

James City County Electoral Board

Meeting of Wednesday - Friday, November 6-8, 2019
Building Conference Room
Office of Voter Registration and Elections, 5300 Palmer Lane

Tom Gee, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:18 a.m., Wednesday, November 6, 2019. Others attending were Perry DePue, Vice Chair; Kay Cheves, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, Director of Elections/General Registrar; and Sheila Lohr, Deputy Director of Elections.

The main purpose of this meeting, which stretched over three days, was a canvass of the results in the General Election held on November 5, 2019. The meeting began on Wednesday, November 6, and was completed on Friday, November 8, 2019. The canvass was carried out in accordance with Virginia law and election policy.

The main business of the Board on Wednesday was a canvass of the 20 precincts, including the Central Absentee precinct. At 1:30 p.m. a hearing was held in closed session for any provisional voters who wished to address the Board. The hearing was opened; no persons appeared for the hearing; the hearing was closed. Provisional voters have a right to present an adequate ID any time up to noon on Friday following the election, so the Board kept the meeting open until Friday afternoon to deal with the provisional ballots.

The EB recessed for lunch at 1:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:45 to review provisional ballots. Following the provisional ballot review, the EB reviewed several other items related to the November election and the upcoming March and June primaries. Training sessions for the March and June primaries will be held for Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, and new Elections Officers only. The Page Program was discussed and generally considered to be a success. Ms. Cheves moved we approve Ms. Moorman's recommendation that the ballot order for the March primary be 60% of the registered voters. Mr. DePue seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous vote. The EB recessed at 4:30 p.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 8.

On Friday, the Board reconvened at 11:15 a.m. to consider the provisional ballots. Provisional Voters without a photo ID may present a photo ID until noon on Friday; none of these voters presented a photo ID. On recommendation of the Director of Elections, the Board unanimously approved 29 provisional ballots that met requirements for voting. After counting them, they were added to the votes in the 20 precincts. With these changes, the unofficial results became the official results of the General Election.

There was a brief discussion about the mileage incurred when visiting precincts and the Elections Office. On recommendation of staff, the EB unanimously agreed to request reimbursement for 125 miles for this election and for all future elections. The Board recessed for lunch at 1:22 and reconvened at 3:30 p.m.

With the official results in hand, the Director of Elections and her staff produced the final set of abstracts to file with the Virginia Board of Elections. After checking the abstracts to make sure the numbers were consistent with the official results, Board members signed the abstracts, completing the process. The Board commended Ms. Moorman, Ms. Lohr and the rest of the staff for their hard work and a successful election.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2019. A copy of the official statement of results is attached to these minutes.

Kay Cheves
Secretary