

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING
August 30, 2022

The Henrico County Electoral Board convened a meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room at the Twin Hickory- Henrico County Public Library, 5001 Twin Hickory Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23059.

Those present at the meeting were:

PRESENT

Yvonne Smith, Chair, Electoral Board
Linwood Cobb, III, Vice-Chair Electoral Board
Cathy Woodson, Secretary, Electoral Board
Mark Coakley, General Registrar, Voter Registration and Elections
Anne Marie Middlesworth, Deputy Registrar, Voter Registration and Elections
Leslie Funn, Administrative Assistant, Voter Registration and Elections
Scott Daniels, Public & Henrico County Republican Committee
Peggy Bongard, Public
Richard Lister, Public
Thomas Belvin, Public
Brittany Rose, Public
Anne Hayes, Public
Susan Hogge, Public
Tammy Beard, Public
James Jones, Public
Douglas Clark, Public
Mary Grace Boyle, Public
Douglas Broome, Public
L. Frances Brown, Henrico County NAACP
Alsuen Creighton Preis, Henrico County Democratic Committee
Karen Simester, Henrico County Democratic Committee

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion on Sunday Voting-

The Electoral Board made a request of Anne Marie Middlesworth, who participated in multiple conference calls and discussions with the State Board of Elections Committee, to share the duties and responsibilities in addition to the normal routine for the upcoming November 2022, Election. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**-This year new legislation passed for the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) to provide election results by precinct. This is new for all localities in Virginia. Traditionally the Absentee by Mail and an Early Voting were all tabulated together. This new legislation captures votes cast by mail and early voting by precinct: 101, 102, 103...etc. The Electoral Board and General Registrar received communication on August 10th indicating that on election night we will have to tabulate CAP election totals and then have 7 days to transmit the final precinct totals. The Registrar's office was told last week, and it was confirmed yesterday that we must key all the precinct totals election night. This means we will have to tabulate the winners and losers from the consolidate results election night, which is a lengthy process, but we will also have to key 9,400 pieces of data election night.

Anne Marie Middlesworth-the formula is:

- Number of precincts times the number of voting machines times the number of ballot contest times the number of candidates and that gives you the 9,400.

Yvonne Smith- how is it physically possible? **Anne Marie Middlesworth**-I am not sure how that would be physically possible. Because one of the challenges of CAP (Central Absentee Precinct) is being able to capture this data it takes longer for the voting machine to tabulate as its closing down. We are not sure yet, we haven't done L & A testing on how long that process would take but traditionally with our CAP machines it's 45min or 30-45 min for it to close. Then it starts to print the election tape. The tape is lengthy in a normal General Election for the CAP machines because it's taking all the data of over 30,000 voters. And now it's going to present consolidated results but it's going to do by precinct results. It will present the tape that it's always done and then it's going to have precinct 101, 102, 103...etc. It's going to take a longer amount of time for the election tape to print. And the CAP officers must tabulate consolidate results, which is lengthy. The Registrar must have the results back in the office from CAP, which is a challenge for us. Because CAP is not down the hallway, it's not next to our office. It's located in a drivable distance to the Human Services building. The process is a long one that starts 4:00 a.m. Election Day morning.

Cathy Woodson The SOR (Statement of Results) form must be completed before the election tapes are brought to the Registrar's office. **Anne Marie Middlesworth** The office is still trying to upload all the precinct results and the CAP results. There is not a technological function that allows to print out a spreadsheet or a CSV file and upload into VERIS (which is the State's system). And this is a challenge for all localities. Next year the process will be more difficult with more ballot contests and more candidates. We were told in the Fredericksburg meeting, we would have week, but the State changed their decision after a meeting in Newport News, and we still have not received official guidance from Elect.

Linwood Cobb-are they trying to meet the code by doing this. **Anne Marie Middlesworth** it does not specify in the code when it should occur. That's the information we have right now, in terms of the 24/36 hours of Election Day. **Yvonne Smith** is their additional responsibilities after Election Day. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- we need to Canvass the Election on Wednesday, November 9th. We will be dealing with Same Day Voter Registration and Provisional Ballots. We will be told on November 16th, if our locality is selected for a Risk Limited Audit, which will occur in the days up to Thanksgiving and the day after. There will be a lot happening leading up to Election Day and post-election.

