

ANNEX FIVE – Registrar Survey Form

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/19/21

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 Date of interview 9-8-2021 Registrar Barbara Gunter, Mike Waldmann
17 years electoral BOARD MEMBER

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: 8/25/21 10:30am
- b) Time and date of response: 8/25/21 11:30am
- 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.)
*At this point - getting out the absentee ballots - last election people who checked box - confusion
 I am concerned they might not remember requesting to be a permanent absentee voter*
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
Trying to make sure efficient 7 39,000
3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
4. If no, what is missing?
Bd + Co very supportive - use parks + rec facilities schools etc. to provide space + training - have good supply workers
5. The county election board is supposed to consist of two 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 *challenge when -*
 No *Chief + assist - chief opp party*
 Don't know *try to evaluate before election*
 No answer/refused *and notify each party*

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round *Bd supportive when necessary*
 Mostly near elections *+ by when by code*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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

8. When was the last time the voter file in your county was scrubbed or cleaned? (Enter date, and the number of days since last audit) Date: *Daily process, Happen done daily, DMV, ongoing*
 (No. of days) since the voter file was cleaned or scrubbed: *State sends notice - July*

9. a. Does the Health Department/coroner/or Bureau of Vital Statistics send a list of deceased people to your office every month so they can be removed from the voter roll?
 Yes *Monthly Rep-Eric Program (Electr. Registrar Conson)*
 No *Dept of Elections Rights Restored*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused *Non-Citizens from DMV*

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? *Never received list*

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) *Does not have access - State does it.*

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes *everything she has knowledge of.*
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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

people move frequently

13. How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address? Number: *no report to generate that data.* (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP)

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
Isn't a verification process, voter signs oath.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections. *4 approved* *4.1425*

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use? *Mail Ballot*
~~Dominion Voting Systems / ImageCast Evolution~~ *Remote ballot marking System*
~~Electronic Poll Book - DemTech - Advocate Precinct~~ *Server-side Enhanced Voting - MyBallot*

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
Vendor - Atlantic Election Services - State certifies the Vendor + Equipment

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes *email for date of LNA*
 No *certif. ed mail to Party Chairs*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

Early Voting Equipment including In Person Absentee Hybrid Optical Scan/BMD

On Verified Voting

18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p>
	<p>b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated? <i>thumb drives - state certified - June 2022 must be done by vendor updates are installed</i></p>
<p><i>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.</i></p>	
19.	<p>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?</p> <p>weakened integrity _____ strengthened integrity _____ made no change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>personal opinion - So follow state law and therefore no change in integrity.</i></p>
20.	<p>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?</p> <p>Yes _____ No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>CARE's act \$71,000</i></p>
	<p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for? <i>poll workers staffing postage ballots, lap tops, mail processing equipment, ballot drop boxes, training</i></p>
21.	<p>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 witness signature for the upcoming elections? <i>formal training Aug. 18th - addressed instruction sheets require - verify signed but not matched.</i></p>
22.	<p>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? <i>No unattended drop boxes. Election officials always physically witnessed. 2 people empty boxes</i></p>
23.	<p>Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?</p> <p>Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>Some far counties have couriers who sign off to carry to warehouse where electoral Bd is accepting.</i></p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: _____ Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____</p>

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.

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?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>not now</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Have page program - wk w/ high schools</i> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>serve minimum of 2 hrs -</i> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <i>not during covid - Home school students</i> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> <i>as well non-citizen student page approved</i></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?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>case by case basis - up to board</i> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>+ precinct opportunity, etc.</i> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
27.	<p>Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>case by case - dependent on space, etc</i> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
28.	<p>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?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No official notice</i> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>but have good working relationship</i> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <i>In registrar's office - documents are</i> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> <i>but + may limit observation. must protect PII for voters</i></p>
29.	<p>a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Guidelines for Campaigners + Authorized Representatives</i> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(go to b.)</i> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Do's + Don'ts Party</i> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
29.	<p>b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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.

