

Powhatan County Electoral Board
Canvass of Election for
November 8, 2023

Present:

Nancy Ayers, Chairwoman

Bill Melton, Vice Chairman

Frank Flannagan, Secretary

Karen Alexander, Director of Elections

Guest:

Kathryn Waycaster, Powhatan County Democratic Committee Representative

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

The Director of Elections stated she had received Same Day Registration Ballots and Provisional Ballots from the 12 voting precincts. She also stated that the SDR ballots could not be counted until November 13th because the Virginia Department of Elections needs to have all locality's upload their voting information into the systems to verify that no SDR had voted in another county or city election. The Provisional Ballots were given to the Deputy Registrar to be researched for qualifying details.

Vice Chairman Melton, made a motion that was approved to move into the canvassing of each precinct's vote totals. After completing the canvass, the Electoral Board and Director of Elections moved into counting the write-in votes for the office of District 3 School Board, District 4 School Board, District 4 Board of Supervisor, and District Ten State Senate (all races where there were official write-in candidates).

After completing the write-in count, Vice Chairman Melton moved that the Powhatan County Electoral Board go into closed session from the public, pursuant to section § 24.2.653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering provisional ballots. The motion was seconded.
Ayes 3 Nays 0

Closed session 2:55 pm.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3 :25 pm.

Vice Chairman Melton moved that the Powhatan County Electoral Board certify that in the closed session which just concluded, the only matters discussed were qualifications of the provisional voters, as directed by section §24.2.635 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motions to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Aye 3 Nays 0

Secretary Flannagan made a motion to stand in recess to receive any additional ballots by mail until the 12/noon deadline on November 13th at the Village Building when any additional votes would be counted and all necessary paperwork would be completed.

The motion passed. Ayes 3 Nays 0

Recessed at 3:55 pm.

Monday ~ November 13, 2023

Chairwoman Ayers reconvened the Powhatan Electoral Board into session at 12/noon with all members present along with the Director of Election, Karen Alexander.

Kathryn Waycaster, the Powhatan County Democrat Committee representative was present.

The Electoral Board moved into closed session at 12:20 pm pursuant to § 24.2.653 (B) to review all the mailed in Ballots and the Same Day Registration Ballots. Ms. Alexander stated she had received 10 additional ballots through the mail. Six of the ten ballots met the legal deadline requirements.

The EB reconvened into open session and a motion was made by Vice Chairman that the Powhatan County Electoral Board certify that in the closed session just concluded, the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by section §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.

Secretary Flannagan called the roll.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

The EB then directed the Director of Elections to place the six mail-in ballots along with the Same Day Registration Ballots and Provisional Ballots, totaling 49 ballots into the scanner for counting.

The voting scanner tape was reviewed by the Electoral Board and guest, signed and certified that all ballots had been processed and the final tabulation submitted to the Department of Elections.

All documents were signed and sealed as prescribed by the Code of Virginia.

A motion was made to adjourn the canvass meeting at 5:20 pm.

Ayes 3 Nays 0

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frank L. Flannagan", written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Frank L. Flannagan, Secretary Powhatan Electoral Board