

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/3/21

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Date of interview 8/16/2021 Registrar Keith Balmer

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>First big election, conduct in a way that is - June election results were late from precincts, focusing on timely reporting</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 <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	<u>Chairman + Vice Democrat</u>
		Two Democrats and an Independent <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Three Democrats <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Other: _____	<u>secretary is Republican</u>
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>law says dem/rep election officers have to come from party, hundreds of election officers, historically the parties are not sending the list of names over, if they dont get that then they appoint as independents</u>
		Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	
		No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	

7.	Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections? Year round _____ Mostly near elections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>6 month break on non-presidential years</u> Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____ <u>mostly near elections when responsibility kicks in</u>
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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>done at state level,</u> No. of days since last audit: _____ <u>done monthly + sends out communication</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 _____ No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____
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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>needs to check on this / sending as f/u</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 / July</u> <u>updated each summer</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 _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____
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b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list? _____

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) <u>has no idea how to find this out / will f/u</u>
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14.	During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens? <u>check box / signature on document</u>
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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 scanning</u>
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16.	Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process? <u>mock election, logic + accuracy test each machine then report at end - vendor is print elect who can get into machine</u>
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17.	Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Don't know _____ No answer/refused _____ <u>in previous years they have not attended</u>
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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>updated w/ new software before election / certified by state</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 _____</p> <p>Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p>all the changes last year caused confusion for the voters</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?</p> <p>Training for individuals who work on absentee ballots, they are having training to go over new process to start looking for signature</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>Staff picks up the logs it in system only opening of outer envelope to prepare ballot for pre-processing. Checking for signature + if ballot needs to be cured, Preprocessing can have</p>
23.	<p>Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video observers monitoring?</p> <p>Yes _____</p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p>would also like to balloon up on this question. They do have video at this location.</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know _____</p> <p>No answer/refused _____</p> <p>does not observe videos unless there is a reason to</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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	HAS thought observer about it so maybe
26.	Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	if it is described in that code section then he would
27.	Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	if allowed by law then yes
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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	Are they legally required, not sure they are required to do that - follow back up
29.	a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (go to b.) Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	looking at website? revamping election day tab with all this information
29.	b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	required

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Polite <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defensive <input type="checkbox"/> Unhelpful <input type="checkbox"/> Antagonistic <input type="checkbox"/>
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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.