

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, August 5, 2021 in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: Dennis O'Hara, Chair  
JoAnne Fitchett, Vice Chair-via teleconference  
JoAnn Clark, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:35 A.M. A moment of silence was observed.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on July 1, 2021, having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Board discussed the being open for Sunday voting. There was discussion that our office is diligent in ensuring that all Northampton voters have a secure and convenient voting experience. It was also noted that Virginia has some of the most robust early voting opportunities in the U.S.A. with forty-five days of in-person voting and a very voter friendly vote by mail program. Also Election Day is now a state holiday. Board and registrar looked at basic data that showed no long or late lines for in person voting. A motion was made by Secretary Clark stating "Northampton Voter Registration will not offer Sunday voting." It was seconded by Chair O'Hara. The motion passed unanimously.

By unanimous vote, Board directed the registrar to order ballots for the November 2, 2021, General and Special Elections at a rate of 100% of registered voters. Registrar will determine the exact number from the September printing of registered voters in Northampton.

Registrar discussed with Board his concerns about a request from a private collection attorney in Florida for the voting registration record of a Northampton Voter. Because of the NVRA, the registrar had to comply with the request, despite misgivings about voter privacy and harassment. Registrar relayed that many localities were receiving requests for hundreds of records. Registrar asked to be allowed to contact our General Assembly members and our Congressional member to see if there might be a legislative action to mitigate this invasion of voter privacy. Board consented.

Board discussed registrar's evaluation process.

Board adjourned the meeting after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30, September 2, 2021.

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JoAnn Clark, Secretary

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