

## **JAMES CITY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING**

### **November General Election Canvass**

November 6, 8, 12-14, 25, 2024

First Floor Conference Room

Office of Elections, 4095 Ironbound Road

Williamsburg, Virginia

**Wednesday, November 6:** The James City County Electoral Board (EB) met on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, to begin a Canvass of the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The Canvass was carried out in accordance with Virginia law and election policy. Present were Dot Matthews, Chair; Dr. Curtis Stoldt, Vice Chair; Kay Cheves, Secretary; Dianna Moorman, Director of Elections/General Registrar; and the Chief Deputy Coordinator. One observer was present. Another observer arrived at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Matthews called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The EB commended the JCC Office of Elections staff for their leadership and hard work and for conducting a successful election.

The main business of the Board on Wednesday was a Canvass of the 18 precincts located throughout James City County. The Board went into Closed Session at 1:30 p.m. for the Provisional Hearing to allow voters casting provisional ballots to present information regarding their qualifications to vote in the precinct where they cast their provisional ballot. No provisional voters were present; the Provisional Hearing was closed and the Board recessed at 1:35 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. The EB reconvened at 2:32 p.m. to complete the Canvass of the votes cast in Election Day Precincts, CAP AB, and CAP-EV. The Canvass was completed at 2:55 p.m. Canvass of Provisional ballots and Post-election ballots will be considered on Friday, November 8. The EB recessed at 2:57 p.m. until 9 a.m. on Friday, November 8.

**Friday, November 8:** The Board reconvened the Canvass at 9:02 a.m. Present were Ms. Matthews, Dr. Stoldt, Ms. Cheves, Ms. Moorman, and the Chief Deputy Coordinator. One observer was present. Ms. Cheves moved the Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of considering whether each person who cast a provisional ballot was qualified to do so. Dr. Stoldt seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote. The EB recessed for lunch at 11:00 a.m. until 2:03 p.m. The Board finished consideration of Provisional Ballots at 3:36 p.m. Ms. Matthews moved the James City County Electoral Board certify that the only matters discussed in the Closed Session were the qualifications of provisional voters, as permitted by Virginia Code 24.2I-653. Dr. Stoldt seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Dr. Stoldt moved approval of Election Day Provisional ballots, based on the information we have and taking a final vote on Tuesday, November 12. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote. The EB recessed at 4:16 p.m. until Tuesday, November 12, at 11 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 12:** The Board reconvened the Canvass at 11:00 a.m. Present were Ms. Matthews, Dr. Stoldt, Ms. Cheves, Ms. Moorman, the Chief Deputy Coordinator, and the Absentee Coordinator. One observer was present; another observer arrived at 12:20 p.m. Dr. Stoldt moved approval of all ballots that were preliminarily reviewed today and on Friday, November 8. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion that was approved with a unanimous vote. The EB recessed at 1:54 p.m. until Wednesday, November 13, at 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 13:** The Board reconvened the Canvass at 1:03 p.m. Present were Ms. Matthews, Dr. Stoldt, Ms. Cheves and Ms. Moorman. There were no observers present. At 1:05 p.m. Dr. Stoldt moved we recess until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 14. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion that passed with a unanimous vote.

**Thursday, November 14:** The Board reconvened the Canvass at 9:02 a.m. Present were Ms. Matthews, Dr. Stoldt, Ms. Cheves, Ms. Moorman, and the Chief Deputy Coordinator. No observers were present. With the Official Results in hand, the Director of Elections/General Registrar and the JCC Office of Elections staff had produced the final sets 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, EB members signed the abstracts, completing the Canvass process. A copy of the official Statement of Results is attached to these minutes. The Canvass was completed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

**Monday, November 25:** The JCC Electoral Board met in emergency session on Monday, November 25. Public notice of the meeting was provided on the Board's website at the time the meeting was set and notice was given to the EB members as required by VA Code 2.2-3707(E). The meeting was called to order by Chair Dot Matthews at 5:45 p.m. Also present were Dr. Curt Stoldt, vice chair; Kay Cheves, secretary; Dianna Moorman, Director of Elections/General Registrar; and the Chief Deputy Coordinator. No observers were present. Ms. Matthews moved to reconsider the results of the election and re-open the canvass. Ms. Cheves seconded the motion that was approved by unanimous vote. The Provisional Votes were re-considered and 53 additional votes were added to the number of provisional votes that were cast in the election. These ballots were properly cured prior to the deadline. Dr. Stoldt made a motion to recertify the election with 53 additional ballots added. Ms. Matthews seconded the motion that passed unanimously. With the Official Results in hand, the Director of Elections/General Registrar and the JCC Office of Elections staff had produced the final sets 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, EB members signed the abstracts, completing the Canvass process. A copy of the official Statement of Results is attached to these minutes. The Canvass was completed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The EB will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 15, 2025.

  
Kay Cheves, Secretary