 Chairman Judd asked if there was any other business to come before the Board for
109 the Good of the Order and with there being none Chairman Judd made a motion to
110 adjourn. Vice Chair Bowers seconded the motion and the Board unanimously passed the
111 motion. The Board shall reconvene on January 8, 2013 at 9:00 AM in the Washington
112 Building, Room B27. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35AM.

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