

JAMES CITY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Second Floor Conference Room

Office of Elections, 4095 Ironbound Road

Williamsburg, Virginia

Call to Order - Dot Matthews, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Others attending were Curtis Stoldt, Vice Chair; Kay Cheves, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, Director of Elections/General Registrar; Chief Deputy Coordinator; and one observer.

1 - Approval of Minutes - Dr. Stoldt moved approval of the Draft Minutes of the September 10, 2024, Regular Meeting. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.

2 - Director of Elections/General Registrar Monthly Report

- **Early Voting**
 - o James City County has 66,074 registered voters, one of the highest per capita in Virginia. As of 9:35 a.m. today, 9,099 people have voted at the Vote Center. The average wait time to check in is 23 seconds.
 - o At least two precincts will need to be split or moved after this election: Stonehouse B and Roberts B. The Virginia Code states precincts must be split if 4,000 people in that precinct vote on Election Day.
- **Ballot Preprocessing**
 - o There are 2,126 marked ballots to scan today, the first day of preprocessing.
 - o Preprocessing of returned ballots will take place each Tuesday in October and Friday, November 1, from 9a.m. - 4 p.m. (or until all ballots have been processed).
- **MOTION: Newly Appointed Election Officers (EO)** - After the EB reviewed the list of Election Officers appointed since September 1, 2024. Dr. Stoldt moved the Election Board accept the list of Election Officers appointed since September 1, 2024. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous vote.
- **Canvass** - Canvass will begin on Wednesday, November 6, at 11 a.m. The Provisional Hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the Provisional Hearing is to make sure voters who have cast a provisional ballot have a chance to be heard. The Provisional Hearing is closed to the public; only party representatives are permitted to observe.
- **Election Interference** - A video with misinformation about Absentee voting is being circulated nationwide. Authorities have been informed of the situation and OE have been instructed on how to handle any situation that might arise.

3 - Preparations for Election Day

- **Overview** - Things are going very well and the staff is far ahead in planning for the November 5th Election.
- **Office of Election Teams** - There are two teams that are working very well together: Absentee Ballot Crew and Voting Crew.

- **Commendations** - Ms. Moorman had highest praise for the Office of Elections Staff for their hard work and for other James City County Departments who have helped with preparations for the election.
- **Election Officer Lanyards** – Election Officers are being given election lanyards to wear when they are working at the Vote Center and/or a polling place on Election Day.
- **Polling Place Name Change** – The James City County Board of Supervisors is recognizing the new name of the Upward Church polling place, Christ Fellowship Church of Williamsburg, at its meeting tonight. Voters in this precinct have been notified of the new name.

4 - Public Comment – The observer informed the EB that the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is providing free transportation to all polling places on Election Day. They are also placing VOTE EARLY signs on the buses. He also asked why recent EB Minutes have not been posted on the JCC website. Ms. Moorman is looking into this matter.

5 – Other Business – There was no other business.

6 - Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay Cheves
Secretary