

Norfolk Electoral Board

Minutes of the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections - Canvass November 3 - 9, 2021

Present:

Michael Khandelwal (Chairman), Atoy Carrington (Vice Chairwoman), H. Michael Ziegenfuss (Secretary), Stephanie Iles (Director of Elections & General Registrar), and Rosanna Benchoach (Deputy Director of Elections & Deputy Registrar), and Yetta Wilkins (Election Assistant IV).

Observers Present:

Matthew Criddle (R) everyday, Bob Brown (Chairman Norfolk Republican Party) Wednesday and Tuesday (11/9), Charles Stanton (Chairman, Norfolk Democratic Party) Wednesday and Thursday, and Lisa Grossi (R) Wednesday.

Others Present:

Ms. Glass (Candidate for Norfolk City Council Superward 7) along with 4 campaign staff members.

The Norfolk Electoral Board was called to order on Wednesday, November 3rd at 10:17 a.m. by Mr. Khandelwal in the Courtroom 4C of the Norfolk Courthouse to canvass the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections and to consider the Provisional Ballots cast.

Research of Provisional Ballots:

Two hundred and seventy-eight (278) Provisional Ballots were issued on November 2, 2021. Mr. Ziegenfuss' 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 Mrs. Yetta Wilkins, Elections Assistant IV.

Election Canvass, Day One Wednesday (11/03/2021):

The Board began the canvass of the election.

The Board recessed at 11:44 a.m. for lunch. The Board reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

The Board finished the Canvass of twenty-eight (28) Precincts.

Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to recess the meeting until November 4, 2021 at 9:00 p.m. in the same location, to continue to canvass the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carrington and carried unanimously.

Election Canvass, Day Two Thursday (11/04/2021):

The Board reconvened at 9:09 a.m. on November 4, 2021 in the Courtroom 4C of the Norfolk Courthouse to canvass the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections.

The Board finished the Canvass of fifteen (15) Precincts. Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to recess the meeting until November 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Circuit Court Clerk's Conference Room to continue canvass of the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carrington and carried unanimously. The Board recessed at 11:40 a.m. for the day.

Election Canvass, Day Three Friday (11/05/2021):

The Board reconvened at 9:11 a.m. on November 5, 2021 in the Circuit Court Clerk's Conference Room to canvass the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections.

The Board finished the Canvass of four (4) Precincts and agreed to reconvene on Tuesday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. to complete the canvass of the election.

Election Canvass, Day Four Tuesday (11/09/2021):

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on November 9, 2021 in the First Floor Conference Room of Norfolk City Hall to canvass the November 2, 2021 General & Special Elections and to consider the Provisional Ballots cast.

The Board completed the Canvass of one (1) remaining precinct. The canvass of the Central Absentee Precinct was completed.

The Board canvassed the two hundred and seventy-eight (278) Provisional Ballots issued on Election Day. No Provisional Ballots were cast due to lack of identification. The Registrar presented the results of the research on each voter's qualification. Of the Provisional Ballots cast, forty-six (46) persons voted in the wrong locality, twenty-one (21) persons voted in the wrong precinct, twenty (20) were not registered, one (1) was ineligible, and three (3) were shown as already voted. Ms. Carrington made a motion to not count these ninety-one (91) ballots. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ziegenfuss and passed by a unanimous vote of the Board. Ms. Carrington made a motion to count the one hundred and eighty-one (181) Provisional Ballots cast by persons who did not receive, lost, or cured an absentee ballot and had not voted otherwise and the six (6) Provisional Ballots issued due to Officer of Election error. The Board counted the one hundred and eighty-seven (187) 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) copies. The Results Certification Checklist was also prepared and signed by Ms. Iles and Mr. Ziegenfuss, then sent, along with an attested copy of the Abstracts and voided sample ballots, to the Virginia State Board of Elections electronically.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for Friday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Ziegenfuss moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Ms. Carrington. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by unanimous vote of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Michael Ziegenfuss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "H".

Henry Michael Ziegenfuss, Secretary
November 9, 2021