

State Board of Elections  
Wednesday, December 20, 2023  
Final Meeting Minutes

1           The State Board of Elections (“the Board”) meeting was held by electronic  
2 communication Wednesday, December 20, 2023. In attendance: John O’Bannon, Chairman;  
3 Rosalyn R. Dance, Vice Chair; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary; Matthew Weinstein, and  
4 Delegate Donald Merricks members; represented the State Board of Elections (“the Board”).  
5 Susan J. Beals, Commissioner, represented the Department of Elections (“ELECT”), and Travis  
6 Andrews and Dennis Polio represented the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”). Chairman  
7 O’Bannon called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

8           The first item of business was the Approval of the Minutes presented by Secretary Alvis-  
9 Long. Vice Chair Dance moved *to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2023 Board*  
10 *meeting*. Mr. Weinstein seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call  
11 vote was taken:

12           Chairman O’Bannon – Aye

13           Vice Chair Dance – Aye

14           Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

15           Mr. Weinstein – Aye

16           Delegate Merricks – Aye

17           Chairman O’Bannon opened the floor for public comment. Eric Brazael, Ann Grigorian,  
18 and Kenneth Vande Vrede addressed the Board.

19           The second item of business was the Commissioner’s Report, presented by  
20 Commissioner Beals. Commissioner Beals expressed her appreciation to the General Registrars,  
21 Electoral Board Members and volunteers who assisted in the House of Delegates 82nd district

22 recount. The Commissioner informed the Board that local recounts also occurred in Caroline  
23 County, Henrico County and Lunenburg County. Commissioner Beals stated that there are four  
24 Special Elections being held on January 9, 2024: Alexandria City for School Board District A,  
25 VA Beach City Council District 1, Virginia House of Delegates 48th District and Virginia Senate  
26 9th District. The Commissioner also advised the Board that Virginia will have a dual primary for  
27 the Presidential Election.

28           The third item of business was the Drawing for the Presidential Ballot Order presented by  
29 Paul Saunders, Elections and Registration Services Supervisor. *This memo is in the Working*  
30 *Papers for the December 20, 2023 Meeting.* The ballot order for the Democratic Party is as  
31 follows:

- 32           1. Marianne Williamson
- 33           2. Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr.
- 34           3. Dean Benson Phillips

35 The ballot order for the Republican Party is as follows:

- 36           1. Chris Christie
- 37           2. Ryan L. Binkley
- 38           3. Vivek Ramaswamy
- 39           4. Donald J. Trump
- 40           5. Ron Dion DeSantis
- 41           6. Nikki R. Haley

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42 Mr. Weinstein moved *that the Board certify the ballot order as drawn*. Vice Chair Dance  
43 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

44 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

45 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

46 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

47 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

48 Delegate Merricks – Aye

49 The fourth item of business was the Risk Limiting Audit Report presented by Claire  
50 Scott, ELECT Policy Analyst. *This report is in the Working Papers for the December 20, 2023*  
51 *Meeting*. No motion needed.

52 The fifth item of business was the Stand By Your Ad Policy Revision Finalization  
53 presented by Tammy Alexander, Campaign Finance and Compliance and Training Supervisor,  
54 and Steve Koski, ELECT Policy Analyst. *This memo is in the Working Papers for the December*  
55 *20, 2023 Meeting*. Mr. Weinstein moved *that the State Board of Elections adopt the revised*  
56 *Stand By Your Ad Hearings Policy as presented*. Delegate Merricks seconded the motion and the  
57 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

58 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

59 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

60 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

61 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

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62 Delegate Merricks – Aye

63 The sixth item of business was the Request for Petition for Removal of an Electoral  
64 Board Member presented by Paul Saunders, Elections and Registration Services Supervisor. *This*  
65 *memo is in the Working Papers for the December 20, 2023 Meeting.* Mr. Weinstein moved  
66 *pursuant to § 24.2-234.1 of the Code of Virginia, that the State Board of Elections request legal*  
67 *representation to prepare a petition to the Circuit Court of Brunswick County for the removal of*  
68 *Rene Rice from the Brunswick County Electoral Board.* Vice Chair Dance seconded the motion  
69 and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:

70 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

71 Vice Chair Dance – Aye

72 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

73 Mr. Weinstein – Aye

74 Delegate Merricks – Aye

75 Vice Chair Dance moved *to adjourn the meeting.* Delegate Merricks  
76 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was  
77 taken:

78 Chairman O'Bannon – Aye

79 Vice Chair Dance – Aye


80 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye

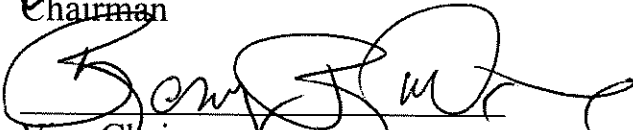
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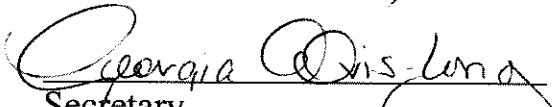
81 Mr. Weinstein – Aye


82 Delegate Merricks – Aye

83 The meeting adjourned at 1:37 P.M.

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