

MINUTES
Fairfax County Electoral Board
June 14, 2017

The Fairfax County Electoral Board (Board) met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 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 13, 2017. Chairman Stephen M. Hunt, Vice Chairman Seth T. Stark, Secretary Katherine K. Hanley, General Registrar Cameron Glenn Sasnett, Election Manager Judy Flaig, and Clerk to the Board Beth Dixon Methfessel were present. Also in attendance were visitors from Red Deer, Canada, to observe the operation of the canvass. In addition, rovers and Office of Elections staff were present to conduct the Canvass.

Mr. Hunt called the Canvass to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced the Board. Mr. Hunt then welcomed the Canvass workers. He explained a staff member inadvertently broke one of the seals on Conference Room 315. The staff member did not enter the room. He thanked all the election officials for their outstanding effort in conducting a smooth and efficient election. Mr. Hunt asked that Congressman Scalise and four others be kept in prayer as they were involved in a shooting earlier in the morning.

The Board and the General Registrar then unsealed Conference Room 315 containing the election materials. The provisional ballots were given to the General Registrar for research purposes.

Ms. Flaig reviewed the County's emergency evacuation plan for the Canvass. All the statement of results (SORs) 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. Any issues or problems regarding the Canvass should be brought to the Board. Staff reported that approximately 140 provisional ballots were cast.

Mr. Hunt informed the Canvass that a writ has been issued by the Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court calling for a Special Election for At-Large School Board Member on August 29, 2017.

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 13, 2017, 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 representative for any candidates. **One** voter presented information regarding her 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 12:01 p.m.

The Canvass teams 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.

Mr. Hunt recessed the provisional ballot meeting subject to the call of the Chair, as permitted by Virginia Code § 24.2-653.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

At 4:15 p.m. Mr. Hunt recessed the Canvass. The doors to Conference Rooms 2 and 3, as well as Conference Room 315 and Room 319.1 in Suite 323 containing the provisional ballots and other election material, were locked and sealed by the Electoral Board until the Canvass reconvenes at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017.

Thursday, June 15, 2017
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Meeting

At approximately 9:05 a.m., the Electoral Board reconvened the Canvass and unsealed Conference Rooms 2 and 3, as well as Conference Room 315 and Room 319.1. No authorized representatives of the political parties were present.

At 11:30 a.m. the Canvass concluded for all 243 precincts, as well as the Central Absentee Precincts (CAP) in the 8th, 10th, and 11th Congressional Districts. Staff reported that there will be 148 provisional ballots to adjudicate. Approximately 21 voters cast provisional ballots because they did not have an acceptable form of photo ID. Staff sent 2 requests for additional research to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

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 12:50 p.m. There were no authorized representatives.

At 1:19 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 69 of the 69 Provisional Ballots entered on the Master Provisional Ballot Log 1A, for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **qualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The Provisional Ballot Log 1A shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hunt moved that 54 of the 55 Provisional Ballots entered as rejected on the Master Provisional Ballot Log 1B, for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **disqualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The other 1 provisional ballot (1944) was an ID Provisional and was removed for adjudication until Friday, June 16, 2017 at 12:00 noon. The Provisional Ballot Log 1B shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hunt recessed the Canvass. The Canvass will reconvene at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017.

Friday, June 16, 2017
Reconvened Canvass and Provisional Ballot Meeting

At 9:00 a.m. the Electoral Board reconvened the provisional part of the Canvass.

Mr. Hunt moved that the Board enter into a Closed Session to discuss specific personnel matters, as permitted by Va. Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1), including the annual review of the General Registrar (Va. Code § 24.2-109.1); and 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). Without objection, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board entered into Closed Session at 9:09 a.m.

At 12:25 p.m. the Board concluded the Closed Session. Chairman Hunt read the following statement:

“In accordance with *Virginia Code* § 2.2-3712(D), I am asking the Secretary of the Electoral Board to conduct a roll call vote to certify that to the best of each member’s knowledge that (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were conducted in the closed meeting and (ii) only such public business as was identified in the motion for the closed meeting, by which the closed meeting was convened, was heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting of the Electoral Board. That roll call vote shall be recorded and included in the minutes of the Electoral Board.”

Secretary Hanley then called the roll for the vote on the above statement:

Voting Yes: Chairman Hunt
Vice Chairman Stark
Secretary Hanley

Mr. Hunt moved that **3** of the 3 Provisional Ballots entered on the Master Provisional Ballot Log 2A, for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **qualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The Provisional Ballot Log 2A shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hunt moved that **19** of the 19 Provisional Ballots entered as rejected on the Master Provisional Ballot Log 2B, for the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections be **disqualified** for the reasons determined by a majority vote of the Electoral Board. The Provisional Ballot Log 2B shall be retained and incorporated into the Minutes of the Canvass of the June 13, 2017, Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

The Board approved a total of **72** provisional ballots on Friday, June 16, 2017.

The Board then opened and scanned the qualified provisional ballots (6 in the Republican Primary, 8th CD; 3 in the Republican Primary, 10th CD; 5 in the Republican Primary, 11th CD; 18 in the Democratic Primary 8th CD; 9 in the Democratic Primary, 10th CD; 31 in the Democratic Primary 11th CD). The Board then completed the Statement of Results for the Democratic and Republican Primaries in the 8th, 10th, and 11th Congressional Districts.

The Board then certified the election results for the June 13, 2017, 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 16, 2017.

Mr. Stark, with the Board concurring, again praised staff for its preparation, attention to detail, organization and effort in conducting the election and the Canvass.

Mr. Stark made a motion that there being no further business, the Board concluded the June 13, 2017, 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

Seth T. Stark, Vice Chairman

Katherine K. Hanley, Secretary