Cathy Woodson, will we need to increase our seasonal workers. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- I would think so, we usually have a heavy number of seasonal workers before the Election, but we will need folks to help us with post-election. However, we can't have too many because we are restrained my office space. **Cathy Woodson**- regarding to Election night as you described, the printing of the all the CAP election tapes. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- we will most likely have an election staff to work the graveyard shift to key sensitive information that hasn't been Canvassed but will have a set of fresh eyes to look at the election tapes. **Cathy Woodson**-these seasonal workers will need Supervision from a full-time employee while keying the data. How many full -time staff on hand? **Mark Coakley**- we have 7- Full-Time Employees. **Cathy Woodson**- These 7 employees are responsible for all the voter responses of Election Day and then they will proceed to Election night duties and possible overnight hours.

Mark Coakley- I have a copy of an email from a staff member of the State Board of Elections, (not received as an official document) stating you will be asked, if possible, to enter CAP by precinct results from early voting and by mail on Election night. After reviewing the email, I sent an email to the top 6 Localities: Loudoun, Fairfax, Prince William, Virginia Beach, City of Richmond, and Chesterfield. The response from the City of Richmond was., "impossible.

Yvonne Smith- Today that's where we are; we won't know until we get closer to November-what could happen. **Mark Coakley**- After the election with the Risk Limiting Audit, we will still have (as **Anne Marie Middlesworth** mentioned) Provisional Ballots meeting, which we know will be in the hundreds. Same Day Registration-which is a Provisional Ballot, and to prepare for

the Risk Limiting Audit. Which will be the Monday or Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It must be done by November 28th. If the Registrar's office is included in the audit, however, we won't know until November 16th. We will have to reserve a court room for that Monday and alert the Clerk of Court to get the ballots ready and prepared for the ballot manifest that we must keep track of. **Linwood Cobb, III**, - you did say before, we can break it down by precinct. We would know the election results. That are reported. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- we still must consolidate the election results as we always done: the Congressional race and the (4) Bond Referendums, but we have been keying that data and getting it back to the CAP officers and keying into VERIS (State's system) and that's usually occurring between 10:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. The amount of time (I just can't underscore this enough) it takes for the voting machines to process all the vote totals and then close to print the election tapes it is a lengthy process. And taking the election tapes and adding them each together it's a job for the CAP officers. It takes time. **Yvonne Smith**- and they (EO) can't leave until the process is completed. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- that is correct. **Yvonne Smith**-let's take this one step further- if we have do report CAP by precinct before all the CAP is loaded and we know we would have 94 copies, in addition to separating the ballots. **Mark Coakley**-we don't have to separate the ballots (they are all in the voting machines) however we do have to remove them out of each machine and do the Ballot Manifest for the Risk Limiting Audit. The ballots are not separate by precinct i.e.: 101, 102, 103, etc. in the CAP. It's a matter of counting the ballots placed in each box. **Yvonne Smith**- this is the instruction as of today, but we don't know what could change closer to the election. **Mark Coakley**- that is correct.

Anne Marie Middlesworth- with the Risk Limiting Audit, we must keep a Ballot Manifest of the ballots that are cast in CAP, in the precinct on Election Day. That would be a part of our Risk Limiting Audit. Which would require us to pull from any number of Ballot boxes. Remember the CAP by precinct is relating to the data that is coming off the totals. Elect is working with a vendor to come up with a technological solution moving forward, but that solution will not be ready until at least December 2022. I was a part of that work group, and it won't be ready. If we were ready and that would be great. We would be in a much better position. That's what we're looking at in terms of- the number of machines and the ballot contest selection. It's a lot of data to key by hand.

Cathy Woodson-when do you anticipate on finalizing the staff's schedule for this election period? **Mark Coakley**-we have a staff meeting scheduled before L&A testing starts. Also, we will see, who we can pull from outside the office. We had mentioned earlier about using other departments, like IT a great example. We are not sure if they want to work from 10:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. This is the schedule we will need. I'm reaching out to the Deputy County Manager, who is the liaison for volunteer services within IT. To see, who is willing to work during that time. **Yvonne Smith**- so we will have to hopefully manage an organize staff, who are willing to stay. This means a full-time staff person will have to be there to overseas them. This is a lot of information for us (Electoral Board) to digest. When it comes down to, the responsibilities that we have leading up to an Election and after the Election. The time that is being put in-that's before and after. It's not a lot to digest, I understand. But it's overwhelming. **Cathy Woodson**-and the accuracy that's required. We are not in the position to have any errors. **Yvonne Smith**-Yes. That's something that we don't talk about. When you have workers, who are exhausted, being a human-we are not perfect. And you're right we can afford any errors, at all. Zero. I was speaking with someone the other day about accounting. It must be perfect. It can't be okay. It can't be good. It must be perfect. And we're talking about election numbers. **Mark Coakley**- and now unofficial election results must be perfect. **Yvonne Smith**- Exactly.

