

City of Virginia Beach
Electoral Board Meeting Minutes
Election Canvass, November 4, 2020
Virginia Beach Convention Center

The Virginia Beach Electoral Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Marks at 9:15 AM, Wednesday, November 4, 2020 with other Electoral Board members present: Lauralee Grim, Vice Chairman and Tim Barrow, Secretary. Also present were Donna Patterson, Director of Elections and General Registrar, and members of the Clerk of the Court staff. These minutes constitute the account of proceedings required by the Code of Virginia §24.2-107 and are prepared in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order 11th Edition.

The purpose of this meeting is to perform the canvass of the vote in the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections in accordance with the Code of Virginia §24.2-671. Other agenda items may be covered.

The following observers were present: Bill Curtis, Chair, Republican Party of Virginia Beach, and Dave Belote, designated representative for the Virginia Beach Democratic Party.

On a motion by L. Grim, the canvass was recessed at 9:18 AM into a closed meeting for the purpose of opening the precinct 1A Envelopes containing the regular provisional ballots so that investigations of the log sheets that set forth the reasons for casting the provisional ballots could begin. The Electoral Board, Director of Elections and staff, and Circuit Court staff began the provisional ballot meeting at 9:20 AM with the following political party representatives present: Bill Curtis and Dave Belote.

Citizens who had been offered provisional ballots at the following precincts spoke individually in the following order to present their reasons for the provisional ballot: Precinct 082, Precinct, 005, Precinct 077, Precinct 005, Precinct 093, Precinct 059, Precinct 051, and Precinct 065. No representatives accompanied any citizen. Electoral Board Secretary Barrow verified information on the Provisional Ballot Envelope which was given to him by a member of the Clerk's staff.

Following meeting with citizens, the Board began reviewing 1A Provisional Ballot Envelopes by precinct. The provisional ballot meeting continued through precinct 30. At 12:45 PM the meeting was recessed. At 1:15 PM the following canvass officials were administered the oath and sworn in: Patrick Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Gwen Holmes. Joseph Bernard, and Gwen Mulholland. Other canvass team members from the office of Voter Registration & Elections were Stephanie Wiggins, Annick Koumal, and Christina White. The three teams conducting the canvass included: Team #1: Jeff Marks, Raymond Newlon, Patrick Thomas and Christina White; Team #2, Lauralee Grim, Stephanie Wiggins, Gwen Mulholland, and Joe Bernard; Team #3: Tim Barrow, Annick Koumal, Mary Ann Thomas and Gwen Holmes. The three teams then began to canvass the results of the 100 Virginia Beach precincts with the assistance of the staff members of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

At 5:30 PM, with 12 precincts remaining, the team members were thanked for their dedicated service and the decision was made for the Electoral Board to complete the last precincts on

Thursday, November 5, after all 1A provisional envelopes had been initially opened. Observers for the canvass included Bill Curtis (chair) from the Republican Party of Virginia Beach and the following representatives from the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee: Holly Edwards (chair), Dave Belote, and Bryan Stephenson.

The canvass reconvened at 9:00 AM, Thursday, November 5, to continue the opening the 1A Envelopes to investigate the reasons for voting the provisional ballots. Observers included Dave Belote of the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee, Dennis Free, Second District Republican Committee Chair and Wyatt Toehike who alternated with Mr. Free.

The order of review was halted so that a citizen from precinct 096 who had a provisional ballot could be heard. Clerk of the Court Sinnen announced that there were court orders to obtain materials needed to complete an accurate recording of the election. She advised Mr. Free and Mr. Belote to notify the appropriate party chairs that items would be opened at 8:30 Friday, November 6, at Building 14.

Following a lunch break, the Board completed the initial provisional review of the 100 precincts and 5 early voting sites. It was determined that 2539 provisional ballots, including 22 ID Only provisional envelopes, had been submitted. Research of the acceptability of each was begun. This portion of the provisional ballot meeting was concluded.

The Board then completed the review of the last 12 precincts paperwork. Assisting the 3 board members was assistant registrar Christine White and Clerk of the Court staff members.

The canvass was recessed at 5:45 PM until 8:00 AM Monday, November 9, 2020 at which time and a review of the Central Absentee Precinct documentation will occur and decisions will be made regarding the 2539 provisional ballots.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM, Monday, November 9 with all 3 Board members, the Director of Elections and her staff, as well as staff from the Clerk of Courts in attendance. The observer in attendance was Dave Belote. During the day Bryan Stephenson alternated with Mr. Belote as the representative for the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee.

The canvass continued with Electoral Board members, Donna Patterson, Director of Elections and Voter Registration, Laura Kane and Annick Koumal from the Voter Registration & Elections staff, and staff from the Clerk of the Courts. The Board reviewed the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) election material. Dave Belote was the observer present.

Following the review of CAP and a lunch break, the Board began to make decisions regarding provisional ballots. Each precinct Envelope 1A was opened and the eligibility for counting the enclosed provisional ballot was determined. Each outside envelope was marked to indicate accept or reject. Envelope B was opened, and the ballot prepared for counting. Staff from both offices assisted in this process. Two DS200 scanner/tabulators were used to tabulate all accepted ballots. Joining the meeting were additional members of the Voter Registration & Elections staff who assisted in operating the DS200.

With a dinner break, canvass of the provisional continued until 9:45 PM. The canvass was recessed until 9:00 AM Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

The canvass reconvened at 9:05 AM Tuesday to complete the review of provisional ballots. The processing for the provisional ballots was completed at 12:30 PM and the canvass was recessed for a brief break. Brian Stephenson was the observer for the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee.

Of the total of 2539 provisional votes offered on Election Day, 1594 were found to be properly registered to vote which is 62.78% of total provisional ballots offered. This included a total of 22 ID Only provisional ballots offered, of which 6 were determined to be valid as the voter had subsequently presented a copy of an acceptable form of identification. The meeting recessed for lunch.

The names of eligible voters have been recorded in the provisional precinct poll book, their vote counted, and included in the election results. The remaining 945 individuals were found to be disqualified, and therefore deemed ineligible to vote a provisional ballot. These voters will be notified as to why they were not qualified to vote in this 2020 Virginia Beach General Election. The Statement of Results was prepared, and the provisional vote count was entered into VERIS. The processing of the provisional ballots was completed at 3:00 PM and the canvass was recessed.

Beginning at 4:30 PM, the Abstract of Votes was completed, signed, and copies prepared. The Director of Elections uploaded copies of the Abstracts to the Department of Elections for review.

A tentative date of November 23 was established for the next meeting of the Electoral Board. Members will review schedules and the meeting time will be announced with the date.

Having completed its work, the board meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM, Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

On November 11, the Virginia Beach Director of Elections and Registration received notice that the Abstracts needed to be updated. The update was accomplished on November 12 and board members signed the updated Abstracts. The Director of Elections submitted the updated Abstracts to the Virginia Department of Elections.

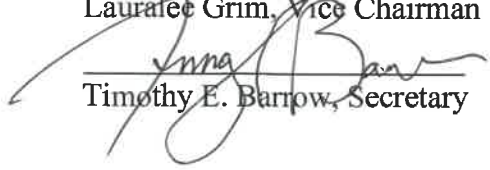
The next Electoral Board meeting was set for Monday, November 23, 2020, at 10:00 AM.



Jeffrey Marks, Chairman



Laurelee Grim, Vice Chairman



Timothy E. Barrow, Secretary