

**CFFE Registrar Survey Form – 8/3/21**

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 Date of interview 9/2/21 Registrar KATHERINE WEB SYBIL ATKISON (R)

*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: 2:38 pm on 8/30/21
- b) Time and date of response: 1:30 9/2/21
- c) Did the registrar refuse to meet you: Yes  No
- d) If yes, please provide the reason given for not meeting: N/A

*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.)  
MISINFORMATION BALLLOT ON INTERNET  
THIRD PARTY INFORMATION - PASSED AWAY

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   
 No   
 Don't know   
 No answer/refused   
FOLLOW UP  
YES TO PARITY SEE #6

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

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?  
 Year round   
 Mostly near elections   
 Don't know   
 No answer/refused

24 yrs REGISTRAR  
2003 ELECTORAL BOARD MEMBER

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: JUNE 2021 APROX. 300  
 No. of days since last audit: \_\_\_\_\_

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  Dept. of ELECTIONS NOTIFIED THROUGH VERIS  
 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? NOT A REPORT

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) VERIS

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?  
 Yes   
 No   
 Don't know  WE WORK ON THAT EVERYDAY  
 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)  
I HAVE NOT IDEA I HAVE NO WAY TO DO THAT

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?  
DMV - TO GET APPLICATION (PURGERSY) FELONY | I HAVE NOT PUT ANY THOUGHT TO THAT

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?  
ELECTIONS SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?  
L3A WITH THE ELECTION BOARD EARLY VOTING HAD THE L3A COMPLETED TO DATE

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?  
 Yes   
 No   
 Don't know   
 No answer/refused

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18. a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No  \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

b. If they are not connected to the internet, how and when are they updated?  
ELECTION SYSTEMS SOFTWARE UPDATE YEARLY MAINTENANCE

*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 \_\_\_\_\_  
made no change  I DO NOT THINK IT WAS EFFECTED  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ CARES ACT EXTRA EQUIPMENT  
No \_\_\_\_\_ MAILINGS  
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?  
NEVER REALLY BEEN ABLE TO MATCH THE WITNESS SIGNATURE

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?  
OFFICE / VIDEO | ALL DAILY REVIEW - YES WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WITH STATE  
FOLLOW UP

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes  REGISTER, ELECTORAL BOARD, GUIDANCE BY STATE  
No \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't know \_\_\_\_\_  
No answer/refused \_\_\_\_\_

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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  WE HAVE NOT HAD A NEED FOR THAT  
No   
Don't know   
No answer/refused

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

27. Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?  
Yes   
No   
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   
No  I HAVE NOT SOLICITED  
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  ONLINE  
No  (go to b.)  
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  ONLINE  
No  FOLLOW ELECTION LAWS  
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.

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