

MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
June 9, 2021

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, in Conference Rooms 2/3 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 Party Primary Election held on June 8, 2021. 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. In addition, rovers, and Office of Elections (Office) staff were present to conduct the Canvass. Gregory Brandon was the representative for Irene Shin (Candidate, 86th House of Delegates).

Mr. Hunt called the Canvass to order at 9:00 a.m., introduced the Board, and welcomed the Canvass workers. He thanked everyone for a well-run, issue-free election.

Mr. Spicer explained that the Canvass will be divided into two phases. In the first phase, the teams will compare the statement of results (SORs) to the machines tapes and the call-in sheets for all precincts. After the completion of this round, the administrative review phase will begin to check for missing signatures, documents, etc. This change will allow the official results to be ascertained more quickly. All corrections to the SORs should be made in red and initialed by the Canvass team and brought to the immediate attention of the Board. Any issues or problems regarding the Canvass should also be brought to the Board. The Chief's Notes will be set aside for Board review.

The first phase of the Canvass was completed at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Canvass teams recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. The doors were secured, and at 12:30 p.m. the conference rooms were re-opened, and the second phase of the Canvass began.

At 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 232, the Electoral Board convened the provisional part of the canvass as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653 to allow voters casting provisional ballots in the June 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election, to present any information that might prove they are qualified, registered voters in the precinct where they cast their provisional ballot. There were no provisional voters. There were no authorized representatives. Mr. Hunt recessed the provisional ballot meeting subject to the call of the chair.

At 3:15 p.m. the Canvass concluded for all 243 precincts. Staff reported that there will be **282** provisional ballots to adjudicate.

At 3:30 p.m. Mr. Hunt recessed the Canvass. The Canvass will reconvene at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.

Friday, June 11, 2021
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Meeting

At 3:23 p.m. in the Electoral Board Conference Room, the Electoral Board reconvened the provisional part of the canvass as required by Va. Code § 24.2-653 to allow voters casting provisional ballots in the June 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election, to present any information that might prove they are qualified, registered voters in the precinct where they cast their provisional ballot.

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 political party or independent candidate, as specified in §24.2-653(B). The motion passed by a vote of 3-0, and the Board moved into Closed Session at 3:24 p.m. There were no authorized representatives.

At 4:15 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 **171** out of the 282 Provisional Ballots entered as qualified on the Master Provisional Ballot Log be **accepted and counted** 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 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hunt moved that **111** out of the 282 Provisional Ballots entered as disqualified on the Master Provisional Ballot Log be **rejected** 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 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

The Canvass of the Central Absentee Precinct concluded at 5:00 p.m.

The Board qualified a total of **171** provisional ballots distributed as follows for the three congressional districts (CD); 96 in the 11th CD; 25 in the 10th CD; and 50 in the 8th CD.

The Board completed the Statement of Results for the qualified provisional voters in the 8th, 10th, and 11th CDs for the June 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election.

The Board then certified the election results for the June 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election, and signed the abstracts. All paperwork will be mailed to the Department of Elections by Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Ms. Lawton moved that there being no further business, the Board conclude the June 8, 2021, Democratic Party Primary Election. By a vote of 3-0, and without objection, the Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attachments

Stephen M. Hunt, Chairman

Bettina M. Lawton, Vice Chairman

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary

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