

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/3/21

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ELEANOR KAY

Date of interview 9/3/21 Registrar MARY LYNN PINKERMAN

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: 4:25 PM 8/27/2021
- b) Time and date of response: SAME
- 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.)
Summated w/ FOIA requests - States person w/ getting job done. Results + breakdown of results - voter equip. copies of contracts
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
outside agents using FOIA & getting the answers back to them in a tricky manner.
3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes they receive everything they need.
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
4. If no, what is missing?
NONE
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 2/1
 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
Balance of chiefs & ASSTS: } Election Officers
 More Dems than GOPs }
 always need more

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round *in/off reason, make avail as needed*
 Mostly near elections
 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: *Every 2 years -*
 No. of days since last audit: *"Hopper" monthly (or going) complicated - hand roll at state level*

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 *→ goes to state & state passes on*
 No
 Don't know
 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? *Monthly as needed*

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) _____
yearly, usually around July

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes *As best as can be w/ info provided -*
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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

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 - can contact state for info*

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens? *DMV - gives list on non-citizens - Dr License, etc.*

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? *HART INTERCIVIC/VERITY SYSTEM } for Ches.*

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process? *full schedule Vendor does calibrations - Every 3 years - next Jan 2022*

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes *next celeb. Logic & accuracy for each election - Oct. 2021*
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused *Jan 2022*

18. a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet? *Elec Poll Books*
 Yes _____
 No *never*
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated? *thumb drive from orig machine / (Aud for each location) / load on laptop*

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 *Changes made covid end up becoming laws / easier for voters to access -*
 made no change _____
 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 _____
 No *from state of VA - Rec'd from PARES ACT. - each locality could use as needed, as they chose*
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?

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? *Haven't started training yet - could not be rejected for lack of signature - voted yes witness no / no signature verify in VA. absentee Mail*

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? *stay w/ Elec officials + video recorder / very secure HERE / emptied 1-2 times each day*

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

24. Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?
 Person (title) responsible: *sent to Police Station*
 Yes _____
 No
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

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
If need was there, yes!!
Students

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
will check w/ Elections
yes - student w/ parent

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?
 Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
will check w/ Dept Elections

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
logic & accuracy testing dates
30 days prior to Elections
early Oct.

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
State Bd of Elections Oors & doubts

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
N/A

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)
30 min
Total
 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.