

MINUTES  
Fairfax County Electoral Board  
June 13, 2018

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, to receive the election materials necessary to canvass the returns and ascertain the results of the Democratic and Republic Primary Elections held on June 12, 2018. Chairman Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chairman Bettina M. Lawton, Secretary Katherine K. Hanley, Election Manager Eric Spicer, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. Rovers and Office of Elections staff were also present to conduct the Canvass.

Mr. Hunt called the Canvass to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced the Board. The Board and the General Registrar then unsealed Room 319.1 and 317.2 containing the election materials. The provisional ballots were given to the General Registrar for research purposes.

Mr. Spicer reviewed the County's emergency evacuation plan for the Canvass. The Canvass teams will begin with the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (CD) and all the statement of results (SORs) from the 10<sup>th</sup> CD will be double-checked after the first Canvass team's examination. Corrections to the SORs should be made in red and initialed by the Canvass team. Missing election officer signatures on any election material should be noted on a canvass call sheet. Any issues or problems regarding the Canvass should be brought to the Board. Staff reported that 55 provisional ballots were cast.

At 12:00 p.m. the Electoral Board began the provisional part of the Canvass as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653 to allow voters casting provisional ballots in the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republic Primary Elections to present any information that might prove they are qualified, registered voters in the precinct where they cast their provisional ballot. There were no authorized representatives for any candidates. No voters appeared to defend their provisional ballot, therefore, Mr. Hunt recessed the provisional ballot meeting subject to the call of the Chair, as permitted by Virginia Code § 24.2-653.

The Canvass teams and the Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon. Conference Rooms 2 and 3 were then locked. At 1:00 p.m. the conference rooms were reopened, and the Canvass resumed.

At 3:00 p.m. the Canvass concluded for all 243 precincts, as well as the Central Absentee Precincts (CAP) in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts. Staff reported that there will be 55 provisional ballots to adjudicate. Approximately 16 voters cast provisional ballots because they did not have an acceptable form of photo ID.

At 3:17 p.m. Mr. Hunt recessed the Canvass until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018.

Friday, June 15, 2018  
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Meeting

At 12:37 p.m. the Electoral Board reconvened the provisional part of the Canvass.

Mr. Hunt moved that the Board enter into a Closed Session for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so. Other than appropriate staff and legal counsel of the Electoral Board, attendance at this meeting shall be permitted for the persons whose provisional votes are being considered with their legal counsel, if present, as well as one authorized representative of each candidate, as specified in §24.2-653(B). Without objection, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board entered into Closed Session at 12:38 p.m.

At 1:07 p.m. the Board concluded the Closed Session. Mr. Hunt moved that the Fairfax County Electoral Board certify that in the Closed Session just concluded, the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as permitted by Virginia Code § 24.2-653, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hunt moved that **23** of the 55 Provisional Ballots entered on the Master Provisional Ballot Log for the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **qualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The Provisional Ballot Log shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass for the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hunt moved that **32** of the 55 Provisional Ballots entered as rejected on the Master Provisional Ballot Log for the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **disqualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The Provisional Ballot Log shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass of the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

The Board approved a total of **23** provisional ballots on Friday, June 15, 2018. One of the provisional ballots was accepted by a vote of 2:1 with Mr. Hunt voting nay.

The Board then opened and scanned the qualified provisional ballots (**2** in the Republican Primary, 8<sup>th</sup> CD; **7** in the Republican Primary, 10<sup>th</sup> CD; **8** in the Republican Primary, 11<sup>th</sup> CD; and **6** in the Democratic Primary, 10<sup>th</sup> CD). The Board then completed the Statement of Results for the qualified provisional voters in the Democratic and Republican Primaries in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts.

The Board then certified the election results for the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Party Primaries, and signed the abstracts. All paperwork will be submitted to the Department of Elections by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018. Pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-612, one set of the official ballots, marked as VOID, will be sent with the abstracts. A second set, also marked VOID, will be retained with the archived election material in the Office of Elections.

Ms. Hanley commented that but for the issues that occurred in some of the schools, including changing the voting location at the last minute; voting locations with no wi-fi access;

voting locations too small to accommodate the voting equipment, election officers, and the required ADA access; not deactivating the entrances used for voting nor posting school personnel to operate these doors, Election Day would have run without incident. Ms. Hanley credited the Office staff for quickly and effectively addressing these problems.

Ms. Lawton made a motion that there being no further business, the Board conclude the June 12, 2018, Democratic and Republican Party Primaries. By a vote of 3-0, and without objection, the Board adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Attachments

---

Stephen M. Hunt, Chairman

---

Bettina M. Lawton, Vice Chairman

---

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary

This page intentionally left blank.