

CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/3/21

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 Date of interview 9-7-2021 Registrar Connie Viar | Electoral Board members
John Silles, Carroll Williams

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 207

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: 8/27/21 2:40pm
- b) Time and date of response: 8/30/21 11:45 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.)
Meeting the deadlines - early voting
Misinformation - absentee information
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 County supportive
 No Well trained staff - hiring new one
 Don't know a staff going through mail
 No answer/refused > 60,000 currently
4. If no, what is missing? Sending out absentee ballots on 13th
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 one R Richard Langford
 Two Democrats and an Independent 2 D John ~~Silles~~ Silles
 Three Democrats D Carroll Williams
 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 Unaffiliated currently
 No 37R/20D of officers 37 agreed to work
 Don't know still working on it
 No answer/refused 25 precincts
1D + 1R at every precinct

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round *about once a month - no get schedule*
 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: July 20, 2021 *Yearly list from Dept. of Elections*
 No. of days since last audit: VA Tech students

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? *Dept. of Vital Statistics*
 Yes *Comes from Vital Statistics*
 No
 Don't know *Hopper? VERIS*
 No answer/refused *match obituaries*

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 - 8.01-337 not required to send*

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) *No access - Comes through Hopper VERIS*

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes *as much as we can be / VT students concern*
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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)
Have no way of knowing

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
Question on application, attesting to it

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

EstF Dominion

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?
Unicen 2.1 software Unisyn (4 in state) ^{approved.}

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
*Testing by vendor, board + staff there } present
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 LTA testing*

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 <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>Thumb drives - update by vendor / only time thumb drive entered until election over</p>
<p>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.</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>
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>CARES - temp staff, extra ballots folding machine - early voting</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>Don't compare signatures no guidance from Dept of Elections to do so.</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>State form - use it 4 cameras offsite drop bag - started 8:30 - MP-1 for early voting + 2 wks at community center 4:30 -</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> <p>5-6 people work staff member available for daily #'s excel spread sheet up</p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: <u>bd + commonwealth attorney</u></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 *specific program*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

provided 3 HS students interested. page needs to be supervised - up to area pole - up to board allowing.

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

consult w/ board

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

Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

consult w/ board

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

welcome to come & ask to come but have not notified

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

posted on county website actual document what if's + rights + responsibilities

29. 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.

Current Certified Voting System Vendors in Virginia – June 2021



Dominion Voting - 5.5C software version can use 4.4-E until July 2022

Model Types: ImageCast Precinct Scan

ImageCast Evolution

ImageCast Central Count



Election Systems & Software – 6.1.1.0 software version can use 5.2.0.2 and 6.0.4.0 until July 2022

Model 100/ AutoMark will no longer be certified after July, 2021

DS200 Precinct Scan

Express Vote (HW 1.0)

Express Vote (HW 2.0)

DS450 Central Count

DS850 Central Count



Hart Intercivic – 2.5 (2.5.1) software version and can use 2.0 and 2.3.1 until July 2022


Verity Scan


Verity Touch Writer

Verity Central



Unisyn – 2.1 software version and can use 1.3.0.1 until July 2022

OVO – precinct scan 

OVI – ADA voting device 

OVCS – Central Count

OVS – Mini Central Count

FVT – Freedom Vote (BMD-ADA)

Certified Electronic Pollbooks in Virginia – June 2021

DemTech

Advocate 2.3.67 version can use until July 2022

Centerpoint ePollTAB 1.0 version certified Sept. 15, 2020

Election Systems & Software

ExpressPollbook 3.2.0.0. Certification expired 6/21

Knowink

Pollpad 2.2 can use until July 2022

Pollpad Plus 2.5 certified May 26, 2020

Robis

AskED Pollbook 3.3 can use until July 2022

AskED Pollbook 3.4.139.0 certified 6/22/21

VRSystems

EVID 2012.21.106 – Certification expired 6/21.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

Meeting Agenda
September 7, 2021
Government Center, Christiansburg, Virginia

1. Call to Order at 2:00 pm.
2. Interview with Kathy Meckley with the Virginia Election Transparency Project
3. Other business.
4. Adjourn.

Carroll Williams
Electoral Board
Secretary
September 2, 2021