

## Draft Minutes for Electoral Board Canvass June 21, 2023

**Location:** Courthouse, Franklin County, Clerk of the Circuit Court office

**Attendees:** Electoral board members Kay Saleeby, Pearline Boyce, and Donna Cosmato. Deputy Registrar Brenda Walker.

Chair Kay Saleeby called the canvass meeting to order at 10:01 am. Cosmato moved for the Electoral Board (EB) to recess awaiting the arrival of the General Registrar, Kay Chitwood. Boyce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chitwood arrived at 10:30 am and Chair Saleeby announced that the EB was back in open session. Cosmato moved, seconded by Boyce, for the EB to go into executive session as described in the code of Virginia 24.2-653.01(B) for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional ballot at the election was qualified to do so. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered closed session at 10:31 am.

At 11:28, Chair Saleeby moved that the EB come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boyce and passed unanimously. Motion by Cosmato, seconded by Boyce to certify that while the board was in closed session, the only topic discussed was Provisional Ballot Adjudication as provided by Virginia code 24.2-653.91. Roll call vote was taken as follows: Cosmato – aye, Boyce – aye, Saleeby – aye.

There was a motion by Saleeby, seconded by Boyce for the EB to recess the closed session until Friday June 23.

At 11:30 the EB began the canvass of the June Republican Primary according to the requirements for canvassing as codified in the Code of Virginia §24.2-671- 24.2-680.

At 12:00 pm, the board recessed for lunch. The EB returned to open session at 12:24 pm and returned to working on the election canvass. At 3:45 Chair Saleeby recessed the board meeting until 9 am on Thursday, June 22, 2023.

### Thursday, June 22, 2023

**Location:** Courthouse, Franklin County, Clerk of the Circuit Court office

**Attendees:** Electoral board members Kay Saleeby, Pearline Boyce, and Donna Cosmato, General Registrar Kay Chitwood, Deputy Registrar Brenda Walker.

Chair Saleeby declared the EB was back in open session at 9:00 am. The board continued the canvass of the June 20<sup>th</sup> primary according to the requirements for canvassing as codified in the Code of Virginia §§24.2-671- 24.2-680.

The board agreed to meet on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 12 pm. to conduct their post election duties. Chair Saleeby adjourned the open meeting at 9:44 am.

### Friday June 24, 2023

**Location:** Courthouse, Franklin County, Clerk of the Circuit Court office

**Attendees:** Electoral board members Kay Saleeby, Pearline Boyce, and Donna Cosmato

Chair Saleeby declared an open meeting at 12 pm. The board discussed the results of their June 20, 2023 precinct visits and made suggestions for improvements/updates that could be made to the OOE training for the November 2023 general election.

At 12:54, Chair Saleeby recessed the open session to wait for CAP to make their presentation for canvass. The open session reconvened at 1:07 pm and GR Chitwood and DR Walker joined the meeting.

After finalizing the CAP results, Chair Saleeby moved and Boyce seconded a motion that with the permission of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the rest of the canvass that pertains to provisional ballots would be conducted at the GR's office at the Municipal Center rather than at the Circuit Court building. Clerk of the Court Teresa Brown joined the meeting and gave approval for the ballots to be transported to the assigned location. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Saleeby moved, seconded by Cosmato for the board to enter closed session according to 2.2-3711 of the code of Virginia for the "protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business." The board entered closed session at 1:40 pm and came back into open session at 1:49 pm. There was no action to come out of closed session. The motion to certify that while in closed session the only discussion was in accordance with 2.2-3711 of VA. Code was made by Boyce and seconded by Cosmato. Roll call vote: Saleeby – yes, Boyce – yes, Cosmato – yes.

At 2:00 pm Chair Saleeby recessed the board until 12:30 pm on Saturday June 24, 2023 for their meeting at the Municipal Center in Rocky Mount, VA.

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

**Location:** Franklin County Government Center, Registrar's office

**Attendees:** Electoral Board: Kay Saleeby, Pearline Boyce, Donna Cosmato as well as GR Kay Chitwood and Deputy Registrar Brenda Walker

At 12:44 pm, Chair Saleeby moved that the executive session be reconvened for the purpose of certifying the election. At 1:20 pm, Saleeby recessed the session for lunch. At 4:20 Saleeby reconvened the closed session for the purpose of certifying the election. At 4:36 pm, Saleeby declared the board was in open session and moved that while in executive session, the board only discussed items relating to the certification of the June primary election as provided by 24.2.675. Roll call vote: KS, PB, DC. There being no further board business to transact, Chair Saleeby adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna Cosmato, Secretary

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Kay Saleeby, Chairman

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Pearline Boyce, Vice Chairman