

Northumberland County, Virginia
Electoral Board
Minutes

Date: November 3 & 5, 2021	Chair: Austin Schmidt	Present
Start: 12:30 PM, Nov 3	Vice Chair: Ed Johnson	Present
Adjourned: 4:30 PM, Nov 5	Sect: Joe Schlatter	Present

The Northumberland County Electoral Board met on November 3, 2021, to canvass results of November 2, 2021, General Election. All members were present; General Registrar was available on call.

Representatives of political parties were present:

- Marion Cockrell, Chair, Northumberland County Republican Committee
- Joseph Rosenthal, Observer, Democratic Party of Virginia

The Board had met in closed session earlier on November 3 to review circumstances of seventeen provisional ballots cast in Nov 2 election. Decision on counting provisional ballots will be in Board meeting, 12:00 Noon, Friday, November 5.

Agenda

- Comments on conduct of November 2 General Election
- Other business
- Canvass

Comments on conduct of November 2 General Election

Hart Verity Scanner

Some scanners were observed to be erratic in processing ballots. Scanners seemed to become slower as more ballots were processed, then, scanner would reboot itself and speed up. Board will contact Hart to discuss.

Comments on Precinct Chiefs

- Pct 1: Cindy Marsten likely to continue.
- Pct 2: Caroline McKenney likely will resign.
- Pct 3: James Coates asked that he not continue as Chief. Board will ask Lynn Balderson.
- Pct 4: Barbara K. will continue.
- Pct 5: Sandy Saxer stated she will resign.

Phones for curbside voting

- Pct 1: Cindy Marsten okay with using her cellphone
- Pct 2: Church phone not available; need to solve.
- Pct 3: Church phone not available; need to solve.
- Pct 4: No cell phone service. Need to check on using church phone.
- Pct 5: Fire house phone worked, can continue to use.

Ballot record report

Two precincts listed returned absentee ballots as SPOILED, which threw off their ballot count. Need to cover this in training.

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Other business

Board membership: Election of Republican governor will change make-up of Board. Vice-Chairman Ed Johnson said he will leave Board on January 1, 2013 making vacancy for second Republican party member.

Apple Business Management System: Prior to Nov 2 election KnowINK advised Registrar and Board that we must enroll in ABMS to simplify KnowINK upgrades to PollPads. Board advised KnowINK we would enroll after the Nov 2 election. Board and Registrar will complete ABMS enrollment before end of November.

Canvass

Board retrieved Envelopes 1A, 2, and 5 from Clerk's Office.

Board reviewed for each precinct: SOR; Printed Return Sheet; Pollbook; Ballot Record Form; Seals; Oath of Office. Findings listed below by precinct.

PRECINCT 0101; CALLAO VFD

Printed pollbook present.
Two copies SOR, one copy Printed Return Sheet present: correct.
Ballot Record Report correct.
Oath of Office properly signed.
Seal Records completed.
No discrepancies found.

PRECINCT 0201; St. STEPHENS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Printed pollbook present.
Two copies SOR, one copy Printed Return Sheet present: correct.
Ballot Record Report correct.
Oath of Office properly signed.
Seal Records completed.
No discrepancies found.

PRECINCT 0301; FAIRFILEDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Printed pollbook present
Two copies SOR, one copy Printed Return Sheet present: correct.
Ballot Record Report correct.
Oath of Office properly signed.
Seal Records completed.
No discrepancies found.

PRECINCT 0401; WICOMICO CHURCH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Printed pollbook present
Two copies of SOR not signed. Assistant Registrar will call all Officers of Election to come in and sign SORs.

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No PollPad pollbook summary attached to SOR. Board will open PollPads, print summary, attach to SORs.

Inaccurate Ballot Record Report. Surrendered absentee ballots had been counted as spoiled ballots; error corrected; Ballot Record Report was correct.

Incident report: Error in entering Jr. and Sr. in PollPad; error was corrected on the spot when discovered.

Oath of Office properly signed.

Seal Records completed.

PRECINCT 0501; FAIRFIELDS VOLUNTEEFIRE DEPARTMENT, REEDVILLE STATION

Printed pollbook present

Two copies SOR, one copy Printed Return Sheet present: correct.

Ballot Record Report correct.

Error: Precinct Chief did not sign Oath of Office as official administering oath. Assistant Registrar contacted, she will come in immediately and sign.

Seal Records completed.

No other discrepancies found.

At 2:00 PM meeting was suspended until 12:00 Noon, Friday, November 5, at which time Board will meet to:

- Accept/reject provisional ballots
- Accept/reject late-arriving absentee mail-in ballots.
- Complete required reports.
- Submit Abstracts.

Electoral Board resumed suspended meeting at 12:00 Noon, November 5.

Agenda

Consider Provisional ballots

Consider late-arriving mail-in absentee ballots

Prepare required reports

All Electoral Board members present. General Registrar available on call. No members of public present; no political party representatives present.

Provisional Ballots

Registrar provided Board with results of research into status of voters who cast provisional ballots. Board accepted ten of 17 provisional ballots.

Ballot #	Decision	Reason; remarks
1-1; 1-2; 1-3; 1-4; 1-5; 1-6	ACCEPT	All six provisional ballots were cast because voter stated had requested mail-in absentee ballot; did not have, or, did not receive. Research showed issued, not returned for all six.
3-1	REJECT	Registered in Essex County
3-2	REJECT	Not citizen; did not respond to letter requesting citizenship status.

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Ballot #	Decision	Reason; remarks
4-1	ACCEPT	Returned mail-in AB unopened
4-2	ACCEPT	AB issued, not returned
4-3	REJECT	Registered in Powhatan
5-1	ACCEPT	AB issued, not returned
5-2	REJECT	Registered in Hanover County
5-3	REJECT	Removed from voting rolls by Court order
5-4	ACCEPT	Registered voter in Northumberland County; error at precinct, should not have voted provisional ballot
5-5	REJECT	Not registered
CAP-1	REJECT	Registered in Williamsburg

Total provisional ballots cast: 17
Accepted: 10
Rejected: 7

Late-arriving mail-in absentee ballots

None to consider.

Complete required reports

Board completed and submitted to Dept of Election:

- Results
- Turnout report
- Abstract

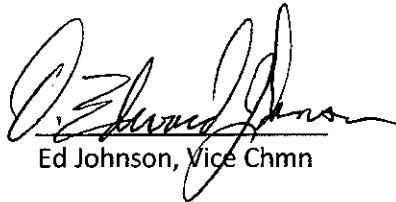
All reports were accepted.

Board will set date for December meeting before end of November.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM, Nov 5.



Austin Schmidt, Chmn



Ed Johnson, Vice Chmn



Joe Schlatter, Secretary