

CFFE Registrar Survey Form - 8/3/21

County/City Williamsburg Observers TERRY, SUZANNE, MAURSEN

Date of interview 19 AUG 2021 Registrar Tina Reitzel, Dir of Elections Election Board
MEMBERS

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 CATHERINE ALLPORT (Dem) PAMELA LEGERE (Rep)

- a) Time and date of initial call and email: 13 AUG 2021
- b) Time and date of response: 13 Aug 2021
- 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.)	<p><u>TINA: NONE</u></p> <p><u>CATHERINE: HANDLING THE WORKLOAD</u></p>
2.	Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)	<p><u>NONE</u></p>
3.	Do you feel like you have the resources, equipment, personnel, and training needed to run an effective election in November?	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>all resources are in place. We are</u></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> <u>fully staffed. Election equipment</u></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <u>and election officers are all ready</u></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
4.	If no, what is missing?	<p><u>nothing</u></p>
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?	<p>Two Democrats and a Republican <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Two Democrats and an Independent <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Three Democrats <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Other: _____</p>
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)	<p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>We have good working relationships</u></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> <u>with both party chairs + plenty</u></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> <u>of volunteers.</u></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?

Year round *They are engaged in all aspects.*
 Mostly near elections *We have monthly meetings and*
 Don't know *are in frequent communication.*
 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: _____ *records converted from paper to*
 No. of days since last audit: _____ *all digital in 2019 and now*

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 *also use obituaries but*
 No *Then cross reference with*
 Don't know *another source including*
 No answer/refused *update on a monthly basis with state of Virginia*

b. If no, how often do they send a list? *vital records, county + state police*

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 - that info is not available*

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) *not sure what this refers to but state voter confirmation records were received in July, checked with USPS records. Any conflicts*

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date? *are addressed with a letter to voter.*

Yes
 No
 Don't know
 No answer/refused

b. If no, what is/are your main concern(s) about the list?
N/A

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) *many Dorms at W + M but students must update registration every year.*

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens? *They must show ID.*
We don't have access to that info; they just check the box.

Moving on, concerns were raised across the country about the accuracy and integrity of voting machines in the 2020 elections. *Only 3 elder care facilities in Toron - we go there to register people.*

15. There are three types of voting machines used in Virginia. Can you tell me which machines you use?
Unisyn optical scanners (Vender) OVO + OVI equipment

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
One vendor: Election Services. The calibrate machines Touchscreens and run ballots to test

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?

Yes *They are invited to logic and accuracy*
 No
 Don't know *testing which is coming up @ end of August*
 No answer/refused

18.	<p>a. Are voting machines ever connected to the internet?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>absolutely not</i></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? <i>and each election</i> <i>Software & maintenance updates done yearly details are programmed</i></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. <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>strengthened integrity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Because people have expanded opportunities for voting.</i></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>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>only cares act funding from Virginia</i></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for? <i>NA</i></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? <i>Our staff were fully trained for signature matching before COVID so are prepared for either requirement.</i></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? <i>We have only one drop box covered 24/7 by video and only registrar has access to key to the box.</i></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 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>
24.	<p>Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?</p> <p>Person (title) responsible: <i>We have never had a request by anyone to review the video but could do so with IT participation.</i></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>

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.	<p>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?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am familiar with the page program No <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> and have trained them in the past.</p>
26.	<p>Would you authorize non-partisan election observers with the same rights as party representatives; as described in 24.2-604.5 A?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the party chairman or candidate No <input type="checkbox"/> provided a letter requesting the person Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> to be an observer. Also, would need No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> to review the law about this.</p>
27.	<p>Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the past we have had reps from No <input type="checkbox"/> China + UK but only in association Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> with city officials who handled them.</p>
28.	<p>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?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> absolutely and they will be No <input type="checkbox"/> here. a tent and table will Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/> be set up for them</p>
29.	<p>a. Do you have a publication that you provide to your election officials regarding rights and responsibilities of observers?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (go to b.) Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>b. If no, would you be willing to distribute such a publication that we would prepare based on Virginia law?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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.	<p>Post survey question – Please characterize your interaction with the Registrar as (circle all that apply)</p> <p>Helpful <input type="checkbox"/> Polite <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defensive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unhelpful <input type="checkbox"/> Antagonistic <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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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.

Note: no service personnel have asked to remove batteries from voting machines. Our election data is always backed up on a thumb drive and given to clerk of the courts