

Minutes
Powhatan County Electoral Board
November 8, 2017

Canvass of November 7, 2017 Election

Present:

Mrs. Karen Alexander, Director of Elections
Jamie Swemba, Assistant Registrar
Mr. Cecil Jordan, Chair of the Electoral Board
Mrs. Paula Price, Vice Chair of the Electoral Board
Mrs. Jeanie Renger, Electoral Board Secretary

Also Present:

Ms. Jean Gannon, Powhatan County Republican Party Chair

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM. The General Registrar reported that 5 provisional ballots had been cast on Election Day.

Mrs. Price moved that the Electoral Board of Powhatan County convene in closed session pursuant to section §24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and also moved that the General Registrar and Assistant Registrar and the following authorized representatives of candidates or political parties (Announce names directly off of authorization letters), as specified in section §24.2-653(B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. Any one present whose name or title was not just announced in this motion needs to be excused at this time.

On the second of Mr. Jordan, all voted AYE.

The door was closed and the provisional ballots were discussed in precinct order. (There were no provisional voters in attendance.) Mrs. Alexander prepared the provisional ballot log and each ballot was discussed using precinct and ballot log numbers only. It was determined by staff that 2 ballots needed further research.

Mrs. Price moved that the provisional ballots meeting of the Electoral Board of Powhatan County stand adjourned until Monday, November 13 at 12:00 noon.

On the second of Mr. Jordan, all voted AYE.

The Board reconvened in open session. The doors were opened and observers were invited to return.

Mrs. Price moved ***that the Electoral Board of Powhatan County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by §24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.***

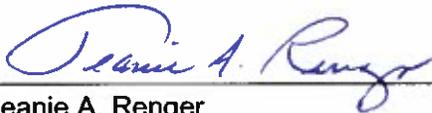
Mrs. Renger provided the second and called the roll:

Mr. Jordan voted AYE
Mrs. Price voted AYE
Mrs. Renger voted AYE

Mrs. Price stated that candidate Lee Ware had entered the polling place at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and had shaken hands and greeted the poll workers and voters in attendance. Mrs. Price thought that such candidate visits should not occur inside the polls and inquired as to what could be done to stop it.

Mrs. Renger said that the State Code of Virginia allowed a candidate to visit their own polling station for 10 minutes or less, but was not sure if it allowed for candidate visits to other polling stations in a district. After a brief review of 24.2-604 of the State Code of Virginia, The Board directed the Registrar to research the question and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.



Jeanie A. Renger
Electoral Board Secretary