

VFAF Registrar Survey Form

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 Date of interview July 29, 2021

Before the Interview - Record the time and date of your call and email, and if the meeting is not set immediately, the time and date of their response

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: _____
- b) Time and date of response: _____
- c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes _____ No
- d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: _____

The Interview - Thank the Registrar for agreeing to see you. State that the purpose of the observation program is to provide voters with accurate information about the election process. Emphasize how important you think his/her role is in ensuring that everyone in the county sees the elections here are free, fair and legitimate.

First, we have a few general questions.

1. What is your biggest concern about the upcoming election? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
CDC guidelines, safety, Everything changing rapidly w/ laws & regulations

2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)

3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes we will have enough machines, Request Remodel but declined -> more voters at once.
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

4. If no, what is missing?

5. The county election board is supposed to consist of 2 Democrats and a Republican under a Democrat governor, but in some areas, boards have had trouble finding willing Republicans and have appointed an Independent instead, or another Democrat. What is the situation in this county?
 Two Democrats and a Republican
 Two Democrats and an Independent _____
 Three Democrats _____
 Other: _____

6. What about precinct staff? Are you able to have equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans? (please check one, then provide any relevant detail on right side of this box)
 Yes Chief + Post are opposite parties word of mouth Recruitment.
 No _____ "we do our best"
 Don't know _____ Declare as independents.

Electoral Board: Tenneil Beagle (Sec), Frank Poynter, Chair, Chuck Haney.

Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

18. a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?
 Yes _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?
Flash & firmware & software manual upload.

Many changes in election procedures were introduced in response to the COVID pandemic, and some people have argued that these changes weakened the integrity of the election process.

19. As an election professional, do you think the changes made in the election process in Virginia in response to COVID have weakened election integrity, strengthened election integrity, or made no change in election integrity?

weakened integrity. _____
 strengthened integrity _____
 made no change → *other: Just different maybe covid scared some people but we had high turn out.*
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

20. a. Did you receive any funding or in-kind contributions for training, staff, voter education or equipment, or any other purpose from outside the state of Virginia?
 Yes → *1 CAPRES \$51K → extra help*
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

*\$9500 Foundation
 Center for Tech + Civic life*

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?
Anything used to modernize the office, new floors, locked cages purchased, printer, etc.

21. Effective Jul 1, 2021, Senate Bill 1097, eliminated requirements for voters to have a witness signature on absentee ballots for any election during a declared state of emergency. The Governor has now rescinded the state of emergency. How are you training your staff to ensure that there is a signature match for the upcoming elections?
no match, we look we for the witness signature. no lack of integrity requiring a witness signature.

22. There is a lot of concern in Virginia and across the country about the security and integrity of the ballot drop boxes. What are the chain of custody procedures for ballot drop boxes?
inside only w/ staff 1 box precinct boxes, chest transported the entire box sealed. All together CAP officers counted.

23. Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?
 Yes *no cameras inside office.*
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

Not clear guidance on NOV 2020 drop box requirements.

24. Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?
 Person (title) responsible: N/A
 Yes _____

"Juggling Act" to fill positions.

No answer/refused

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round Someone in office 4-5 times per week.
 Mostly near elections mtg each month / All mtg advertised.
 Don't know
 No answer/refused not necessarily advertise all closed mtg.

Thank you. Now a few questions on the voter roll.

8. When was the last audit of the voter file in your county? (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: _____
 No. of days since last audit: _____
 Ongoing VERIS send records; NCA daily. 5 days for changes.

9. a. Does the Health Department send a list of deceased people to your office every month so they can be removed from the voter roll?
 Yes through SBE but 2019 Risk limiting audit
 No not locally. 3rd party group conducts the audit.
 Don't know Has reached out to health dept.
 No answer/refused

b. If no, how often do they send a list? _____

10. When was the last time the Clerk of Courts submitted a list of individuals who declined to serve on jury duty on the basis of being a non-citizen? none (mentally incapacitated) one per month. / opt out.

11. When was the last time you had access to the National Change of Address List or any other change of address list? (record date and other list(s), if relevant) NCOA - got in July (July + Dec)

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes
 No too many glitches, etc.
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?
 Too much info missing.

13. How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address?
 Number: _____ (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP)
 unknown, but will follow up.

