

The Northampton County Electoral Board met on Thursday, September 1, 2022, in the Voter Registration Office in Eastville.

PRESENT: JoAnn Clark, Chair
Mirchelle Enright, Vice Chair
Via telephone: Dennis O'Hara, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:30 A.M. A moment of silence was observed.

The minutes of the Electoral Board meeting on August 4, 2022 having been reviewed by the Board were approved and signed.

Registrar and Board discussed Same Day Registration. All agreed that making these provisional votes and having enough time to research these voters makes it a secure process. There were concerns about already registered voters from other localities around the state switching their registration to Northampton because they happen to be in the county that day and how that would affect especially town races. There was agreement that more information is needed concerning this aspect of Same Day Registration. It was also discussed that the Assistant Chief would likely work with the chief with Same Day Registrations.

Board approved a 100 percent ballot order for the November 8, 2022, General Election and directed the registrar to order accordingly and to split the order between absentee ballots and Election Day ballots at his discretion.

Registrar reported to Board concerning the new poll books to be used in the precincts and the upgrade on the OVO systems. Northampton will switch to a newer, more secure poll book system to comply with state mandates. Registrar reported that our OVO/OVI scanner machines were upgraded to a new operating system as well to comply with state security mandates. Fortunately, the OVO/OVI system will still operate as it has, so machine officers will not need to be trained to a new process.

Registrar discussed the upcoming election schedule and handed out copies for the Board.

Board adjourned the meeting after unanimously agreeing to meet again at 10:30 A.M. on October 6, 2022.

Dennis O'Hara, Secretary
