



OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL BOARD GENERAL REGISTRAR

City of Fairfax

March 2 and 4, 2016 Electoral Board Meeting



PRESENT:

Richard Herrington, Secretary; Dean Thomas Ross, Vice Chairman; John Harold, Chairman; Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections/General Registrar; Gayle Kok, Deputy Registrar; Nancy Tingen, Chief Deputy Registrar; and Mr. Curt Wagner, representative of the City of Fairfax Democratic Committee.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in the Sisson House. The Secretary made the following motion:

“I move that the Electoral Board of the City of Fairfax convene in Closed Session pursuant to section § 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and I also move that the General Registrar, the Deputy General Registrar, the Assistant General Registrar, and any authorized representatives of candidates or political parties, as specified in section § 24.2-653(B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board.”

The Vice chairman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The General Registrar provided research on 16 of the 20 provisional ballots cast. The General Registrar asked for additional time to research the remaining four (4) ballots.

At 11:14 a.m. the Secretary moved that the Canvass be convened in Open Session. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Secretary made the following motion:

I move that the Electoral Board of the City of Fairfax certify that in the Closed Session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by section § 24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Vice Chairman seconded the motion. When the question was called:



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Position	Name	Vote
Secretary	Richard Herrington	Yea
Chairman	John Harold	Yea
Vice Chairman	Tom Ross	Yea

At 12:14 p.m. the Secretary moved that the Canvass recess until 1:00 p.m. The Chairman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Canvass reconvened at 1:06 p.m. The Board voted unanimously to accept the votes of the following:

Rubaat Ali
Grant Burgess
Lynette Fadness
Robert Leins
Derek Poteet
Alice Rood
Pamala Stark

The Board determined unanimously that the following voters were not qualified to vote:

Astrid Ansah
Elisabeth Brewer
Tiffany Camp
Marko Capayachi
Rita Muldon-Laccone
Audra Parker
Andrew Rogin
Christopher Schaefer
Michael Scheimer
Jennifer Scott
John Vintilescu

The Board continued to verify available election results. At 2:24 p.m., the Secretary moved that the Canvass recess until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016. The Chairman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



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March 4, 2016

PRESENT:

Richard Herrington, Secretary; Dean Thomas Ross, Vice Chairman; John Harold, Chairman; Brenda Cabrera, Director of Elections/General Registrar; Gayle Kok, Deputy Registrar; Nancy Tingen, Chief Deputy Registrar; and Mr. Curt Wagner, representative of the City of Fairfax Democrat Committee.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Sisson House. The General Registrar was asked to report on the results of research and the final numbers of used, unused and late ballots.

The General Registrar reported:

1. CAP results on used and unused ballots; there were 97 Democrat ballots and 31 Republican ballots; the unused ballots were placed in the appropriate envelope.
2. Late Ballots: The General Registrar reported nine (9) ballots were received in the mail after the March 1, 2016 deadline. Those ballots were placed into the appropriate envelope.
3. The General Registrar was waiting for additional information on two voters (NO ID provisional ballots).

The General Registrar asked the Board to consider the size and line spacing of the May 3, 2016 ballot for City races (Mayor, City Council and School Board). Using a standard size ballot (8½"x11") and conventional spacing (double space), the ballot would have to be printed on both sides to display all races; all races could be however be placed on one side only if single spacing was used. The vendor used to print ballots for the City indicated an 8½"x14" (legal size) ballot could be printed using double space and all races would fit on one side. Discussion followed. After considering the advantages and disadvantages of a standard or legal size ballot, a motion was made by the Chairman that City ballots be printed on 8½"x14" (legal size) paper using double spacing. The Vice Chairman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 11:07 a.m. the Board took a short recess.

The Board reconvened at 11:39 a.m. The General Registrar stated preparation of the necessary documentation for the election and Clerk of the Court was near completion. There was discussion of possible modifications to existing Board and General Registrar procedures which could improve the process. At 12:05 p.m. the Board was informed acceptable identification for the two NO ID Provisional voters was not received. The Board determined unanimously that the following voters were not qualified to vote:



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Patricia Davenport
Eleanor Bryant

The Board proceeded tallied the provisional votes for inclusion in election results.

The Board stood in recess until 2:30 p.m. to allow the General Registrar time to complete various documents.

The Board reconvened at 2:21: p.m. The Secretary reminded the Board that § 24.2-107 of the Code of Virginia required that each electoral board conduct an organizational meeting in March of each year. The Secretary moved that nominations for the positions of Secretary, Chairman and Vice Chairman be opened. The motion was seconded by the Vice Chairman and approved unanimously. After significant campaigning and discussion, the Vice Chairman nominated Richard Herrington for the position of Secretary, the Secretary nominated John Harold for the position of Chairman, and the Chairman nominated Tom Ross for position of Vice Chairman. The Chairman moved that nominations be closed. The Secretary seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The Vice Chairman moved that Richard Herrington be appointed to the position of Secretary, that John Harold be appointed to the position of Chairman, and that Tom Ross be appointed to the position of Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by the Chairman and approved unanimously.

The General Registrar provided completed election certification forms for the Board to sign. All necessary forms were signed by the Board. The Secretary made arrangements for carrying the election (Primary) materials to the Clerk of the Court.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Herrington, Secretary
City of Fairfax Electoral Board