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
 not Required to do that, not required to see ID.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections.

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?
 ES + S systems, Express Print Elect
 DS 200 vote Newburn, NC

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
 Contract with 3rd party, always the 3rd party.

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes Email + a follow up.
 No

in general, NOT participating (Candidates and parties)

	No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____
<i>To strengthen public confidence in the integrity of elections, we hope to expand our observation efforts, and have a few questions about election pages, non-partisan observers, and party observers.</i>	
25.	<p>Would you provide training and support, or designate us to provide training and support, for an election day page program as described in 24.2-604.3?¹ (see text in endnote).</p> <p>Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>we have not participated. Bit by a threat with not having fire arms @ Precincts.</i> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p>
26.	<p>Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?² (see text in endnote)</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____ <i>2 yes + 1 no.</i> Don't know _____ <i>space limitations</i> No answer/refused _____</p>

¹ § 24.2-604.3. Election day page program; high school students.

A. The local electoral board, or its general registrar, may conduct a special election day page program for high school students in one or more polling places designated by the electoral board or the general registrar, which may include a central absentee voter precinct. Students shall be selected for the election day page program by the electoral board or the general registrar in cooperation with high school authorities. The program shall be designed to stimulate the pages' interest in elections and registering to vote, provide assistance to the officers of election, and ensure the safe entry and exit of elderly and disabled voters from the polling place.

B. Each page shall receive, from a person designated by the electoral board, training on the duties, responsibilities, and prohibited conduct of election pages. Each page shall take and sign an oath as an election page, serve under the direct supervision of the chief officer of election of his assigned polling place, and observe strict impartiality at all times.

C. Election pages may observe the electoral process and seek information from the chief officer of election and may assist in the arrangement of the voting equipment, furniture, and other materials for the conduct of the election but shall not enter any voting booth. Election pages may, at the direction and under the direct supervision of the chief officer of election, assist in the counting of unmarked ballots but shall not handle or touch ballots in any other circumstance.

²1.1 § 24.2-604.5. Polling places; presence of additional persons authorized.

A. A local electoral board or general registrar may authorize in writing the presence in the polling place of additional neutral observers as may be deemed appropriate, except as otherwise prohibited or limited by the provisions of § 24.2-604. Such observers shall comply with the restrictions in subsections A and C of § 24.2-604 and shall not be allowed in any case to provide assistance to any voter as permitted under § 24.2-649 or to wear any indication that they are authorized to assist voters either inside the polling place or within 40 feet of any entrance to the polling place. The officers of election may require any person who is found by a majority of the officers present to be in violation of this subsection to remain outside of the prohibited area.

B. The officers of election shall permit representatives of the news media to visit and film or photograph inside the polling place for a reasonable and limited period of time while the polls are open. However, the media (i) shall comply with the restrictions in subsections A and C of § 24.2-604; (ii) shall not film or photograph any person who specifically asks the media representative at that time that he not be filmed or photographed; (iii) shall not film or photograph the voter or the ballot in such a way that divulges how any individual voter is voting; and (iv) shall not film or photograph the voter list or any other voter record or material at the precinct in such a way that it divulges the name or other information concerning any individual voter. Any interviews with voters, candidates, or other persons; live broadcasts; or taping of reporters' remarks shall be conducted outside of the polling place and the prohibited area. The officers of election may require any person who is found by a majority of the officers present to be in violation of this subsection to leave the polling place and the prohibited area.

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?

Yes _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

28. Have your local party chairs been notified that they are entitled to send observers to your office each day it is open and receiving in-person absentee ballots?

Yes _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

→ election official space concerns for additional individuals observing. Typically but not attending.

29. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?

Yes _____
 No _____ (go to b.)
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

→ SBE

b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?

Yes _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

✓ after it was reviewed

Thank you. The survey is complete now. We deeply appreciate your time today, and look forward to keeping in touch as we go through the 2021 state elections. (if you have additional questions) If you don't mind, we have a few additional questions related specifically to (county or city).

30. Post survey question - Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)

Helpful Polite Defensive Unhelpful Antagonistic

To the survey team: Thank you for all you have done and will do to ensure a free and fair election in Virginia! Please submit your completed survey form as soon as possible.