

MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
November 7, 2016

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met on Monday, November 7, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 315 at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Chairman Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chairman Seth T. Stark, Secretary Katherine K. Hanley, General Registrar Cameron Glenn Sasnett, Deputy Registrar Gary Scott, Election Manager Judy Flaig, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. Jim Lyle representing the Fairfax County Republican Committee (FCRC); John Farrell, member of Fairfax County Democratic Committee (FCDC) also were in attendance. Ed Kemon and David Boddie also attended the Electoral Board meeting.

Mr. Hunt called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and introduced himself, Vice Chairman Stark and Secretary Hanley. Mr. Hunt called for a motion to approve the November 7, 2016 meeting agenda. Ms. Hanley moved to approve the agenda and by a vote of 3-0, the agenda was adopted.

Mr. Hunt asked for a motion to appoint 102 election officers (36 Democrats, 19 Independents, and 47 Republicans) for a term ending February 28, 2018. Ms. Hanley moved to adopt and by a vote of 3-0, the Board appointed 102 (36 Democrats, 19 Independents, and 47 Republicans) individuals to serve as election officers for a term ending February 28, 2018. Ms. Hanley thanked the political committees for their cooperation in the election officer approval process.

Mr. Sasnett explained that the canvass will begin at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 on Wednesday, November 9. The provisional ballot meeting will begin at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 9. The tentative schedule for adjudication will be Friday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 p.m., Monday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. The Board will be in recess on Saturday, November 12. The provisional ballot envelopes will be copied and all subsequent research will utilize these copies so that the actual ballots will remain secured until after each adjudication meeting has taken place. Provisional voter information will be provided to the parties in batches with the first release planned for 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9. Additional releases will occur approximately at noon and 5:00 p.m. on subsequent days until completed. Provisional voters may appear at any time prior to the certification of the election to offer additional information regarding the qualifications of their ballot.

Mr. Hunt asked if the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be available through the holiday weekend to provide research support. Mr. Sasnett responded that DMV has indicated it will be staffed and ready to offer assistance through the holiday weekend.

Mr. Farrell raised the issue of how Chief Election Officers will manage curbside voters, specifically should a request for curbside voting receive any kind of priority for

processing? Mr. Sasnett commented that there is no provision in law to allow a curbside voter to “go to the front of the line” when they arrive at their polling location, however, during training the Chiefs were asked to use their best judgement on the most appropriate process for checking in and processing curbside voters. The Chiefs are not expected to immediately assist a curbside voter but they should process curbside voters as expeditiously as possible. The Board agreed that this instruction should be clarified to the Chief Election Officers at their first call-in on Election Day. Additionally, the Board asked that the curbside process use two election officers even though Virginia Code allows for only one election officer when a printed ballot is used.

Mr. Kemon asked what data is on the memory stick that is removed from the scanners after the close of polls. Mr. Sasnett answered that the USB contains the tabulation of results, a log of all activity, and digital images of all the ballots. Mr. Kemon asked if the images of the ballots were public information and Mr. Sasnett replied that because the images are exact copies of the voted ballots, they cannot be publically released and can only be inspected by authorized individuals [as specified under § 24.2-669.]

The authorized Democratic observers for the Central Absentee Precinct will be Brian McConville and Barry Kime. The Republican observers have not yet been determined.

There being no further business, Ms. Hanley made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried, and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Attachments

Stephen M. Hunt, Chairman

Seth T. Stark, Vice Chairman

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary