

Meeting Minutes of the Sussex County Electoral Board

June 9, 2021

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting was to canvass the votes of the June 8 Democrat Primary election and to evaluate provisional ballots.

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Sussex County Electoral Board was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of the Registrar of Sussex County by the Board Chair, LaVerne Ford.

Roll Call:

LaVerne Ford, Electoral Board Chair
Ronald Hicks, Electoral Board Vice Chair
Al Peschke, Electoral Board Secretary

It was determined a quorum was established and the meeting properly convened. Also present were:

William R. Jenkins, General Registrar of Sussex County
Sareese Messier, Assistant Registrar of Sussex County

Agenda:

- Ms. Ford asked if any corrections needed to be made to the Agenda. Mr. Peschke noted Agenda items 1, 2 and 3 should be eliminated as no provisional ballots were submitted in this primary election. Ms. Ford moved to approve the Agenda with the deletion of Items 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Peschke seconded, and the motion carried with Mr. Hicks abstaining.
- Mr. Peschke read the minutes from the February 4, 2021, Electoral Board Meeting. Ms. Ford called for questions or discussion of the minutes. Mr. Hicks resurrected a discussion from the February meeting. Ms. Ford stated, and Mr. Peschke agreed, that the matter had been fully addressed, resolved and properly reported. Mr. Peschke moved to approve the minutes as read and Ms. Ford seconded. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as read.
- *Canvass.*
 - No provisional ballots were submitted. Fewer than 10 percent of voters participated in this primary, about 599. Sixty absentee ballots were counted on the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) voting machine. Thirteen absentee ballots are still outstanding and may or may not be received before the deadline of noon Friday.
 - Voting machine tapes were compared to the Statement of Results for each precinct. No errors were found or corrections required on 10 of the 11 precincts. Some signatures were missing from the Yale precinct's voting machine tape; however the carrier envelopes and the bag were properly signed and sealed.
- Mr. Peschke commented that all the officers of election he encountered were pleasant and helpful and Ms. Ford agreed.
- The canvass being complete, Mr. Peschke moved to recess until noon on Friday, June 11, to reconvene at that time to canvass any additional absentee votes that might be received and to certify the results of the election. Mr. Hicks seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

Recess:

The meeting was recessed at 9:53 a.m., to reconvene on Friday, June 11, 2021, at noon.

Reconvene:

The meeting reconvened on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 12:00 noon for the purpose of reviewing Absentee ballots received after the election, and to certify the election results. Chair LaVerne Ford called the meeting to order. All attendees of the earlier segment of this meeting were present.

Only one Absentee ballot was received after the polls closed. After verifying it was properly submitted, the General Registrar, Bill Jenkins, cast the ballot, adjusted the CAP totals and reported the new totals to the State website.

The members of the Electoral Board certified the election results by affixing their signatures to the Abstract of Votes for each office.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter in closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

Adjournment:

Mr. Peschke made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hicks seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al Peschke", written in black ink.

Al Peschke, Secretary
Sussex County Electoral Board