

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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Nov 8, 2023

Electoral Board Canvas

Members Present:

Shannon Grogg, Chair

John Hartless, Vice Chair

Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests Present:

Christi Linhoss, Registrar

Barbara Lee, Observer for the Staunton Democratic Party

Shannon Grogg called the meeting to order at 10:21am.

Shannon Grogg made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of conducting the Provisional Ballot meeting per section § 24.2-653.01 of the Code of Virginia. Anne Fitzgerald seconded. Motion carried. Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion to end the closed session. The board certified that the only information discussed in the meeting was pursuant § 24.2-653.01 of the Code of Virginia.

Shannon Grogg: So certified

John Hartless: So certified

Anne Fitzgerald: So certified

The Electoral Board conducted the canvass and recorded the following:

At 6am, as the polls were opening, election officers realized that the ballots were not reading. The wrong scanners had been sent to the precincts. The Electoral Board and General Registrar delivered the correct scanners and all were up and running by 6:30am. In the meantime, voters submitted their ballots into the secure lock box at each precinct and party observers were invited to watch the ballots be removed and scanned into the machines. The zero tapes were run in the first precinct the scanners were in, and signed by the election officers in the original precinct the scanner was in. The results tapes were signed by election officers the machine belonged to.

Ward 1:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Total votes cast changed to:
 - State Senate 853
 - House of Delegates 852
 - City Council 827
 - Soil and Water 690
- There were 13 provisional ballots.

Ward 2:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Total votes cast changed to:
 - State Senate 957
 - House of Delegates 959
 - City Council 929
 - Soil and Water 786
- There were 6 provisional ballots.
- There was only one write-in ballot tape printed.
- Incident Report
 - At 5:55 pm a voter submitted their provisional ballot into the scanner in the precinct. There is one overvote and an empty provisional ballot envelope.

Ward 3:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Total votes cast changed to:
 - State Senate 898
 - House of Delegates 899
 - City Council 884
 - Soil and Water 753
- There were 9 provisional ballots.
- Incident Report
 - At 7:30am one of the ballots that had been inserted in the secure ballot box would not read due to a marking on the ballot. The EB reviewed the ballot and all concurred that the intent was clear and the ballot would be hand counted.

Ward 4:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Total votes cast changed to:
 - State Senate 839
 - House of Delegates 843
 - City Council 817
 - Soil and Water 688
- There were 10 provisional ballots.
- The electronic pollbooks did not come online until 6:13am.

Ward 5:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - State Senate 844
 - House of Delegates 846
 - City Council 835
 - Soil and Water 679
- There were 11 provisional ballots.
- The voting scanner went down at 8:20am. The EB brought a spare scanner out to the precinct. The scan disk cards would not read and the machine data had to be restarted. Observers from the campaigns were asked to observe the election officials remove the

ballots from the ballot box, count them to verify the count that was last on the machine, and rescan. They were also asked to observe election officials remove the ballots from the secure box, count ballots and feed them into the scanner. At 10am, the scanner lost power and voter ballots had to be placed into the secure ballot box. Once the power was restored, under watch of the observers, ballots were removed from the secure ballot box and fed into the scanner.

CAP: Early Voting

- There were 10 provisional ballots.
- We have one extra vote on machine. The pollbook officer did not check the voter in.
- Changes: please see the attached Certified Results for the changes

CAP: Absentee Ballots

- There were 2 provisional ballots.
- Changes—please see attached Certified Results for updates.

The board will resume the certification of CAP on Nov 13th, following the CAP meeting.

There were 14 ABs in the Ballot Bags from the precincts. However, 1 was for Augusta County.

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion that the meeting stand at recess until Monday, November 13th. The CAP will meet at 11am to begin processing absentee ballots. The board will reconvene following the completion of CAP. Ms. Grogg seconded. Motion carried.

Board stands at recess.

Monday, November 13th:

Mrs. Grogg called the Board to order at 12:06pm.

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion that the Board go into Closed session for the purpose of reviewing the Provisional Ballots. Mrs. Grogg seconded. Motion carried. Mrs. Grogg made a motion to ended the closed session. The board certified that the only information discussed in the meeting was pursuant § 24.2-653.01 of the Code of Virginia.

Shannon Grogg: So certified

John Hartless: So certified

Anne Fitzgerald: So certified

There were 52 Post Election provisional ballots that were counted. The results are attached. There were 7 ballots that were rejected.

CAP reviewed 54 ballots. 46 ballots were counted and 9 were rejected. The results are attached.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm. The next meeting will be December 6th at 12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board