

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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June 18, 2024

Electoral Board Canvass

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 7:20pm.

The Board received election materials from the Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs and reviewed paperwork for signatures. Ballots and paperwork were secured overnight.

The canvass stands in recess until 10am, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Mrs. Grogg called the meeting back to order at 10:02am.

The Board reviewed the Officer of Election Feedback forms.

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.
- There were no incidents.
- Feedback: There was no feedback

Ward 2:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There was 1 provisional ballot.
- Three were no incidents.
- Feedback: There was no feedback.

Ward 3:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were no provisional ballots.
- There were 2 in-person absentee ballots returned.
- Feedback: Was an excellent day. Request to be on Jason's team again.

- Incident report:
 - One couple who recently moved to Staunton checked in and wanted SDR (although they registered at the DMV). They realized it was a Republican Primary and opted not to vote. Ballots were spoiled.
 - Voter was upset that poll worker at ballot machine insisted they vote with the ballot up. The voter said the election officer looked at their ballot. The Chief apologized to the voter and explained to all officers that ballots can be read no matter which way they are placed into the machines.

Ward 4:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There was 1 provisional ballot.
- Feedback: Would like paper to track curbside voting. Like the new signs. Request to make sure laptops are charged. Would like extra privacy screens for November. Would like the ballot cards for November in case the receipt printer goes down. Would like to emphasize in upcoming trainings about professionalism and not joking around—especially about political things. Liked the end of day sheets marked with corresponding envelopes. Would like signs for check-in up on the table.
- There were no incidents.

Ward 5:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes.
- There were no provisional ballots.
- Feedback: Learned a lot from Ben and Jason. Would like to take longer breaks and be able to leave on slow election days.
- There were no incidents.
- There were 2 absentee ballots brought into the Wards.

CAP: Early Voting

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were no provisional ballots.
- There were no incident reports.

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.

Mrs. Grogg made a motion to ended the closed session. Mr. Hartless seconded. 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 was 1 Post Election provisional ballot counted. The results are attached. There was 1 ballot that was rejected.

Mrs. Grogg made a motion that the meeting stand at recess until Friday, June 21st. 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, June 21st:

Mrs. Grogg called the Board to order at 11:38am.

CAP: Mail-In Absentee Ballots

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were no provisional ballots.
- There were no incident reports.
- 4 mail-in absentee ballots were reviewed by CAP. 4 ballots were counted. The results are attached.

The EB set the following meeting dates:

- July 29 at 4pm
- September 11 at 5pm
- September 25 at 5pm
- Local Candidate Training September 25 at 6pm
- October 9 at 5pm
- Officer Training October 23 at 12pm and 5:30pm
- Officer make-up training October 26 at 10am
- Election Canvass November 5th at 7:30pm
- Provisional ballot meeting November 6th at 12pm
- Election Certification November 12th at 5pm

Notes for Training:

Hand counting ballots (curbside)

Running closing of election with paperwork

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald

Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board