

## **MINUTES OF THE GREB WORKGROUP**

### **MEETING**

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**SENATE ROOM 3**

### **VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL**

The GREB Workgroup convened at 10:00AM on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Senate Room 3, Virginia State Capitol Building, Richmond, Virginia.

Present: John Hager, Al Ablowich, Tracy Howard, Lisa Jeffers, Robin Lind, Renee Andrews, Bill Bell, Barbara Gunter, Michele White, Barbara Tabb and Walt Latham.

Attending from the public: Allison Robbins; DOE Wise County, Katie Boyle; VACO, Jessica Ackerman with VML, Carol Nogle; LWV PWC.

Chairman Hager asked for a motion to approve the corrected minutes from the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting, Renee Andrews made motion, motion was seconded, minutes were approved unanimously.

**VERIS UPGRADE:** Al Ablowich drafted a letter to be delivered to the Commissioner of ELECT offering the input and assistance from the GREB Workgroup. Discussion was held about the presentation of the letter to which Lisa Jeffers delivered to the Commissioner of ELECT on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 during the SBE meeting at 1:00PM. John Hager will also be presenting our annual report(s) to the SBE at this meeting.

#### **WORKGROUP SURVEYS:**

##### **USPS SURVEY:**

Bill Bell explained the purpose of mailing 12 letters to our offices from various locations to show the rate at which these letters arrive. Discussion was held and the workgroup decided to ask the field of Directors of Election and Electoral Board members to do this twice a year; summer and fall timeframe. The collection of this data could help with legislation to push the deadline to request an absentee ballot back another week.

### **ELECTION EXPENSE TEMPLATE SURVEY:**

Michele White requested possible wording from the GREB Workgroup prior to sending this template to the Director of Election field as well as to the Electoral Board members. The collection of this data could possibly help with more reimbursement from the state level, better understanding for the localities of what an election costs and the magnitude of work involved with the implementation of online registration/absentee voting requests. Barbara Gunter suggested we as a group complete the survey since we have a cross section of small, medium and large localities represented. Michele made the motion to work with Barbara Tabb and Robin Lind on the wording of the letter/email, revised expenses to include staffing to send to Directors of Elections and Electoral Board members. Motion was seconded, discussion was held and the call for question. Motion passed unanimously.

### **OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

The Workgroup will revisit the reorganization of the State Board of Elections. The Workgroup will also revisit the Proposed Performance Review Document (yearly review of Directors of Election) from 2017 that has not been adopted by the SBE.

Robin Lind agreed to send a pdf of the GREB Workgroup Annual report to everyone via email.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00AM at the McGuire Woods Office Building. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM.

Respectfully submitted

Lisa Jeffers,  
Temporary Permanent Recording Secretary