

Norfolk Electoral Board

Minutes of the General Election Canvass, November 4, 5, 10, & 11 2020

Present:

H. Michael Ziegenfuss (Chair), Atoy Carrington (Vice Chairwoman), Michael Khandelwal (Secretary), Stephanie Iles (Director of Elections & General Registrar)

Observers Present:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020: Linwood Fisher (DPVA Voter Protection Liaison for Norfolk), Bob Brown (Chairman of the Norfolk Republican Party)

Thursday, November 5, 2020: Linwood Fisher (DPVA Voter Protection Liaison for Norfolk)

Others Present:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020: Jamilah LeCruise (Secretary, Virginia Electoral Board)

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The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:10 a.m. by Mr. Ziegenfuss in Courtroom 5-C in the Norfolk Circuit Court to canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election and to consider the Provisional Ballots cast.

Approval of Minutes from the October 30, 2020 Electoral Board Meeting:

Ms. Carrington moved to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2020 meeting. Mr. Khandelwal seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the meeting.

Research of Provisional Ballots:

Nine hundred fifty (950) Provisional Ballots were issued on November 3, 2020, which included six (6) ID-only Provisional Ballots. Mr. Khandelwal's motion to direct the staff of the Office of Elections to research the qualification for each voter was seconded by Ms. Carrington. The Board unanimously approved the motion, and the Provisional Ballots were placed in the custody of Yetta Wilkins, Elections Assistant IV.

Election Canvass, Day One (11/4/2020):

The Board began the canvass of the election.

After a lunch break, the Board continued its review of the election results.

Mr. Khandelwal moved to recess the meeting until November 5, 2020 at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 5-C in the Norfolk Circuit Court, at which time the Board would continue the canvass of the election. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carrington and carried unanimously. The Board recessed at 4 p.m.

Election Canvass, Day Two (11/5/2020):

The Board re-convened at 10:15 a.m. on November 5, 2020 in Courtroom 5-C in the Norfolk Circuit Court to continue to canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Mr. Khandelwal moved to recess the meeting until November 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of Norfolk's City Hall, at which time the Board would continue the canvass of the election and complete the canvass of the Provisional Ballots cast on Election Day. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carrington and carried unanimously. The Board recessed at 12:52 p.m.

Election Canvass, Day Three (11/10/2020):

The Board did not reconvene as planned because of technical difficulties and connectivity issues with the state database. Calls to the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections by Mr. Ziegenfuss went unanswered and unreturned. Therefore, the Board decided to meet the next available day to complete the canvass.

Election Canvass, Day Four (11/11/2020):

The Board re-convened at 2:48 p.m. on November 11, 2020 in the 5th Floor Conference Room of Norfolk's City Hall to continue to canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election.

The canvass of the forty-nine (49) precincts (including the Absentee Precinct) was completed.

The Board canvassed the nine hundred fifty (950) Provisional Ballots issued on Election Day. The Registrar presented the results of the research on each voter's qualification.

Of the Provisional ID-only Ballots, four (4) persons did not present a valid ID by the required deadline. Of the remaining Provisional Ballots, one hundred two (102) Provisional Ballot were found to be from a voter who was not registered to vote; fifty-two (52) were from voters who were registered in a jurisdiction other than Norfolk; and fourteen (14) were from voters who attempted to vote in the wrong precinct.

Ms. Carrington made a motion to not count the four (4) Provisional ID-only Ballots from the voters who did not present a valid ID by the required deadline, which was seconded by Mr. Khandelwal and carried by a unanimous vote of the Board. Ms. Carrington then made a motion to not count the one hundred two (102) Provisional Ballot from voters not registered to vote, which Mr. Khandelwal seconded. The vote of the Board was unanimous. In addition, Ms. Carrington moved to not count the fifty-two (52) Provisional Ballots of the voters that were registered in another jurisdiction; the motion was seconded by Mr. Khandelwal and passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. Further, a motion was made by Ms. Carrington to not count the fourteen (14) were from voters who attempted to vote in the wrong precinct. Mr. Khandelwal seconded the motion which was then carried unanimously by the Board.

Of the remaining seven hundred seventy eight (778) Provisional Ballots, voters of the two (2) remaining Provisional ID-only Ballots presented an ID before the required deadline; twenty four

(24) Provisional Ballots were from members of the military or their dependents who registered to vote on Election Day or were from persons who were found to be eligible registered voters on Election Day; and seven hundred fifty two (752) Provisional Ballots were from Absentee voters who either did not receive an Absentee ballot or did not have one to surrender at the Precinct, and research showed that the Norfolk Office of Elections did not receive their marked ballot in the mail.

Ms. Carrington moved to accept the two (2) Provisional ID-only Ballots from the voters who presented an ID before the required deadline. Mr. Khandelwal seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously. Ms. Carrington then moved to accept the (24) Provisional Ballots members of the military or their dependents who registered to vote on Election Day or were from persons who were found to be eligible registered voters on Election Day. The motion was seconded by Mr. Khandelwal and was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. Ms. Carrington further moved to accept the seven hundred fifty-two (752) Provisional Ballots from voters who did not receive their Absentee Ballot and the Norfolk Office of Elections did not receive their marked ballot in the mail. The motion was seconded by Mr. Khandelwal and was passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The Board counted the seven hundred seventy-eight (778) approved Provisional Ballots and completed the Provisional Ballot Certification Form.

The Abstracts were printed and signed by each Board member before the Board Secretary signed and sealed five (5) additional copies. The Results Certification Checklist was also prepared and signed by Ms. Iles and Mr. Khandelwal, then sent, along with an attested copy of the Abstracts, to the Virginia State Board of Elections electronically.

Mr. Khandelwal moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Carrington. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Khandelwal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Khandelwal, Secretary
November 11, 2020