Yvonne Smith-We will now have our discussion on Sunday voting. **L. Frances Brown**- Pardon me the Electoral Board, may I ask a question. **Yvonne Smith**-No Mam. Also, during Public Comments, it will not be a Question & Answer period. It will be Public Comments- just like it's done in the Board of Supervisors' meetings. **L. Frances Brown**- thank you. **Yvonne Smith**-based on what we heard, based on the time going into before and after the Election. Are ready to have a discussion on Sunday voting? **Cathy Woodson**- Chair we had a request the last meeting regarding Sunday voting. And if you recall last year, we tabled it because we didn't know how

the impact would be on the staff. Being able to staff the Sunday voting along with a regular voting season. Early voting now but was Absentee voting. In addition to a request again to consider adding that the Electoral Board would have one Sunday for voting. I wanted to bring that to the table since we had that request. **Linwood Cobb, III**- Considering what the Electoral Board was just told and earlier after the last meeting I emailed the staff and asked -there are 45 days prior to the Election when early voting starts. I wanted to know how many days of actual voting are afforded to the registered voters. There are 32 days for Henrico County registered voters to vote. And this includes Saturdays. With that workload during that period on staff, where they are working 9 to 10 hours a day during early voting and including some Saturdays. I would not support of adding any additional days to the calendar.

On motion of **Linwood Cobb, III** and seconded by **Yvonne Smith** – the Electoral Board does not consider Sunday Voting.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Yvonne Smith
Linwood Cobb, III

Nay
Cathy Woodson

Henrico Police Traffic control at specific polling locations

Yvonne Smith – let’s include the County parking lot(s) during the Early Voting period and having designated Handicap parking. **Mark Coakley**- we have Early Voting at the Eastern and Western offices. Last year we had three designated spaces. This year we will double that number of spaces for both locations. The Western location will have spaces by the front door of the Annex Building. There will be 6 spaces designated for outside polls and handicap accessible voting. We have signage to place out in the parking lot saying these spaces are reserved for the Registrar’s office. **Yvonne Smith**- how will the staff know when a outside/curbside voter arrives. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- there is a telephone number on the sign to alert the staff when a outside voter arrives. We have designated phone lines for all 3 locations: Eastern Government Center, Western Government Center, and Varina Library. **Mark Coakley**- after the call is received, two Election Officers will go out to the voter. **Cathy Woodson**- so we are going to reserve curbside spaces for outside voting. **Mark Coakley**- yes there will be 6 spaces at the Western office, the drive-thru corner at the Eastern office, and in front of the Varina Library. **Yvonne Smith**- we will now discuss traffic control at the precincts. **Mark Coakley**- each year we ask the Electoral Board to authorize, Henrico Police Officers at designated precincts to provide vehicle traffic control. Usually at schools and churches during high peak traffic hours. The hours are 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Electoral Board reviewed the list of 7- designated precincts for vehicle traffic control.

On motion of **Linwood Cobb, III** and seconded by **Cathy Woodson** the Electoral Board requests the Henrico Police Department to manage vehicle traffic at the following locations:

1. Pemberton Elementary School
2. Gayton Library
3. Short Pump Elementary School

4. Pinchbeck Elementary School
5. Third Church
6. Tuckahoe Elementary School
7. Fairfield Library

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Yvonne Smith
Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Number of EB Assistants/ Deputy Sheriffs and arrival time/location

Mark Coakley- need to set the number of Electoral Board Assistants along with Deputy Sheriffs, along with the arrival time and location to view the precincts on Election Day. There will be 3-Electoral Board members and 3-Electoral Board assistants that will inspect polling places on Election Day. You will also have a driver from the Sheriff's office to transport you to the designated polling places. **Linwood Cobb, III**- Mark do you assign the precincts to each member. **Mark Coakley**-yes, I will make the precinct assignments and provide a copy to the Sheriff's Deputy, as well. Please discuss which time the deputies should arrive. The Electoral Board agreed to stay with the current scheduled time of 7:30 a.m. at the Western office.

