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2 The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held by electronic
3 communication on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. In attendance: Robert Brink,
4 Chairman, John O’Bannon, Vice Chairman, and Jamilah LeCruise, Secretary, represented
5 the State Board of Elections (“the Board”). Christopher E. “Chris” Piper, Commissioner
6 and Jessica Bowman, Deputy Commissioner, represented the Department of Elections
7 (“ELECT”) and Carol Lewis represented the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”).
8 Chairman Brink called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M.

9 Chairman Brink informed the Board that on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S.
10 Northam declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth as the result of
11 the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease presenting a threat to public
12 health. On March 30, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order requiring all
13 individuals in Virginia to remain at their place of residence, with certain enumerated
14 exceptions.

15 This meeting was conducted consistent with the requirements for electronic
16 meetings by public bodies set forth in Items 4-0.01 of House Bills 29 and 30, as passed
17 by the General Assembly (“GA”) and signed by the Governor in April of this year. The
18 purpose of the meeting is to transact the statutorily required business of the Board.
19 Chairman Brink stated that the Board would receive public comments on agenda items
20 prior to its action on that item, and an open public comment period would be offered
21 prior to adjournment.

22 The only item on the agenda was the consideration of an extension of the deadline
23 for filing under Va. Code § 24.2-503 presented by Paul Saunders, Elections
24 Administration Supervisor. Mr. Saunders informed the Board that the extension is for
25 candidates in the Special Elections to be held on January 5, 2021. *This memo is in the*
26 *Working Papers for the December 16, 2020 meeting.* Chairman Brink opened the floor to
27 public comment. The Chairman stated that the Board was once again being put in the
28 unfair position of granting the extension, or keeping a candidate off the ballot. He
29 suggested that in the future the Board reassess the appropriateness of granting an
30 extension. The Chairman *moved that the Board grant an extension pursuant to Virginia*
31 *Code § 24.2-503 for candidates to file the Certificate of Candidate Qualification or*
32 *Statement of Economic Interests in relation to the special elections scheduled for January*
33 *5, 2021.* Vice Chair O'Bannon seconded the motion and the motion passed 2-1. A roll
34 call vote was taken:

35 Chairman Brink – Aye

36 Vice Chair O'Bannon – Aye


37 Secretary LeCruise – Nay

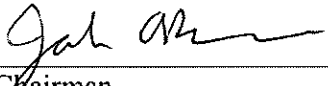
38 The Chairman opened the floor to public comment. Candi King, candidate running
39 for the 2nd District House of Delegates addressed the Board.

40 Secretary LeCruise moved *to adjourn the meeting.* Vice Chair O'Bannon
41 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

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- 42 Chairman Brink – Aye
- 43 Vice Chair O’Bannon – Aye
- 44 Secretary LeCruise – Aye
- 45 The meeting adjourn at 3:41 P.M.

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