September
2021

LIST MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

September
2021

Incoming Data	Frequency	Date of Expected Download Availability	Estimated Duration of Internal Integrity Check	Estimated Availability Date	Actual Availability Date	Status
Sec. of the Commonwealth: Restoration of Rights	Monthly	2021-09-02	5 Business Days	2021-09-09		
Bureau of Vital Statistics: Deaths	Monthly	2021-09-06	5 Business Days	2021-09-13		
Virginia State Police: Felony Convictions	Monthly	2021-09-12	5 Business Days	2021-09-17		
DMV: Non-Citizens	Monthly	2021-09-15	5 Business Days	2021-09-22		
ERIC: Deaths	Monthly	2021-09-15	5 Business Days	2021-09-22		
ERIC: In-State Duplicates	Monthly	2021-09-15	5 Business Days	2021-09-22		
VA Circuit Courts: Mentally Incapacitated	Monthly	Entered manually upon receipt	N/A	Entered manually upon receipt	Entered manually upon receipt	Ongoing
US District Courts: Felony Convictions	Quarterly	Entered manually upon receipt	N/A	Entered manually upon receipt	Entered manually upon receipt	Ongoing

Upcoming Election Dates

None



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STATE BOARD of ELECTIONS

Upcoming List Maintenance Blackout Periods

Periods Before Each Election during which LM Activities are Suspended

None



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CAMPAIGNERS (INCLUDES CANDIDATE) - OUTSIDE POLLING PLACE AND PROHIBITED AREA

- ↳ Must be outside 40 feet of any entrance to the building in which voting takes place. Only electoral board can authorize limited exceptions.
- ↳ No limit to the number of campaigners allowed outside the polling place and prohibited area.
- ↳ Cannot hinder or delay a person from entering or leaving a polling place.
- ↳ Loudspeakers cannot be used within 300 feet of any polling place.
- ↳ Campaign materials, including sample ballots:
 - Must be distributed outside the polling place and prohibited area.
 - Must contain a statement indicating who paid for/authorized the printing (see ELECT website, Campaign Finance)
 - Subject to a civil fine for failure to properly identify any campaign material.
- ↳ Sample ballots cannot be printed on white paper and must contain the words "Sample Ballot".

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES (REPS) - INSIDE POLLING PLACE AND PROHIBITED AREA

- ◆ Must be a qualified Virginia voter.
- ◆ Must present to the chief officer of election a "letter of authorization" signed by the independent or primary candidate or party chair entitled to representation (see below) if list of reps not previously provided. A copy of the signed "letter of authorization" is acceptable.
- ◆ No campaigning is permitted by anyone inside the polling place building without electoral board exception.
- ◆ Cannot hinder or delay any officer of election or voter.
- ◆ Cannot sit at the check-in table with officer of election but must be positioned to see and hear the check-in table and what is occurring. (Rep may appeal to the local electoral board if dissatisfied with the chief officer's decision on placement.)
- ◆ May create their own list of voters and mark their own list (an officer cannot provide any list to reps).
- ◆ Cannot provide assistance to any voter or wear any indicator that he is available to assist any voter inside the polling place or within 40 feet of any entrance to the polling place.
- ◆ Officers of election have authority to remove any representative who does not adhere to above guidelines.

BEFORE POLLS OPEN §24.2-639	WHILE POLLS ARE OPEN §24.2-604	AFTER POLLS CLOSE §24.2-655
<p>One rep of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election</p> <p>One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [may be the candidate]</p>	<p>Candidates may enter polling places only to vote, or to visit for no longer than ten (10) minutes per day per polling place</p> <p>For each pollbook in use in the precinct:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One rep of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election • One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [cannot be the candidate] *** <p>If less than three (3) pollbooks are in use, the Officers of Election, at their discretion, may allow a maximum of three reps whether or not the pollbook is divided.</p>	<p>Two reps of each political party having a nominee on the ballot in this election</p> <p>One rep of each independent candidate on the ballot in this election (or in a primary, each primary candidate on the ballot) [may be the candidate] ***</p> <p>The representative cannot leave the polling place nor relay in any manner the results of the election until after final results are ascertained and chief officer of election has opened doors and announced the results. There are no exceptions to this rule.</p> <p>Representatives may witness the counting and ascertainment of results and make their own notes but may not touch or handle any ballot, voting equipment or official document, or interfere in any manner.</p>