EO's leaving/remaining at the precinct on Election Day- (exception of Hollybrook)

Mark Coakley- we asked the Electoral Board to continue the policy of having each Election Officer remain at the polling place on Election Day until the election results have been reported to the board. **Yvonne Smith**- is this in the election code. **Mark Coakley**- yes and we just want to reinforce it with the Election Officials during their training. This will apply to all the Election Officials except for Hollybrook precinct. The voting room area does not accommodate for lunch breaks. **Cathy Woodson**-in regard to Hollybrook, the voting room is back inside, and management has received notice of the Election. Also, it would be helpful to have the extra furniture in that space moved to create more space, for the voters to easily get in and out of the precinct. **Mark Coakley**-yes, management has been notified and we will have the furniture moved. On motion of **Mr. Cobb, II**, seconded by **Mrs. Woodson**, and by unanimous vote, the Board voted that the election officials cannot leave the precinct during Election Day of November 8, 2022, General Election, from open to close of the precinct, unless there is an emergency. Except for precinct-#213 Hollybrook, they may leave for lunch only. However, no more than two Election Officials at a given time.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Yvonne Smith
Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Pre-processing dates

Mark Coakley- yes, we do have the dates. First, I want to ask Anne Marie Middlesworth, how many ballots can we pre- process in a day.

Anne Marie Middlesworth, last November (2021) we processed a full week before the Election. And we were able to get through 9,157 ballots. We utilized officers who were already working in CAP. So, they were familiar with checking in ballots and working with teams of 3. But as the week progressed, we went from the first day of processing 350 to the last day of processing a little over 2,000 in a day. The plan this year, is to begin earlier. Two reasons- we want to keep up with the load as they are coming in. Also, it allows us to catch anything that might still need to be Cured. The Curing process is allowing the correction of any mistakes that might be on the B-envelope-where the voter place their name, address, and witness. If we receive a ballot that may not be completed in the proper manner. We must reach out to the voter within 3 days.

The teams worked very well with the Electronic Pollbooks as a manner of keeping track of checking voters in, rather that using the paper Absentee list that was used in 2020. So, we felt if there was more security built into that system and once, we got the hang of it, we made it thru. But we still are unsure whether Elect is going to require us to process that last week every day. That was the procedure last year. So, we just dedicated an entire week as to what was required to do. We built earlier days into the process this time. We should be in a good space to be able to get thru everything.

On Election Day the CAP officers have what is received on the Monday before the Election. Hopefully just have that to work with in teams. Anything that comes in post-Election thru Monday because Friday, November 11th is Veterans Day and there's no mail delivery that day. The voters will have until Monday, November 14th to have their ballot delivered by noon -must be post marked November 8th for the office to count the ballot. **Linwood Cobb III**-how many did the office have last year?

Mark Coakley-don't have the final count, it took about 8 days to process. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- the CAP officers finished up Friday afternoon around 6:00 p.m. after the election.

Mark Coakley-I will send a letter to the party chairs in reference to the dates, we want to start earlier. The dates are:

- October 5 & 6
- October 11, 12, & 13
- October 18
- October 20 & 21

These are going to be our early dates and then we can go into that final week based on official backing from the State. The party chairs will receive the dates for their observers to attend pre-processing. We do want to start earlier and grab those secure ballots that we will need. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- we have 13,000 ballots that must go out the first mailing, September 23. There are 12,000 on the permanent Absentee list, these voters get ballots for every General Election and if they requested a ballot for the Primary Election. **Yvonne Smith**-how many teams used for pre-processing? **Mark Coakley**- there were 3 teams for the pre-processing with a set up of 15 people. In CAP there will be 3 stations set up to review the ballot for verification before it goes thru the voting machine. **Anne Marie Middlesworth**- and we are still confined to our tight space for pre-processing.

