

**Minutes  
Election Advisory Panel  
January 16, 2013**

Members present: Natalie Alden, Ed Gaston, Debbie Gonzalez, Leslie Goller, Kathy Carithers, Scott Wiley, Jerry Holland, Sheri Treadwell

**Meeting called to order at 3:09pm by Kathy Carithers .**

**Minutes Approved for October/November meeting with changes.**

Motion to approve: Natalie Alden, seconded by Ed Gaston.

**New business**

Open Discussion:

Debbie Gonzalez no longer lives in Duval County and so can no longer vote on any issues within EAP.

Website: No website recommendations at this time, but members were encouraged to visit the site.

Diversity of members suggested on Canvassing Board. Kathy Carithers, spoke with someone that was on Canvassing Board in past elections for suggestions. A question was posed asking how the board is determined. Supervisor Holland answered that canvassing is defined by state statute. Leslie Goller volunteered to draft a letter to be sent to the City Council President and Legislature to encourage diversity among the canvassing board. Scott Wiley requested to see a draft of the letter and a draft motion with a later discussion by the EAP to see if it is something the EAP should pursue.

The question was asked, "What is the role of the Election Advisory Panel?" Kathy Carithers responded that the EAP purpose is to give advice and give suggestions on how to better voter registration and elections and then by reading the purpose directly from the charter.

Canvassing Board will meet again in August 2014. There will not be a Canvassing Board meeting for the spring elections.

**Old Business/Updates**

Supervisor Holland gave an update on the status of the Elections Office and pending legislation in the city council.

Kathy Carithers asked if there has been a consideration at looking into building the Monroe Street office up? Supervisor Holland responded it is possible, but would be difficult with making the bottom floor the warehouse space and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor the public

access. In addition he said public parking would be an issue.

Supervisor Holland gave an update on the 10 Supervisor of Elections invited to testify in Tallahassee before the Senate and House committees on elections. Five were “successful” counties and five were “underperforming” counties. Duval was a “successful” example county. The three areas of concern that were consistent among all state supervisors are: Early voting, 1) Need for flexibility of locations (city hall, libraries, etc.). 2) The wording on the ballot 3) Need for new technology like electronic poll books. When asked, Supervisor Holland mentioned the cost has come down for the purchase of electronic poll books and estimated it to be about 1.2 million.

Panel requested a copy of all members’ membership dates.

Kathy Carithers encouraged the panel to adopt a voter registration priority this year. Leslie Goller encouraged it to be that people update their signature and make sure they are registered.

Suggestion to meet once a quarter and then suggested to meet every 2 months and revisit frequency to see if meetings should be quarterly. All agreed.

**Next meeting: March 20th, 3pm.**

**Adjourned at 4:45pm.**

