

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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Thomas W. Long, Chairman

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March 6, 2024

Electoral Board Canvas

Members Present:

Shannon Grogg, Chair

John Hartless, Vice Chair

Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests Present:

Christi Linhoss, Registrar

Shannon Grogg called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

Anne Fitzgerald 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. John Hartless 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:

Ward 1:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were 0 provisional ballots.
- Feedback: Terms in voting machine guidebook are not consistent—specifically referenced the SD card be cartridge. Would like this manual to be updated.

Ward 2:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Total votes cast changed to:
 - Biden from 27 to 77
 - Total Democratic votes cast from 39 to 89
- There were 2 provisional ballots: 1 Republican, 1 Democratic
- In-poll absentee ballots:
- Feedback: Voting machine guide setup, battery issues with scanners, asked for shorter shifts, enjoyed the team, and said well-organized.

Ward 3:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were 2 provisional ballots: 2 Democratic
- Feedback: Ran smoothly, very organized, worked well together. Suggests that there be more setup the evening before.

Ward 4:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There was 1 provisional ballot: 1 Republican
- Feedback: Chief and Asst Chief were courteous, knowledgeable, patient, and professional. Teamwork was great. Liked seeing the EB throughout the day. Said there was some pushback on open primaries and having to choose a ballot. Would like to see signs for check in table and ballot table. The receipt printer would not work with 2 laptops. We will need to look into this prior to the next election.

Ward 5:

- Statements of Results were reviewed.
- Changes:
 - Haley from 289 to 156
 - Total Republican Votes Cast from 422 to 289
- There were 2 provisional ballots: 1 Republican, 1 Democratic

There were 8 absentee ballots brought into the Wards, 1 was from Augusta County.

CAP: Early Voting

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There was 1 provisional ballot: 1 Democratic

The board will resume the certification of CAP on March 8th, following the CAP meeting.

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion that the meeting stand at recess until Friday, March 8th. The CAP will meet at 10am to begin processing absentee ballots. The board will reconvene following the completion of CAP. Mrs. Grogg seconded. Motion carried.

Board stands at recess.

Friday, March 8th:

Mrs. Grogg called the Board to order at 11:58am.

Mrs. Grogg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Fitzgerald made a motion that the Board go into Closed session for the purpose of reviewing the Provisional Ballots. Mr. Hartless 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 7 Post Election provisional ballots that were counted. The results are attached. There were 2 ballots that were rejected.

CAP: Absentee Ballots

- Statements of Results were reviewed. Updates:
 - Ward 2 updates to include
 - Biden to 50
 - Ramaswamy 1
 - Total Republican increased to 39
 - Total Democratic increased to 55
 - Total Ward 2 increased to 94
 - Total Voted to 466

Friday mail in absentee ballots were reviewed by CAP 38 ballots on March 8th. 31 ballots were counted and 7 were rejected. The results are attached.

- - Ward 1
 - 3 Biden
 - 2 Phillips
 - 2 Trump
 - Ward 2
 - 1 Williamson
 - 3 Biden
 - 1 Trump
 - Ward 3
 - 3 Biden
 - 4 Trump
 - Ward 4
 - 7 Biden
 - 3 Trump
 - Ward 5
 - 1 Biden
 - 1 Trump

Notes for Training:

Casting Blank Vote

Running closing of election with paperwork

Print receipt tape pollbook summary and attach to Pollbook summary form at beginning and end.

Notes for GR:

Envelope 2A

Adding rejected ballot count to CAP statement of results

Election night envelopes remaining sealed

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald

Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board