L & A start date

Mark Coakley- written notification will be sent to the two-party chairs. We will start at 9:00 a.m. on September 14th at the warehouse. **Yvonne Smith**-How long is the process? Is it a week? **Mark Coakley**- the process will take two weeks to complete. The processing of the ballots by Absentee- for example if we have 10 machines with 94 precincts and including Federal only ballots. There are 188 ballots to put thru every machine for Absentee. Then consolidate and reconcile the tapes for accuracy.

Linwood Cobb II- at the election training held in Fredericksburg; we were told that code allows for one representative of each Political Party: Republican, Democratic, and Independent. **Mark Coakley**- also the candidates may appear. **Linwood Cobb II**, we need to inform the parties of how many observers can attend. **Mark Coakley**, I have that in writing from the County Attorney's office and from the State Board. It says one observer per Party or Independent.

Yvonne Smith- the L&A testing will start on September 14th and last for two weeks, we are going into September 28th. **Mark Coakley**- Yes, and we test the Absentees first because we'll need them at their locations on Thursday, September 22nd. Then we move forward and work on the 100 machines used at precincts. The L&A process used to be a (3) days, now it's 2-3 weeks to complete. **Cathy Woodson**-on the communication to the Party Chairs they consent to one representative for every day. **Mark Coakley**-that's correct.

Emergency Absentee Ballots-Monday, November 7, 2022 (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

Mark Coakley-there is a code section, where if you find out after Absentee ends (45days) over the weekend you are called out on business or expecting a baby or an emergency you need to vote Absentee. You can come to the main office on Parham Road, Monday before the election between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The Electoral Board gives the Registrar authorization to accept the emergency request. **Yvonne Smith** – There's a specific list used for emergency voting. **Mark Coakley**-yes, there's a State form that the voter completes. **Yvonne Smith**-Is there documentation submitted from the voter to prove the reason for emergency voting? For example: I'm pregnant or called on business. How do you monitor the requests? **Mark Coakley**-we don't monitor the requests. There are reasons listed on the Emergency form for the voter to complete and sign. In a case if they are in the hospital, and the patient requests a ballot delivered to them. Then a doctor's authorization is required. But being called out of town, we are not going to ask for an email from your boss. Or if your pregnant, we not asking the due date information.

Cathy Woodson- there was a woman, who was expecting, stopped on her way to the hospital to vote an Absentee ballot. **Mark Coakley**- yes there was.

On motion of **Mr. Cobb, II**, seconded by **Mrs. Woodson**, and by unanimous vote, the Board authorized the General Registrar to accept Emergency Absentee Ballots at the Western Office on Monday, November 7th between 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Yvonne Smith
Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Set next Electoral Board meeting date

The next meeting date will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m.:

- Circuit Court, Jury Assembly Room, 4309 E. Parham, Henrico, VA

Public comments-

Yvonne Smith-during this time, we are going to allow public comments. We are not taking questions. There won't be a dialogue between the board and the public. Each person gets 3 minutes to state their comment.

Brittany Rose, Public- Thank you very much for holding this meeting here and providing space for all of us. I attended the meeting last year regarding discussion of Sunday Voting and a decision was made to table it. This year I didn't hear any discussion regarding the values of Sunday Voting. There are a lot, particularly African American Churches, Sunday programs and culturally reasons to add value to the Sunday voting. I like to address two things that may be an issue. The issue regarding having handicap spaces specifically for the folks who will need it. I'm not familiar with all the locations but with the parking spaces far from the building, are there going to be phone numbers there. This could be an issue with not everyone having access to a cell phone to call the office from the parking lot. Regarding Emergency Voting, I understand that the Western office will be the location to process the requests. I think they should have access to Emergency Voting in Eastern part of the County as well.

Anne Hayes, Public-with the L&A testing it does seem like that's going to be a lot for the technicians to run through-could there be a reminder to the observes to not engage in conversation with the technicians. They would properly address any questions to the proper person(s). Also have reminders for the observers to remain in their designated areas to observe the process. This would guarantee the process will run smoothly, efficiently and accurately.

Susan Hogge, Public-I wanted to share a comment and request to the Registrar's office. After Registration training is completed, to share the information that would be available to the public. We are all very interested.

