

ANNEX FIVE – Registrar Survey Form

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/19/21

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 Date of interview 9-8-21 Registrar Barbara Gunter / election BO MEMBER MIKE WALDMAN

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 10:30 am
- b) Time and date of response: 8/25/21 11:30 am
- 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.)
getting out first batch of absentee ballots
new absentee roll-out
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
in person no excuse voting 59,000 registered voters
adjust to turnout adequate staffing
3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes maintenance teams good supply of
 No parks + recreation election workers
 Don't know many grps help
 No answer/refused
4. If no, what is missing?
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
 No Chief + asst. chief different parties
 Don't know Party chair has to appoint + identify
 No answer/refused party use unaffiliated

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round
 Mostly near elections _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____
electoral board very active on election day at warehouse on election night

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: scrubbed on daily, ongoing basis
 No. of days since the voter file was cleaned or scrubbed: July 2021 NCOA processing by state

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 _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____
deaths mentally incapacitated felons non citizens duplicates electronic information showing between states

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 such a 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) goes through State Dept of elections
no direct access

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

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?
constant effort to stay up to date on # of times people move

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) no report to generate this data

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
no verification process; accept at face value

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?
Dominion Image Cast Evolution 4.1425

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
Atlantic Election Services, Richmond part of logic & accuracy process/checking all 3 or 4 people observe from electoral board features

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <u>X</u></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p>
	<p>b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?</p> <p><i>using thumb drives & flash drives / authorized by state by vendor updated 4 years ago</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. _____</p> <p>strengthened integrity _____</p> <p>made no change <u>X</u></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>follow all federal and state laws no personal opinion</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 <u>X</u></p> <p>No _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>CARES act \$ additional poll workers postage for ballots mail processing equipment ballot drop boxes</i></p> <p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?</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?</p> <p><i>no signature matching software Formal training Aug 18 also in staff meetings tell people requesting absentee ballots</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?</p> <p><i>2 people empty boxes no unattended drop boxes one Repub. one Democrat - election official eyes on all of them / no video tape</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 _____</p> <p>No _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>no video n/a both couriers have to sign off on bags they pick up & take to warehouse where electoral board</i></p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: _____</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p><i>na</i></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"/> have had a student page pgm for 17 years; suggested by local high school govt. teachers/seniors also have a non-partisan student page form</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></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"/> on a case by case basis if an Independent running size of precinct</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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"/> on case by case basis size of precinct</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not official notice but know they can come in anytime vote centers private documents in registrar's ofc.</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></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"/> Two guidelines for campaigners ID's + don't's</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> (go to b.)</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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.