

Minutes  
City of Virginia Beach  
Electoral Board  
June 24, 2020

The Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting was called to order by Lauralee Grim Vice-Chairman at 9:10 AM, Wednesday, June 24, 2020, with Tim Barrow, Electoral Board Secretary present. Chairman D. A. "Al" Ablowich was unable to attend. Also present were Donna Patterson, Director of Elections/General Registrar and Christine Lewis, Deputy Registrar. These minutes constitute the account of proceedings required by the Code of Virginia §24.2-107 and were prepared in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to canvass the vote in the June 24, 2020 Republican Party Primary Election in accordance with the Code of Virginia §24.2-671.

*On a motion by T. Barrow and properly seconded, the agenda was adopted and the minutes from April 22, 2020 and June 19, 2020 were approved.*

The general canvass was recessed at 9:15 AM for the purpose of beginning the provisional ballot canvass meeting. In attendance during the provisional meeting were Bill Curtis, Vice Chair of the Virginia Beach Republican Party, Regan Kirkby representing Taylor for Congress 2020 and Jarome Bell, candidate. The meeting began with Board hearing of James Gleason, a voter raising questions about the provisional voting process and advancing reasons why his vote should be counted. The provisional ballot processing portion of the canvass began with the opening the precinct 1A Envelopes to confirm the number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct and to secure the provisional log setting forth the reason each provisional ballot was cast. The logs permitted the General Registrar's staff to initiate research in order to recommend qualification or disqualification of ballots to the Board. Lauralee Grim and Tim Barrow; Donna Patterson, Christine Lewis and Voter Registration Supervisor Shirley Stanton Registrar staff members and other GR staff participated in this process as did Pam Walizer and others of the Circuit Court staff. By 12:20 PM, it was determined that 4,629 regular provisional ballots and 6 ID-Only provisional ballots had been submitted. Staff research was initiated. This portion of the provisional ballot meeting was concluded.

The general canvass of each precinct reconvened at 12:30 PM. In attendance for this portion of the canvass were Bill Curtis, Jarome Bell, Noel Fritsch and representatives of WAVY-TV, Kayla Gaskins and Scott Blessing. At 12:40 PM the following canvass officials were sworn in: Patrick Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Gwen Holmes, Raymond Newlon, Joseph Bernard, and Gwen Mulholland. Other canvass team members from the office of the General Registrar were Christina White, Annick Koumal, and Stephanie Wiggins. Three teams conducted the canvass: Team #1: Donna Patterson, Christina White, Pat Thomas, and Raymond Newlon; Team #2, Lauralee Grim, Stephanie Wiggins, Gwen Mulholland, and Joe Bernard Team #3: Tim Barrow, Annick Koumal, Mary Ann Thomas

and Gwen Holmes. Also participating were Clerk of Court staff to secure ballots and election records as required by law. At 3:15 PM the teams completed the canvass of the 100 precincts and election officials not required for further work were dismissed with thanks and appreciation.

The canvass reconvened at 3:25 PM with the Electoral Board, D. Patterson, Director of Elections/General Registrar, Laura Kane and Annick Koumal, General Registrar staff, and members of the Circuit Court staff present to canvass the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) results. A total of 3201 absentee ballots were recorded, consisting of 390 in-person and 2811 mail ballots. These numbers included 20 hand-counted ballots. Canvass of the CAP was completed at 4:15 PM. The canvass meeting continued with Electoral Board members T. Barrow and L. Grim and D. Patterson, Director of Elections/General Registrar to discuss other items of business. At 4:30 PM, the meeting recessed until Thursday, June 25.

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At 9:00 AM, Thursday, June 25, 2020, the provisional portion of the canvass meeting reconvened for the Board to consider the results of staff research and determine the qualification of each provisional ballot cast by precinct. In attendance were T. Barrow, L. Grim, D. Patterson, C. Lewis, S. Stanton, C. Logan, and Clerk of the Court staff. At 7:00 PM, the meeting was recessed until 8:30 Friday morning. The provisional meeting was reconvened on Friday, June 26 at 8:30 AM. The meeting recessed at 5:00 PM and reconvened at 8:15 AM on Saturday, June 27 and continued until 11:10 AM when all processing and tabulation of qualified provisional ballots was completed. Of 4635 provisional votes offered on Election Day, 4555 were qualified and included in election results. The remaining eighty (80) provisional votes were disqualified. The names of the qualified provisional voters were recorded in the provisional pollbook within the Virginia Election and Registration System (VERIS). The voters whose votes were disqualified will be notified as to why their votes were not qualified. The meeting was recessed to 3:00 PM Monday, July 29 for the purpose of preparing the abstracts and completing the agenda.

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On Monday, the meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. While waiting for the completion of the Abstracts, the board discussed additional agenda items. Staff provided a detailed explanation of the coding error that impacted pollbook check-in and corrective steps to avoid this problem in the future were outlined. The Abstract of Votes was completed, signed, and copies prepared for submission to The Department of Elections (Elect).

Temporary poll location changes made due to COVID19 building closure were noted. There was a discussion of the need to move 2 precincts (Point O'View 0022 and Brookwood 0077) permanently.

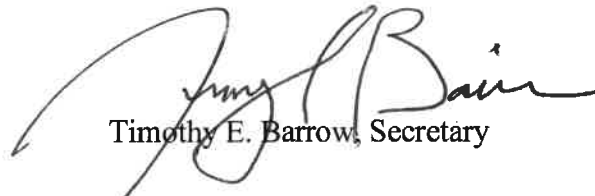
Additionally, potential satellite locations for November were discussed. *The Board on a*

*motion by T. Barrow authorized the staff to finalize the permanent re-location of the 2 precincts noted and determine the status of satellite locations for November. The motion was approved.*

The next meeting of the Electoral Board will be held on Thursday, July 16 at 9 :00 AM.

Having completed its work, the board meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM, Monday, June 29, 2020.

  
Lauralee Grim, Vice Chairman

  
Timothy E. Barrow, Secretary