



## FREDERICK COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

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### Final Minutes

Frederick County Electoral Board

Monday, October 28, 2024

The Frederick County Electoral Board met on Monday, October 28, 2024. Those present were Chairman Mary Strenko, Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson, Secretary Lynnette Embree, and Registrar Rich Venskoske.

Guests: Nanci Bowers, Pamela Kennedy, Sherry Long, and Rodney Wine.

- 1.) Chairman Mary Strenko called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
- 2.) Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Secretary Lynnette Embree seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- 3.) A motion to approve the minutes from October 7, 2024, was made by Secretary Lynnette Embree and seconded by Vice-Chair Kay Dawson. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4.) Old Business:
  - a. A de-brief of the Officer of Election training held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, was held. A discussion regarding a separate training for Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs was had and will be considered in the future.
  - b. Election Rovers – Registrar Venskoske has reached out to several people who were formerly precinct chiefs to be election rovers. Unfortunately, no one was available to help.
  - c. The latest edition of the Officers of Election roster was presented to the Electoral Board.
  - d. Early Voting/Absentee – Currently over 15,000 or about 28% of the registered voters in Frederick County have participated in Early Voting and Mailed Absentee ballots.
- 5.) New Business:
  - a. The ballots for the November 5, 2024, General and Special Election will be arriving on Tuesday, October 29. These ballots will need to be added to the bins in the DS200 machines for each precinct prior to Monday, November 4, 2024.

Additional ballots will be delivered to precincts on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 by the three Electoral Board members.

- b. The Electoral Board members will determine which precincts they will visit on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- c. The Electoral Board will load the precinct bags for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Election on Thursday, October 31, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- d. Registrar Venskoske received correspondence from The Citizens of Virginia regarding over 5,500 Frederick County voters in whom they believe need to be removed from the voter rolls for various reasons. The Registrar randomly checked approximately seventy-five names. Many of those checked were inactive, some had moved to another jurisdiction, and some were protected voters.
- e. The Registrar's Office will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024, in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday. Due to the holiday, provisional ballots will be counted on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, beginning at 12:00 Noon.
- f. Members of the Electoral Board will meet on Sunday, November 3, 2024, to observe the uploading of the Electronic Poll Books (EPBs) to the precinct laptops as well as complete the necessary paperwork for the November 5, 2024, General and Special Election.

6.) Registrar Business:

- a. CANVASS will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 12:00 Noon, after the unloading of precinct bags beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- b. An additional 10,000 sheets of Ballot on Demand paper have been ordered and received. Ballot on Demand printers and supplies will be available in the event of an emergency at a precinct on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- c. Election Day Schedule – additional help is needed in the Registrar's Office on Monday, November 4, 2024, to administer oaths to the Chiefs or Assistant Chiefs picking up supplies and equipment for the election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- d. Miscellaneous – Approximately \$1,400 from postage has been used to pay the Basic Return Mail permit and Annual Maintenance fee.

7.) Citizen Comment:

- a. Registrar Venskoske and the Electoral Board heard comments from the following:

Nanci Bowers – Ms. Bowers was curious about the green tape on the floor by the Officers of Election checking in the voters. She also wanted to know when provisional ballots will be counted (Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 12:00 Noon).

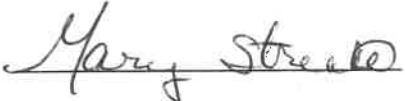
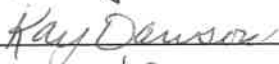
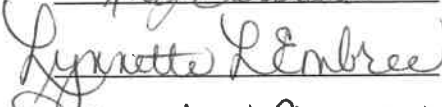

Sherry Long – Ms. Long expressed her dissatisfaction about where observers have been asked to sit behind the Officers of Election checking voters in.

Rodney Wine – Mr. Wine expressed his dissatisfaction of the use of Unaffiliated Officers of Election in the November 5, 2024, General and Special Election. He also stated that he had checked with other jurisdictions regarding Officers of Election having to complete Human Resources Payroll paperwork. Other jurisdictions do not require their OOE's to complete payroll paperwork, according to Mr. Wine. Additionally, Mr. Wine stated that he had contacted an Assistant Chief and asked this A/C to be Chief at his precinct as well as Mr. Wine contacted an Officer of Election and asked this man to be an Assistant Chief at his precinct for the November 5, 2024, General and Special Election.

- 8.) The next meeting of the Frederick County Electoral Board will be determined after the November 5, 2024, General and Special Election.
- 9.) A motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Chairman Kay Dawson and seconded by Secretary Lynnette Embree. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully,

Lynnette Embree, Secretary

 Chairman  
 Vice-Chairman  
 Secretary  
 Date