- The State Board of Elections ("the Board") meeting was held on Tuesday,
- 2 July 5, 2022, in Senate Room A of the Pocahontas Building in Richmond, Virginia.
- 3 The meeting also offered public participation through electronic communication so
- 4 the remote public could view and hear the meeting. In attendance: Robert Brink,
- 5 Chairman; John O'Bannon, Vice Chairman; Georgia Alvis-Long, Secretary,
- 6 Angela Chiang, and Delegate Donald Merricks, members; represented the State
- 7 Board of Elections ("the Board"). Susan J. Beals, Commissioner, represented the
- 8 Department of Elections ("ELECT"), and Joshua Lief represented the Office of the
- 9 Attorney General ("OAG"). Chairman Brink called the meeting to order at 1:00
- 10 P.M.
- The first item of business was the approval of the minutes, presented by
- 12 Secretary Alvis-Long. Vice Chair O'Bannon moved that the Board approve the
- minutes from the May 24, 2022 and June 21, 2022 Board Meetings. Ms. Chiang
- seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was
- 15 taken:
- 16 Chairman Brink Aye
- 17 Vice Chair O'Bannon Aye
- Secretary Alvis-Long Aye
- 19 Ms. Chiang Aye
- 20 Delegate Merricks Aye

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The second item of business was the Commissioner's Report, presented by Commissioner Beals. Commissioner Beals informed that Primary Elections were 22 held on June 21st. The Commissioner advised that 5 of 11 congressional districts 23 held a primary; four Republican primaries and one Democratic primary. 24 Commissioner Beals stated that ELECT is focused on redistricting and assisting 25 General Registrars in getting notices out to voters of their new district and polling 26 location. The Commissioner informed the Board that in June ELECT kicked off 27 the Cyber Navigator program. Commissioner Beals advised the Board that the 28 results of the program will be presented to each local electoral board at the end of 29 the summer. 30 Chairman Brink stated that the Advisory Review Workgroup has two new 31 members; the Electoral Board Association recommended Wanda Taylor and the 32 Virginia Municipal League recommended Josette Bulova. 33 The third item of business was the Certification of Primary Election Results, 34 presented by Paul Saunders, Elections and Registration Supervisor. This report is 35 in the Working Papers for the July 5, 2022 Meeting. Vice Chair O'Bannon moved 36 that the Board certify the results of the June 21, 2022 Democratic and Republican 37 Primary Elections as presented and declare the winners of each primary to be that 38 party's nominee for the November 8, 2022 General Election. Ms. Chiang seconded 39 the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken: 40

41 Chairman Brink – Aye Vice Chair O'Bannon - Aye 42 43 Secretary Alvis-Long – Ave Ms. Chiang – Aye 44 45 Delegate Merricks – Ave The fourth item of business was the Consideration of Revised Virginia 46 Absentee Ballot Application Form (SBE-701/703.1), presented by Zakia Williams, 47 Elections and Registration Service Specialist. This document is in the Working 48 Papers for the July 5, 2022 Meeting. Delegate Merricks moved that the Board 49 adopt the revisions to the Virginia Absentee Ballot Application Form, and that the 50 revised forms be effective for use immediately. Ms. Chiang seconded the motion 51 and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken: 52 Chairman Brink - Aye 53 Vice Chair O'Bannon - Aye 54 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye 55 Ms. Chiang - Aye 56 Delegate Merricks - Aye 57 The fifth item of business was the Consideration of Revised Virginia 58 Permanent Absentee Voter Change Form (SBE-703.1C), presented by Zakia 59 Williams, Elections and Registration Service Specialist. This document is in the 60

- Working Papers for the July 5, 2022 Meeting. Delegate Merricks moved that the
- 62 Board adopt the revisions to the Virginia Permanent Absentee Voter Change
- 63 Forms, and that the revised forms be effective for use immediately. Ms. Chiang
- seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was
- 65 taken:
- 66 Chairman Brink Aye
- 67 Vice Chair O'Bannon Aye
- 68 Secretary Alvis-Long Aye
- 69 Ms. Chiang Aye
- 70 Delegate Merricks Aye
- 71 The sixth item of business was the Split Precinct Waiver for Henrico
- 72 County, presented by Daniel Davenport, ELECT Policy Analyst. This document is
- in the Working Papers for the July 5, 2022 Meeting. Delegate Merricks moved to
- 74 approve the split precinct waiver. Ms. Chiang seconded the motion and the motion
- 75 passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken:
- 76 Chairman Brink Aye
- 77 Vice Chair O'Bannon Aye
- 78 Secretary Alvis-Long Aye
- 79 Ms. Chiang Aye
- 80 Delegate Merricks Aye

Chairman Brink opened the floor to public comment. Thomas Crews, 81 Chairman of the Nottoway Democratic Committee; Christopher Page, and Ann 82 Grigorian addressed the Board. 83 At 1:28 P.M., Vice Chair O'Bannon pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-84 3711(A)(7), that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing 85 pending and threatened litigation. In accordance with Section 2.2-3712(F), Susan 86 Beals, Commissioner of Elections, Joshua Lief and Catherine McFarland of the 87 Office of the Attorney General will attend the closed session because their 88 presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of the subject of the 89 90 meeting. Ms. Chiang seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken: 91 Chairman Brink - Aye 92 Vice Chair O'Bannon – Aye 93 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye 94 95 Ms. Chiang – Ave Delegate Merricks – Aye 96 At 2:25 P.M., Delegate Merricks moved to reconvene the meeting in open 97 session, and take a roll call vote certifying that to the best of each member's 98 knowledge (i) only such public business matters lawfully exempted from open 99

100 meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was 101 convened were heard or discussed by the State Board of Elections. Ms. Chiang 102 seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was 103 taken: 104 105 Chairman Brink – Ave Vice Chair O'Bannon - Aye 106 Secretary Alvis-Long – Ave 107 108 Ms. Chiang – Aye Delegate Merricks - Aye 109 Vice Chair O'Bannon moved to approve the authorization to the Attorney 110 General of Virginia to take action as appropriate to enforce section 24.2-106 with 111 regard to the appointment of the recently filled vacancy on the Electoral Board in 112 the City of Suffolk, Virginia. Delegate Merricks seconded the motion and the 113 motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken: 114 Chairman Brink – Aye 115 Vice Chair O'Bannon – Aye 116 Secretary Alvis-Long – Aye 117 Ms. Chiang – Aye 118

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Delegate Merricks – Aye Delegate Merricks moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Chiang seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 P.M. 130