James Jones, Public-I had a lot of question because I thought the exchange at the last meeting was excellent. However, you have changed everything. At least at the State level, I attended that meeting two weeks ago. They allow discussion on the agenda items. So, we (public) could talk about some of things brought up in the agenda. They do allow public comment. I'm really appalled at your lack of transparency. I really don't understand it. The exchange of information was excellent. It was the first time I attended one of your meetings and I thought that's how you conduct business here. But I'm getting the message from the State (we do a lot of work with the State Board of Elections). We do the Electoral Board FOIA request for information. There's a lot of push back. There's a lot of lack of transparency. In one jurisdiction, citizens wanted to see all the result tapes. At one point they were allowed to copy those tapes. Now they shut that all down. I think you should consider more transparency, then proudly announcing today that there'll

be no Q & A. Comments only. Just like the State Board does and you're only limited to 3 minutes, and I have a timer to cut you off with a bell. We are just concerned citizens, and we're trying to get as much information as we can about our election. We are here to help. Some of us, may have some good ideas that might help. There's 9,400 data entries and humans are going to that. What's the error rate? We weren't allowed to comment on that. Maybe there's a better solution to doing that. I think impossible was from one of the emails sent to the Registrar. That's probably a right answer. We weren't allowed to participate in that discussion. I would urge you to find the time to create a part of the agenda were we could have an exchange.

Douglas Clark-I concur with the last comment. I have been on 4 Combat tours, and I come back to the Country and whether you believe it or not we had a lot of Election fraud in previous elections. A lot of voters are extremely concerned, and Veterans are more than just concerned. I do think it would be beneficial (this is my first time here) if you did take questions. And if you don't have time for that today. Have a specific meeting for questions. Because you are working for us. We are voters, and you work for us. We have a very free country were over two hundred years ago we fought for independence and vote. I have seen enough evidence to know that there is fraud. France and Britain have no machines, they voted all by paper and the vote is counted, tabulated and the winners know before midnight. If France and Britain can do it. We can do it. That's the way we used to do it. I've seen the machines. I've seen experts on these machines. I currently have a FOI Request with the current Registrar, for the cast vote records. The cast vote records technicians can look at and determine whether the machine has changed or flipped votes. The due diligence that you currently use with those machines to determine accuracy will not find this. You currently use E&S machines. The series 200 they have a modem on the motherboard which has the capability to communicate with outsiders. They can then change or flip votes. Whether you know this or not, I do not know. Since this isn't a question-and-answer session. I'm just letting you know. I would like to have a meeting where I can ask my questions and become more educated. Also, there's a system called Garrett. Garrett keeps tabulation of all the voters. It has tens of thousands of errors. Were dead voters and people who have moved are still on the rolls of Garrett. A lot of States are using this system. I'm not sure of you are using this system. My biggest concern deals with questions on election integrity. How is the system run and what we are doing. I'm getting more involved in finding out that process. But I would simply like to have good question-and-answer session. So, if you don't have those answers, then you can direct me to the authorities of people who do. So, I can become more educated, and I think most offices (hopefully all) want free and fair elections. Because without that we turn into a Venezuela. If you not concerned whether you're a Democrat or Republican or Independent, you should be. Because I'm certainly am.

Mary Grace Boyle-thank you for giving us a whole month's notice on the meeting. That was very helpful. I want to renew my request again to you; in that you are not meeting again until after the election in November. Things may come up, there might be another meeting. I attend 4-different Counties on a regular basis. And several of them and other parts of this State have gone to an email system. People who are interested on knowing when your next meeting will be get on an email list. So, the Registrar just sends out one blast. This way we will know when it will be. Even the City of Richmond has the system. I'm asking you again, if you decide to have a meeting in the interim. I must get on the website twice a week, every week to find out if there's a meeting. I find that cumbersome. I could call everyday to the Registrar's office to ask. Which would be ridiculous. But that's what we would have to do, to find out when is the next meeting. If you could just create an email list. Then all you must do is send an email blast. My last

comment is, I attended this board meeting for over two years, and you have always answered questions. You've been polite. You've been informative and I always felt I had a good working relationship. But this meeting today is different. You're seating their stuff faced and we are not going to answer questions. The other boards don't do this. The other boards are welcoming and allowing people to ask questions. If you don't know the answer, you can always say come back next month or if the Registrar has the answer, you can call him. But to be stuff faced and cut everybody off, it's just not right. And nobody else does it, in this area.

