



HICKORY RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Election Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2026, 6:30 pm via Zoom meeting

Members Present: Celindah Grier, Nemo Lionikis, Wendy Steward and Don Warner. Kathleen Hill's absence was expected.

Staff Present: Laura Mayton

Guests: None

Call to Order: 6:30pm

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Ms. Grier made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lionikis seconded. The agenda was approved unanimously.
2. **Approval of the January 27, 2026, Meeting Minutes:** Ms. Grier made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Steward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Review Candidate Forum Questions:** The Committee discussed the previous year's questions, which were primarily geared toward Columbia Council candidates because that was the only contested election. Ms. Mayton will review previous years' questions and share at the next meeting.
 - b. **Review Candidate Questionnaire:** The members reviewed the previous years' questions for Village Board and Columbia Council candidates. Mr. Warner suggested additional questions. Ms. Mayton will add them and the Committee will do a final review at the next meeting.
4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Report from Village Board Meeting on February 9:** Mr. Warner stated that the Board agreed to use an email address for residents to report questions/concerns to the Election Committee. Mr. Warner informed the Committee that the Board will research and discuss online voting at the next meeting on March 9, 2026.
 - b. **Next Meeting Date:** The next virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30pm.
5. **Action Items:**
 - a. Ms. Mayton will forward Ms. Amari's email regarding online voting to the Committee members.
 - b. Ms. Mayton will send Mr. Loesch's risk register of online voting to the Committee members.
 - c. Ms. Mayton will add Mr. Warner's questions to the questionnaires.
 - d. Ms. Mayton will compile the questions from previous Candidate Forums for the Committee to review.
6. **Adjournment:** 7:16pm