

Northumberland County, Virginia  
Electoral Board  
Minutes; Canvass, General Election, November 7, 2017

Date: November 8, 2017	Chair: Marion Cockrell	Present
Start: 12:30 PM	Vice Chair: Marge Rankin	Present
Adjourned: 4:30 PM	Sect: Joe Schlatter	Present

The Northumberland County Electoral Board met on November 8, 2017, to canvass results of the November 7, 2017, general election.

Present:

Marion Cockrell, Chairman  
Marge Rankin, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Schlatter, Secretary

Kathy Davenport, General Registrar, was available on-call

John Huber, Chairman, Northumberland County Republican Party

No other representatives of candidates or political parties were present. No members of the public were present.

Envelopes 1A, 1B and 2 for all precincts were present.

AT 12:35 PM, Secretary Joe Schlatter made the following motion:

*I move that the Electoral Board of Northumberland County, Virginia, 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 I also move that the general registrar and Mr. John Huber, Chairman, Northumberland County Republican Party, 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.*

AYE: Cockrell, Rankin, Schlatter

NAY: None

The Board then went into closed session to consider provisional ballots cast during the November 7, 2017 general election. Minutes of that meeting are exempt from public disclosure per Code of Virginia § 2.2.3705.1. and are maintained separate from these minutes.

At 12:55 PM the Board returned from closed session to open session. Secretary Joe Schlatter made the following motion:

*I move that the Electoral Board of Northumberland County, Virginia, certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of*

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*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.*

AYE: Cockrell, Rankin, Schlatter

NAY: None

Envelopes 2 for each precinct were opened in order and examined with the following results.

**Precinct 1, Callao Volunteer Fire Department**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.

All documents were properly filed.

One jump drive from the electronic pollbook could not be located. Secretary Schlatter went to the Circuit Court Clerk's office and retrieved envelope 7 for Precinct 1. The jump drive had been placed in that envelope in error; the drive was returned to GR Davenport. Envelope 7 was resealed and returned to the Clerk's vault.

**Precinct 2, St. Stephens Church**

Error: The Statement of Results was correct, however, none of the Officers of Election from the precinct signed the SOR.

Action: All OE from the precinct were contacted and requested to come to the GR office to sign the SOR. All will come today or tomorrow.

Write-in votes were cast in the races for Board of Supervisors and School Board. However, the Board determined that the number of write-in votes did not exceed 5% of the total votes cast for each office and therefore would not be enumerated per Code of Virginia § 24.2-675.

**Precinct 3A, Light of Christ Anglican Church**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.

All documents were properly filed.

See comments for Precinct 3B, Mt. Olive Baptist Church pertaining to write-in votes for Precincts 3A and 3B.

Kathy Davenport, General Registrar

**Precinct 3B; Mt. Olive Baptist Church**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.

All documents were properly filed.

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Write-in votes were cast for the offices of Board of Supervisors and School Board for District 3. In the case of the Board of Supervisors office, write-in votes cast equaled 5% of the total votes cast for that office.

<b>Votes cast - Precinct</b>	<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>Total</b>
Candidate			
James Long	379	204	583
Write-in votes	28	3	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>614</b>
<i>Write-ins as % of total cast for office</i>			<i>5%</i>

A Certificate of Write-In Votes was prepared for District 3, Precincts 3A and 3B; copy attached to these minutes.

**Precinct 4; Wicomico Parish Church**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.  
All documents were properly filed.

**Precinct 5; Reedville Fire Station**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.  
All documents were properly filed.

**Central Absentee Precinct**

No errors were found on the Statement of Results.  
All documents were properly filed.

**City/County Results Report**

The Board then transcribed vote counts from scanner tally tapes onto the City/County Results Report in preparation for preparing the Abstract on November 13.

**Other business**

The Board prepared a turnout report.

CAP was open from 10:00 AM until 8:30 PM. Board decided by 3-0 vote CAP personnel should be paid 2/3 the amount of other Officers of Election who worked 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM or later.

