

VOTER REGISTRATATION AND ELECTIONS

City of Fairfax September 13, 2017 Electoral Board Meeting and Canvass



Brenda F. Cabrera Director of Elections General Registrar Electoral Board
Secretary: Richard Herrington
Chairman: Dean Ross
Vice Chairman: Curt Chandler

PRESENT:

Richard Herrington, Secretary; Tom Ross, Chairman; Curt Chandler, Vice Chairman; Brenda Cabrera, General Registrar/Director of Elections; Nancy Tingen, Deputy General Registrar; Mary McDaniel, Chief Officer of Election, Precinct Five; and Ms. Samantha Buckley, representative of ELECT.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. At 10:14 a.m., the Vice Chairman moved that the Canvass be convened in closed session pursuant to § 24.2-653.B of the Code of Virginia to evaluate the eligibility of provisional voters for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional ballot at the Election was qualified to do so, and also that the General Registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates or political parties, as specified in § 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 motion was seconded by the Chairman and discussion followed; the General Registrar/Director of Elections stated one person was present who wished to speak with the Electoral Board. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously. All individuals not authorized to be present left the room.

At 10:30 a.m., upon a motion made by the Vice Chairman and seconded by the Chairman and unanimously approved by the Electoral Board, the Electoral Board adjourned the provisional ballots meeting until notified by the General Registrar that additional provisional ballot information was available.

At 10:31 a.m., the Vice Chairman moved the Electoral Board of the City of Fairfax certify that in closed session just concluded, the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by § 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, and that the Vice Chairman's motion be approved in open session. The Chairman seconded the motion. When the question was called, the motion passed unanimously:

Roll Call Vote:

Name:	Position:	Vote:
Dean Ross	Chairman	<u>Aye</u>
Curt Chandler	Vice Chairman	<u>Aye</u>
Richard L. Herrington	Secretary	<u>Aye</u>

The provisional meeting consisted of the review of all provisional ballots by precinct and the qualification of each voter that cast a provisional ballot. There was a total of three (3) provisional ballots; two (2) were related to registration and one (1) was an ID Only provisional ballot.



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The Electoral Board continued the Canvass. Returns of all precincts were ascertained, precinct by precinct; it was determined a few signatures were missing from the SOR of one precinct and steps were immediately taken to locate the applicable officers of election to effect signing of the documents.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m., agreeing to reconvene the Canvass when the General Registrar announced the receipt of the ID ONLY Provisional ballot.

At approximately 3:45 p.m., the General Registrar reported to members of the Electoral Board that the one outstanding ID Only provisional voter had presented acceptable identification to the General Registrar's Office.

The meeting reconvened at 4:04 p.m. to continue the Canvass.

The Electoral Board voted on the qualifications of three (3) provisional ballots; the two (2) provisional ballots with registration questions were determined not qualified to vote. The ID Only provisional voter was determined to have presented an acceptable form of identification and was qualified to vote.

Votes of the eligible provisional ballots were cast and tallied following the procedures prescribed in the GREB Handbook, Chapter 17, Provisional Ballots. The results were included in the required documents; voted and counted ballots were placed in a new #3 "counted ballots" envelope and empty green envelopes from qualified voters were returned to their respective precinct's 1A envelope; for persons determined not qualified to have their votes counted, the unopened green envelopes were marked disqualified and returned to their respective precinct's 1A envelope and marked accordingly.

All envelopes were sealed, dated and signed by the Electoral Board. At 4:30 p.m. the General Registrar began the preparation of the necessary abstracts and certification documents and stated she would immediately affect the entry of the provisional ballot information into VERIS. The General Registrar also asked if the Board desired to adjourn until the next day or wait while the necessary documents were prepared. At 4:31 p.m., the Electoral Board took a 15-minute break.

At 4:46 p.m. the Electoral Board was presented with certification documents by the Genera Registrar and completed its work to certify the election. The Electoral Board discussed delivery of the documents and decided the Secretary would deliver the election documents to the Clerk of the Court on Thursday September 14, 2017.

The Canvass and provisional ballot meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Richard L. Herrington, Secretar

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