



CITY OF STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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April 21, 2026

Electoral Board Canvass

Members Present:

Shannon Grogg, Chair
Dinah Ryan, Vice Chair
Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests Present:

Christi Linhoss, Registrar

Shannon Grogg called the meeting to order at 7:45pm.

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 3pm, Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Mrs. Grogg called the meeting back to order at 3:07pm on April 22, 2026.

The Board reviewed the Election Officer feedback forms. The buzzer in Ward 3 presented issues. Quick training on ringers/do not disturb for the precinct cell phones.

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 15 provisional ballots.

There was 1 ID confirmation statement.

There were 0 mail in absentee ballots returned.

Incident report:

- Voter was sharing ballot with a child and a worker said something. The voter was upset but balloted.

Officer Feedback:

- Good team

Ward 2:

Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.

There were 10 provisional ballots.

There were 4 ID confirmation statements.

There were 2 mail in absentee ballots returned.

Incident Report:

- Voter was concerned that ballot wouldn't be properly spoiled.
- Child locked in car, SFD rescued.



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Ward 3:

Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.

There were 6 provisional ballots.

There were 0 mail in absentee ballots returned.

Incident report:

- Scanner and 1st manual search did not work on a voter; were able to find before provisional cast.

Officer Feedback:

- Good team.

Ward 4:

Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes.

There were 9 provisional ballots.

There was 1 mail in absentee ballots returned.

Incident Report:

- Voter wanted to know voter ID law.
- Voter was confused and couldn't remember address, she was in the wrong precinct.

Ward 5:

Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes in vote totals.

There were 16 provisional ballots

There were 2 voter ID confirmation statements

There were 3 mail in absentee ballots returned.

Incident Report:

- A voter had been checked in, but it was her sister who had voted.
- Voter called for curbside voting, but election officials did not hear the phone ring. Voter came inside.

Officer Feedback:

- Want more training on absentee ballots.
- Want more training on precinct cell phones.
- Good team.

CAP: In-Person

Statements of Results were reviewed. There were no changes.

There were 5 provisional ballots.

There were 8 ID confirmation statements.

Incident report:

- There were no incident reports.

The Canvass stands in recess until Monday, April 27, 2026 at 2:30pm.



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The Canvass resumed at 2:30pm on Monday, April 27, 2026.

CAP: Mail In

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

There were 10 mail in absentee ballots rejected.

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.

Mrs. Ryan 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

Dinah Ryan: So Certified

Anne Fitzgerald: So certified

There were 55 provisional ballots that were counted. There were 6 provisional ballots rejected.

Notes for post-mortem:

- Larger envelope 8
- Add cell phone training
- Envelope training for chiefs & assistant chiefs
- Run through a mock election and emphasize looking at screen/ID prior, not parroting back what voter says.
- Emphasize that we had to reject provisional ballots based on 1) SDR wrong precinct and 2) voter showed up in books as voting on election day.
- Fold the provisional ballots and have voter seal envelope

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2026 at 3pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Fitzgerald
Secretary, City of Staunton Electoral Board