

Norfolk Electoral Board Minutes

Presidential & Local Elections Canvass, November 6-15, 2024

Present for Election Canvass Day One – November 6, 2024.

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

The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Norfolk Courthouse, 150 St. Paul's Blvd., Courtroom 5C to canvass the November 5, 2024 General & Special Elections and to consider Provisional Ballots cast. Observers were present in the courtroom. One voter attended to provide information regarding a Provisional Ballot cast on Election Day.

Ms. McKay motioned to release the Provisional Ballots to the custody of Ms. Yetta Wilkins, Deputy IV, and the Norfolk Office of Elections to begin preliminary review and research for the Electoral Board. Mr. Ziegenfuss seconded the motion. The motion to release the Provisional Ballots to the Office of Elections was passed unanimously.

The Board began the canvass of the forty-eight (48) precincts that participated in the election.

After a brief lunch, the Board re-convened and completed the canvass of the remaining precincts.

Ms. McKay moved to recess the meeting until such time as the Director of Elections & General Registrar, Stephanie Iles, finished researching and reviewing the provisional ballots and the Central Absentee Precinct had completed their post-election process. The canvass will resume in the Norfolk Office of Elections, 810 Union Street (City Hall), Suite 100 on Friday, November 15th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ziegenfuss and carried unanimously. The Board recessed at 1:37 p.m.

Present for Election Canvass Day Two – November 15, 2024

Atoy Carrington (Chair), Marianne McKay (Vice Chair), H. Michael Ziegenfuss (Secretary), Stephanie Iles (Director of Elections & General Registrar), and Rosanna Bencoch (Deputy Director of Elections & Deputy Registrar). Observers: Jeannie Sylvia, Carlos Clanton (candidate) and his assistant.

The Board re-convened on Friday November 15, 2024, at 12:28 p.m. in the Norfolk Office of Elections to complete the canvass of the November 5, 2024, General & Special Elections.

Mr. Ziegenfuss moved that the Norfolk Electoral Board greatly appreciated the hard work the Registrar and her staff did for this Election. Ms. Carrington seconded, and the motion passed 2-1 with Ms. McKay abstaining.

The canvass of the Central Absentee Precinct results for Early Voting (CAP EV), Absentee by Mail (CAP AB), and Post-Election (CAP PE) were completed.

Ms. McKay questioned the Provisional canvass process. Ms. Iles reviewed how the process is completed and the Board's certification.

Ms. Iles presented the provisional ballot research and findings to the Norfolk Electoral Board. Seven hundred (700) Same Day Registration Provisional ballots were cast during the early voting period. Three-thousand eight-hundred and twenty-three (3,823) Provisional ballots were cast on Election Day, of which three-thousand six-hundred and sixteen (3,616) were Same Day Registration. After review, it was determined that of the 4,523 total Provisional Ballots cast:

- Twenty-five (25) ballots were cast in the wrong locality,
- One hundred and seventy-one (171) were cast in the wrong precinct
- Two-hundred and twenty (220) ballots were for individuals either not registered or ineligible

Ms. Iles recommended counting the four-thousand one-hundred and seven (4,107) remaining Provisional Ballots of which:

- One hundred ninety-three (193) were cast due to no absentee ballot being surrendered at the polling place by the voter when a ballot had been issued

- Nine (9) ballots were inadvertently issued due to Pollworker error as the voter was correctly listed within the precinct and eligible to vote
- Three-thousand nine-hundred and five (3,905) Same Day Registration Ballots were for voters who were properly registered and in the correct precinct.

Mr. Ziegenfuss motioned that the board accept Ms. Iles' recommendations for the 4,107 Provisional Ballots to be counted. Ms. Carrington seconded, and the motion passed 2-1 with Ms. McKay rejecting.

The elections staff removed the eligible ballots from the Provisional envelopes and scanned the results for tabulation. The Board reviewed the Provisional ballot totals.

Ms. Iles entered the results into the election night reporting system. The totals were announced for observers present. Abstracts were completed and signed by the Board. The Abstracts and Election Results Certification Checklist were submitted electronically to the Virginia Department of Elections.

The Board scheduled the next meeting for Wednesday, 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for the Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) of the November 5, 2024 U.S. Senate Race to be held in the Norfolk Circuit Court Clerk's Conference Room located at 150 St. Paul's Blvd., 7th Floor.

Mr. Ziegenfuss motioned to adjourn the meeting & Ms. Carrington seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



H. Michael Ziegenfuss, Secretary
November 15, 2024