

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: JoAnn Clark, Chair  
JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair  
Ralph Orzo, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:10 A.M. Ralph Orzo made the invocation.

Board welcomed local party chair Linda Schulz (D), Mirchelle Enright, Jackie Chatmon, Emily Cullen, and Bob Toner.

At 11:15 Vice Chairman then moved that the Electoral Board of Northampton County convene in closed session pursuant to section 24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the November 3, 2020, election was qualified to do so, and that Terrence Flynn, General Registrar, and the observers listed above, as specified in section 24.2653 (B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Vice Chairman reconvened the meeting at 11:20 and moved that the Electoral Board of Northampton County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by §24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chair suggested waiting until noon on Friday, November 6, when all the provisional ballots would be ready to judge together. By the Friday noon deadline voters would have had the opportunity to provide ID, or the Voter Registration staff would have determined if the voter had already voted an absentee ballot by mail.

Board then proceeded to conduct the canvass of votes for the November 3, 2020, General and Special Elections.

Board then recessed at 12:40 p.m. until noon, Friday, November 6, when all the provisional ballots would be ready to vote on.

Board reconvened at 12:15 p.m. Friday, November 6 to complete the canvass of the November 3, 2020 General and Special Elections. Linda Schulz and Bob Toner were in attendance.

At 12:16 p.m. Vice Chairman then moved that the Electoral Board of Northampton County convene in closed session pursuant to section 24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the November 3, 2020, election was qualified to do so, and that Terrence Flynn, General Registrar, as specified in section 24.2653 (B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 1, Precinct 0101, Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 1, Precinct 0101, Voter #2 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 1, Precinct 0101, Voter #3 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 2, Precinct 0201, Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the submission of a valid ID be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 2, Precinct 0201, Voter #2 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 2, Precinct 0201, Voter #3 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 2, Precinct 0201, Voter #3 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 2, Precinct 0201, Voter #5 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 3, Precinct 0301, Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 3, Precinct 0301, Voter #2 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 3, Precinct 0301, Voter #3 provisional ballot being voted by a qualified voter in District 3 be cast. Research determined the voter did not appear in the precinct pollbook because of a spelling error made while updating the voter file at the DMV. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 4, Precinct 0401, Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 4, Precinct 0401, Voter #2 provisional ballot be disqualified because the voter was registered in a different locality. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #2 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #3 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #4 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #5 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #6 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #7 provisional ballot be disqualified because the voter was registered in a different locality. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that District 5, Precinct 0501, Voter #8 provisional ballot being voted by a qualified voter in District 5 be cast. Research determined the voter was erroneously marked in the pollbook as having voted absentee. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman moved that Central Absentee Precinct Voter #1 provisional ballot being qualified by the absence of a mailed absentee ballot by the same voter be cast. All members present voted yes. The motion was unanimously passed.

Board tallied the provisional votes and filled out two copies of Provisional Statements of Results. Board then completed the Canvass.

A certified copy of the Abstracts of Votes is attached hereto and incorporated in these minutes. The Board directed the Secretary to transmit certified copies of the Abstracts of Votes cast to the State Board of Elections, the Administrator of the County of Northampton, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the Town Clerks of Cheriton, Eastville and Nassawadox.

Board then recessed at 3 p.m. until Monday at 10:30 to allow the registrar to make the appropriate changes in VERIS and print out all the abstracts and other paperwork. Consent was unanimous.

Board reconvened Monday to sign paperwork and adjourned at 11:30 am after signing the November 3, 2020 abstracts.

Chairman moved that the Board meet on December 3, 2020, at 10:30 A.M. All present voted yes. Motion was unanimously passed.

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Ralph Orzo, Secretary

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