Douglas Broome-I like to say that I'm not very concerned about fraud in the elections, But I am concerned that other people may be concerned with fraud will end up suppressing the vote of Black people and people of color which has happen in the past. Which is why I'm disappointed that the board is not considering Sunday Voting. Because I consider that to be an important applicable outreach to Black communities and people of color. That would attempt to be a good polling service and to increase the opportunity to vote and increase access to the ballot in Henrico County. I thank you in advance for all the work your about to do, sounds like a lot of steps. Also, in terms of fraud I would like to add, I spent 40 hours at polling places watching people vote. I have never seen any Election Official do anything but be extremely conscientious and try to count everybody's vote who has the right to cast a vote in the election.

L. Frances Brown-Good morning to everyone. I wanted to let everyone to see my shirt. I stand representing Henrico County NAACP and my shirt says "A Black Vote was suppressed today. "Let me tell you some history of "Souls to the Polls" or Sunday Voting. Black Churches participated in Souls to Polls for 60 years. In 1957 churches and civil rights organizations got together to sponsor the prayer pilgrimage of freedom demonstration in DC., organized to celebrate the 3rd Anniversary of Brown vs. The Board of Education. This has been a point where ministers support their congregation and tell their congregation let's get together as a body and vote. Exercise your right to vote. And that is not appreciated in Henrico County. It is just outrageous. I am a registered voter since 1980. I voted in every single election, and I know I stand for the Henrico County NAACP who also wrote a letter to the board in support of Sunday Voting / Souls to the Polls. It says, "Sunday Voting was approved by the General Assembly in 2021. State funding has also been made available to support Sunday Voting. The Henrico NAACP raised this issue a year ago, and a year ago, was told it wasn't feasible." Here we are a year later and again it has been voted down. I am disappointed as a voter in the Westend of the Tuckahoe Magisterial District, and I just wanted to raise my position. I feel a Black Vote was suppressed today. At least one Black Vote.

Alsuin Creighton-Preis-I wanted to say thank you to our wonderful Registrar, Mark Coakley, and his amazing team. I have full faith in the job that you do. The job that you have done and the job that we have in November. I can not express how much we appreciate your diligence in the detail and the countless hours of hard work that you and your staff do. Having said that, I would just like to say, I'm also disappointed about the lack of discussion for voices on the floor about Sunday Voting. I also share the same concern that a previous person, who talked about giving the Emergency Voting access at the Western Government Center only. We live in a very big County, and somebody has an emergency and lives in the Eastend. I think it would make it just as easy to be able to give them access to an Emergency Vote in the Eastend. Instead of coming all the way over to the Westend. I can see where that information might disseminate inaccurately, and I think if there's going to be an Emergency Absentee Vote procedure it should be on both sides of the County. And back to the issue regarding Sunday Voting. Hopefully the

next time it comes up there will be a little more discussion, little bit more back and forth from the people, the stake holders for Sunday Voting.

Yvonne Smith- myself and the board have made notes on all comments. And we will take into consideration everything that has been said. There were a lot of good comments, that I believe we need to think about and discuss at a later meeting. I appreciate your comments.

Other business-

Mark Coakley- an email was sent out yesterday, from the printing vendor about having an authorization to print ballots from the Electoral Board. There are certain names listed on the email, that the Electoral Board can authorize for witnessing the printing of the ballots.

On motion of **Mr. Cobb, II**, seconded by **Mrs. Woodson**, and by unanimous vote, the Board gives authorization to: Chris Andrews, Jeff Hudepohl, Paul Simon, and Brandon Simmons to represent the Electoral Board in printing the ballots for November 8, 2022, General Election.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Yvonne Smith	
Linwood Cobb, III	
Cathy Woodson	

Good of the order- none

Executive closed session for a personnel matter

On motion of **Mr. Cobb, II** and seconded by **Mrs. Woodson**, that the electoral board members convene in closed meeting at 11:07 a.m. to consider a personnel matter, specifically the evaluation of General Registrar pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Yvonne Smith	
Linwood Cobb, III	
Cathy Woodson	

Mrs. Woodson motion ending the closed session meeting and open meeting session at 11:40 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Cobb, III.

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Yvonne Smith	
Linwood Cobb, III	
Cathy Woodson	

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Cobb, III, seconded by Mrs. Woodson, and by unanimous vote, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye
Yvonne Smith
Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Yvonne Smith, Chair

Linwood Cobb, III, Vice Chair

Cathy Woodson, Secretary