

Dinwiddie County Electoral Board

14016 Boydton Plank Road, Dinwiddie, Virginia 23841

Board Members Present

Emma Ruffin – Chair
Angela Mayton – Vice-Chair (1:04 PM)
James Talbot – Secretary



Staff Present

Stephanie Wray, Registrar

Minutes – Canvass of the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Elections March 6, 2024 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order 1:00 PM; Roll was taken.

2. Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance: The Board said the “Lord’s Prayer” and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Closed Session:

At 1:03 PM, upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by E. Ruffin, the Board convened into a closed session under Section 2.2-3711 {A} {4} The protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business : Provisional Ballots from March 5, 2024 Primary Elections.

Aye: James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

At 1:06 PM, upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, the Board returned to Open Session.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

Upon motion by J.Talbot, seconded by A.Mayton, a motion was made to certify closed session.

Whereas no member has made a statement that was a departure from the lawful purpose of the closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion discussed, be it certified that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

4. Review of Statements of Results, Verification of Election Night Reporting Numbers, and Verification of Completeness of Forms

All Election Night forms and numbers were reviewed by the Board. Some precincts had discrepancies that will have to be rectified, with the Registrar looking into the matters.

5. Review of Incident Reports:

Precinct Incident Reports were reviewed by the Board with consideration of any actions that would be beneficial if taken.

Continuation:

At 2:58 PM, upon motion of J.Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, the Board will continue their meeting on March 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

The Board reconvened on March 11, 2024 at 1:04 PM with all present. The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

6. Closed Session:

At 1:05 PM, Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by E. Ruffin, the Board convened into a closed session under Section 2.2-3711 {A} {4} The protection of privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business : Provisional Ballots from March 5, 2024 Primary Elections.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

At 1:10 PM, Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, the Board returned to Open Session.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

Upon motion by J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, a motion was made to certify closed session.

Whereas no member has made a statement that was a departure from the lawful purpose of the closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion discussed, be it certified that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

7. Hand Counting of Provisional Ballots

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, four provisional ballots from the Republican Primary and two provisional ballots from the Democratic Primary were counted. There were no rejected provisional ballots.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

Republican Count: Donald Trump x 3, Nikki Haley x 1.

Democratic Count: Marianne Williamson x 2.

8. Final Data Review

All forms and envelopes that had discrepancies were verified as complete. The data entry, votes cast, and results were also verified.

9. Board Member Comments

The Electoral Board reviewed their findings as a result of their precinct visits on Election Day.

10. General Registrar Report

The General Registrar discussed some issues that were reported regarding personnel after the election. Ms. Wray also asked that the Electoral Board move their April 24, 2024 meeting to April 17, 2024, in order to better meet the ballot approval deadlines.

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, the Electoral Board will meet on April 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM in lieu of the previously scheduled April 24, 2024, meeting.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

11. Public Comment Period

There were not public comments.

12. Abstract of Votes Cast/Certification of Election

The Electoral Board Certified the following results for the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections and signed the respective abstracts:

Democratic Primary:

Marianne Williamson - 58

Joseph R. Biden, Jr. - 1083

Dean Benson Phillips - 27

Republican Primary:

Chris Christie - 10

Ryan L. Binkley - 3

Vivek Ramaswamy - 3

Donald J. Trump - 2166

Ron D. DeSantis - 12

Nikki R. Haley - 336

13. Approval of Minutes: February 15, 2024

Upon motion of A. Mayton, seconded by E. Ruffin, the minutes were approved as presented.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

14. Adjournment

Upon motion of J. Talbot, seconded by A. Mayton, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM.

Aye: Angela Mayton, James Talbot, Emma Ruffin.

No: None

Submitted by,

James Talbot, Secretary