

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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November 6, 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 7:30pm.

The Electoral 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 12pm, Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Mrs. Grogg called the meeting back to order at 12:07pm.

The Board reviewed the Officer of Election Feedback forms.

The Board conducted the canvass and recorded the following:

Ward 1:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. See attached statements for adjustments.
- 1431 voters checked in, 1430 ballots were cast on the machine, 1 hand count.
- There were 101 provisional ballots.
- There were 2 mail in absentee ballots returned.
- Incident Report:
 - An inactive voter during check-in was accidentally flagged. Mrs. Linhoss will make sure there are no record issues.
 - Pollbook issues at start; used paper pollbook for first 5 minutes.
- Voter Feedback
 - Have magnifiers at each of the individual voting stations or on the ballot table.
- In-person ballot found in absentee ballot bag. Board hand counted ballot.
- Officer Feedback: There was no feedback.

Ward 2:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There were 63 provisional ballots.
- Incident Report:
 - Count was off b/n pollbook and machine; likely voter wasn't checked in.
 - Voter was concerned their vote did not count because they couldn't hear the bell ring. Voter was given information to contact the city.

- Officer Feedback:
 - Good team, worked together well, Ben and Dan fantastic
 - want more training on check-in process
 - envelope sealer
 - well organized, appreciative of Christ UMC hospitality
- There was 1 in-person absentee ballot returned.

Ward 3:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. See attached statements for adjustments.
- There were 51 provisional ballots.
- There were 3 mail in absentee ballots returned.
- Officer Feedback:
 - More opportunities for coffee or food
 - Very organized, went smoothly
 - Good team
 - So well run from top to bottom
- Incident Report:
 - Spoiled single-sided ballot was handed to a voter

Ward 4:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. See attached statements for adjustments.
- There were 10 provisional ballots.
- Officer Feedback:
 - Great group, knowledgeable chiefs
 - Would like to know more about early voter turnouts
 - Loved setting up early
 - More info on inactive voters
- Incident Report:
 - Voter checked in, received ballot receipt but didn't get ballot—voter left
 - Voter was upset that only one party had signs at precincts

Ward 5:

- Statements of Results were reviewed. See attached statements for adjustments.
- There were 103 provisional ballots plus 2 others who voted ballot on machine against instructions.
- Incident Report:
 - 2 voters filled out SDR and against instruction, cast their ballot in machine
 - Checked in provisional for inactive but was able to activate and voted on machine
 - Voter did not return ballot for SDR and assumption is it was put in machine

CAP: In-Person

- Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.
- There are 91 provisional ballots.
- Incident report:
 - Deputy Registrar pulled up a voter but forgot to check person in; GR was able to rectify.
 - Pollbook software shut down and voter was not checked in; GR was able to rectify.

The canvass stands in recess until 9am, Tuesday, November 12.

The Canvass resumed at 9:22am.

CAP: Mail In

- Statements of Results were reviewed. See attached results for changes.

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.

Mr. Hartless made a motion to ended the closed session. Ms. Fitzgerald 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 were 393 provisional ballots that were counted. The results are attached. There were 28 provisional ballots rejected. See the attached statements of results for the updates.

Notes for post-mortem: Neutral Observers need to be preauthorized by the Board. Election Protection sent out observers this election without preauthorization. Election Protection also put out signs that did not have the appropriate authorization. Mrs. Grogg had a conversation with a representative from Election Protection. Vote here signs will be labeled for each precinct. Provisional ballot assistant chief an excellent addition.

The EB set the following meeting dates:

- November 20 at 2:30pm, RLA
- December 11 at 4pm, Board Meeting
- January 15 at 4:30PM, Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board