

CFFE Registrar Survey Form - 8/3/21

William Jeffries - Vice Chairman

County/City New Kent

Observers Registrar - Karen Bantlett - NK
Simone Thorton - Chief administrative deputy registrar

Date of interview 8/19/21

Registrar

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.)
Have no major concerns, assistance w/ people and the delta virus - maybe 45 day virus - voting from car & they have a call bell
2. Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)
voted 10th ~~PR~~ name early voting precinct in large, who seem - checked in at same time walking talking to communicate -
3. Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?
 Yes officers of elections helping w/ early voter & they have enough staff -
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused COVID still a concern w/ new variant
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
 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

	Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
7.	Year round <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mostly near elections <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>

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>July - VA Dept of elections</u> No. of days since last audit: _____
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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 type="checkbox"/> <u>VA Dept of elections handles - they also go to</u> No <input type="checkbox"/> <u>bureau home as well</u> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>
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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>2010</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>Weekly updates</u> <u>Dept of elections handles</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"/> <u>very confident</u> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>
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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>no more than 3%</u>
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14.	During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens? <u>check box & signature</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>DS200 optical scan machines + Express vote</u>
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16.	Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process? <u>Technicians that have been trained, print elect - from NC</u> <u>(2)</u>
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17.	Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>They respond but do not always come</u> No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>
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18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?</p> <p>Maintenace yearly, vendor print elect, thumb drive inserted w/ election tally and it updates stats in daily election then send them back to print elect.</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 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>strengthened integrity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>made no change <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>People have 45 day period - have to be open 2 Saturdays, gives more time + has helped community - good voter turn out</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 <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> <p>Civic life training assisted + help w/ training + help w/ hazard pay during COVID period + new shredder - social security #5</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>Instructions on dept state of electins - will highlight on manual when given</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>recorded, right in front of door, election observers check put in secure box + process from that</p>
23.	<p>Was there any time during the last election cycle when your drop boxes did not have video monitoring?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" 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> <p>sheriffs office</p>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: <u>sheriffs office</u></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>would have to ask them to view - would check with electin dept to see what process was</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 do training first + they would
 No train us - if not who would
 Don't know
 No answer/refused train us - may want to look into

26. Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A? pages
 Yes as long as code is
 No being followed yes
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?
 Yes as long as code is
 No being followed yes
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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 they will be
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

29. a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?
 Yes Comes from
 No (go to b.) Department of elections
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

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.