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**Continue canvass**

The Board discussed remaining business:

- Complete consideration of provisional ballots; waiting on two voters who did not present ID at the polls.
- Complete abstract of votes for submission to State Department of Elections.

Board determined there was no need to meet Thursday, November 10. Friday, November 11 is a holiday.

**At 4:30 PM, November 9, 2017, the Board suspended the canvass meeting until 10:00 AM, Monday, November 13, 2017.**

**Board reconvened at 10:00 AM, Monday, November 13, 2017.**

Present:

Marion Cockrell, Chairman  
Marge Rankin, Vice-Chairman  
Joe Schlatter, Secretary  
Kathy Davenport, General Registrar available on-call

No observers present

**Canvass actions completed**

The Board completed the following actions related to the canvass:

- Write-in certification for Precinct 3 Board of Supervisors race
- County/City Results Report

**Provisional ballots**

At 11:55 AM the Board returned to the closed session that had been suspended at 12:55 PM, November 8. Purpose of return to closed session was to consider remaining provisional ballots.

At 12:00 noon the Board adjourned the closed provisional ballot meeting and returned to open session. Secretary Joe Schlatter made the following motion:

*I move that the Electoral Board of Northumberland County, Virginia, 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.*

AYE: Cockrell, Rankin, Schlatter

NAY: None

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The Board reviewed research into provisional ballots and determined to ACCEPT or REJECT provisional ballots as follows. Identification of voters is contained in separate minutes of closed provisional ballot meeting.

<b>Ballot Identifier</b>	<b>Voter who cast provisional ballot</b>	<b>Reason for casting provisional ballot</b>	<b>Findings</b>
	<b>Precinct 1</b>		
1-1	Name redacted.	Not in pollbook	Registered in Fairfax County. <b>REJECT</b>
1-2	Name redacted.	Not in pollbook	Registered in Fairfax County. <b>REJECT</b>
	<b>No provisional votes cast in Precinct 2</b>		
	<b>Precinct 3A</b>		
3A-1	Name redacted.	Not in pollbook	No record of registration. <b>REJECT</b>
3A-2	Name redacted.	No ID	Voter provided valid ID to Registrar, 11/9/2017. <b>ACCEPT</b>
3A-3	Name redacted.	Arrived as polls were closing. Precinct scanner had been closed.	Voter is registered; Precinct Chief stated Officers of Election may have closed scanner early in error. Voter is registered and did present valid ID. <b>ACCEPT</b>
	<b>Precinct 3B</b>		
3B-1	Name redacted.	No ID	Voter returned to precinct, showed valid ID to Chief. <b>ACCEPT</b>
	<b>Precinct 4</b>		
4-1	Name redacted.	No ID	Registrar attempted telephone contact 11/10/17 and 11/13/17; no response. <b>REJECT</b>
4-2	Name redacted.	Voter states he applied for absentee ballot but did not receive ballot.	Registrar's records reflect and absentee ballot was mailed to voter but has not been returned. <b>ACCEPT</b>
	<b>No provisional votes cast in Precinct 5</b>		

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Accepted provisional ballots were removed from green envelopes, placed in locked ballot box; removed from ballot box and counted, results added to County/City Results Report, which was provided to the General Registrar to begin preparation of abstract for submission to Department of Elections.

Rejected provisional ballots remained in sealed envelopes and were returned to respective precinct envelopes 1A along with opened envelopes from accepted provisional ballots and provisional ballot logs.

Copy of provisional ballot logs provided to General Registrar.

Board prepared Provisional Precinct Pollbook and SOR.

**Abstract**

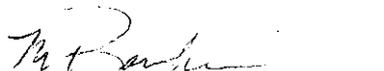
General Registrar prepared abstract; Board approved and signed; GR submitted to Department of Elections.

**Next meeting**

Board's next meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 9:30 AM.

**There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1:00 PM, November 13, 2017.**

  
Marion Cockrell, Chmn

  
Marge Rankin, Vice Chmn

  
Joe Schlatter, Secretary