

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2023

The Henrico County Electoral Board convened a meeting on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the General Registrar's Conference Room, Henrico County Government Center, Henrico County, Virginia.

Those present at the meeting were:

PRESENT

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

Allen Layne, Voting Machine Technician Supervisor, Voter Registration and Elections

Ammon Starkey, Voting Machine Technician, Voter Registration and Elections

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Vice- Chair at 2:00 p.m.

Yvonne Smith, Chair, Electoral Board is absent.

Update on March 28, 2023-Special Election- 9th Senate District-Mark Coakley

The candidates for the election will be nominated by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27th. The ballot proof should be received by the 1st or 2nd day in March. A conference call is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. with the Virginia Department of Elections and other General Registrars. The discussion is regarding the 9th District Special Election.

After comparing the ballot totals received at each of the five ballot drop boxes from the February 21st Special Election. Mark Coakley asked the Electoral Board to approve the use of only two ballot drop boxes for the March 28, 2023, Special Election. The drop boxes will be located at the Western Government Center and Eastern Government Center. Also, the Varina Library satellite voting location will not be utilized for the March 28, 2023 Special Election.

On motion by Cathy Woodson and seconded by Linwood Cobb, III and by unanimous vote, the board has accepted the General Registrar's request to eliminate drop boxes at the following locations: Tuckahoe Library, Three Chopt Library and Varina Library during the March 28, 2023 Special Election.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Absentee voting will be held at the Western & Eastern Government Centers. There are (41) voting precincts involved in this special election. The Registrar's office will mail out 4,500 permanent absentee ballots. Mark Coakley made a request for absentee voting to start on Monday, March 13, 2023.

On motion by Linwood Cobb, III and seconded by Cathy Woodson and by unanimous vote, the board has accepted the General Registrar's request to start Absentee Voting for the 9th Senate District Special Election on Monday, March 13th.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

Provisional Ballots: February 21, 2023, Special Election 4th Congressional District

The Registrar's office researched the Provisional ballots, from the February 21, 2023, Special Election. Mr. Coakley asked the electoral board to accept the recommendations for 59 to count and 29 rejected ballots.

- **Counted Qualified Provisional ballots**
4th Congressional district – 59 provisional ballots
- **Not counted- Not Qualified Provisional ballots**
4th Congressional District- 29 provisional ballots

On motion by Linwood Cobb, III and seconded by Cathy Woodson and by unanimous vote, the board has accepted the recommendation, of the General Registrar and staff for counting the 59 provisional ballots which qualified and rejecting 29 provisional ballots, which did not qualify.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Nay

The Electoral Board began opening the qualified provisional ballots, from the February 21, 2023, Special Election, for scanning.

The 4th Congressional District, consisting of 59 ballots were opened.

Linwood Cobb, III stated after reviewing the provisional ballots, out of the 22 denied ballots there were 8 voters who previously voted absentee by mail or in person. Apparently with the 45 days of earlier voting, some voters are forgetting and think they are voting in another election.

Other Business

Election Abstracts will be signed, by the Electoral Board Members on Monday, February 27th, to certify the Special Election in Henrico County.

Good of the Order

Linwood Cobb, III thanked the Voting Machine Technicians, on behalf of the Electoral Board Members, for doing great job during this election period.

Next board meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Glen Allen Library.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion by Linwood Cobb, III, seconded by Cathy Woodson, and by unanimous vote, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

The vote of the Board was as follows:

Aye

Nay

Linwood Cobb, III
Cathy Woodson

Linwood Cobb III, Vice-Chair

Cathy Woodson, Secretary