

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/3/21

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Date of interview 8/11/2021 Registrar Lindsey bunter Taylor

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.) <u>Getting information out about voting early voting + getting voters to come out. changes- Absentee envelopes</u>
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____ <u>most of their poll workers classify as independent</u>

7.	Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections? Year round <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mostly near elections <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	Keep in touch quite often
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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: <u>June 2021</u> No. of days since last audit: <u>done by state</u>
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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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	every month, they also check local funeral homes
	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? <u>got one from DMV + was incorrect</u>
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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) <u>June 2021</u> <u>going on currently / updated last week</u>
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12.	a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	does their best
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	b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?
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13.	How many households in your locality have more than 7 individuals registered at the same address? Number: <u>unknown</u> (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP) <u>redistricting later this year</u>
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14.	During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens? <u>VA Drivers license / online & by person</u>	have to answer question
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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? <u>ES+S DS200 Ballot Scanners & Express votes</u>
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16.	Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process? <u>Before every election, sends notification to party chairs</u>
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17.	Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	Republican & Democrat
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18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></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>Annual maintenance - all machines upgraded by July of next year</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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no witness signature required</p> <p>strengthened integrity _____</p> <p>made no change _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</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 _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</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 signature match for the upcoming elections? Registrar does verification, signatures not required to be updated</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>Registrar checks every morning (manned entire day)</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: County monitors - does not review each day</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>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. 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?

Yes No Don't know No answer/refused

currently does not have anyone in place for training

26. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?

Yes No Don't know No answer/refused

Typically require something from a candidate

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

Yes No Don't know No answer/refused

Have to be registered in VA, verify that they are representing a candidate

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

they come pre-processing / locked up until

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

Yes No Don't know No answer/refused

(go to b.) Form provided by Department of Elections

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

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.