

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, March 3, 2021 in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair
JoAnne Clark, Secretary

NOTE: There was no Republican member present because one has yet to be nominated by the Republican Party.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:40 A.M. A moment of silence was observed.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on February 4, 2021, having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

On a unanimous vote, Board directed the registrar to order ballots at 80% of the voting population for the June 8 Primary with the possibility to order more should we require. One ballot style will be used throughout Northampton County; 7,500 total ballots will be ordered for this election. There was discussion that we would audit the requests for mailed ballots as a way to determine absentee and general turnout demand.

Registrar shared with the board his responses for the "not met" standards for the MSS compliance survey. These responses are required to be sent to ELECT as part of the MSS Compliance process. Registrar reported that he identified four basic reasons for non-compliance: we were not aware the standard needed to be met; we do not currently have the technical expertise to accomplish the standards; we do not have the funds to accomplish the standards; and we have neither the expertise or the funds to accomplish the standard. The first category we can accomplish in the near future as we understand the compliance standards. The other three categories will be met over the course of years as we acquire the expertise and funds to meet the standards.

Board adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a. m. after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, April 1, 2021.

JoAnn Clark, Secretary

JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair
