

CFFE Registrar Survey Form - 8/3/21

County/City YORK Observers JERRY, Kim, Aden (student)

Date of interview 19 AUG 2021 Registrar Walt Potham, Heather IRBY (Deputy)

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: 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.)	<u>Make deadline, getting Ballots out on time. People have concerns after 2020 elections. Best time to ask questions before elections.</u>
2.	Any other major concerns? (open ended. Record verbatim.)	<u>none</u>
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"/>	<u>YC is very supportive</u>
4.	If no, what is missing?	<u>N/A</u>
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"/> Two Democrats and an Independent <input type="checkbox"/> Three Democrats <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<u>Have not suggested them but assume they are 2 and 1</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"/> Don't know <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Harder to do - very republican. Non partisan is growing trend</u>

7. Is the county Board of Elections engaged in your work year-round, or mostly near elections?
 Year round *YC has very good knowledgeable board.*
 Mostly near elections *Chair, Sandy Malineau, very involved*
 Don't know *+ supportive.*
 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 Purge *VA State has list maintenance process each year. A confirmation*
 No. of days since last audit: LIST SENT

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 *we check obits + get*
 No *COURT ORDERS OF INCOMPETENTS, STATE GETS DEATH LISTS + THEY SEND TO US.*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused
list is used for address conflicts. Also VSPS data compared by state + conflicts addressed by mail.

b. If no, how often do they send a list? SAME w/felons

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 BUT ASKED HER ABOUT THIS. THEN SAID

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) DO NOT HAVE ACCESS.
oversen by state. we lack authority to check on this. Many states exchange information on addresses.
 NOT Allowed BY LAW. NOT CLEAR.

12. a. Are you confident that the voter file is accurate and up to date?
 Yes *as much as it can*
 No *be. Don't have*
 Don't know *extra 10,000 people.*
 No answer/refused
voter registration systems are antiquated considering commercial abilities to track residents

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: Don't know (if unknown, ask that he/she forward information ASAP) *can't do anything about it. Also many military in YC who registered at address but*

14. During registration, how do you verify that voters are citizens?
they are asked but no proof required. Cannot use social security number.
rather + moved overseas.

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?
ES+S DS200 0450 + Express Vote

16. Who calibrates the voting machines, and can you please explain the process?
Testing before election. Electoral board mark ballots + run them to see if reading correctly. Also logs + accuracy testing.

17. Do you invite party representatives to witness the calibration?
 Yes *Virginia requires we invite parties*
 No *Chair, OR Chair of the parties*
 Don't know
 No answer/refused *holding primary.*

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?
We get thumb drive from vendor + update during logic + integrity testing

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 _____
 Don't know
 No answer/refused _____
Witness signature situation: problem is that you cannot be sure that person is legitimate. Believe state is looking at options. Early voting helped make election day problems easier to solve carefully.

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 _____
 No
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____

b. If yes, what was the funding or contribution used for?
N/A

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?
D/N have to be a sig match. No way of knowing if witness is legit.

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?
State has a form we use. We have an outside officer who have radios to commo with inside officers. An officer told her eyes

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 _____
Do not have them out at the curb. at all times.

24. Who is responsible for reviewing the video, and were party observers present during the review?
 Person (title) responsible: _____
 Yes _____
 No _____
 Don't know _____
 No answer/refused _____
N/A

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 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>Wary of underage pages. Rather have people who can provide assistance to voters. More problems than value.</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 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>Both registrar + board can authorize. I would not approve on my own. Board would probably be wary due to concerns about favoritism among groups.</p>
27.	<p>Would you authorize international non-partisan observers from recognized election monitoring organizations?</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>w/ discuss w/ electoral board which would authorize. Board would manage 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 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>I heard someone is interested and they are welcome but we do not actively solicit or invite.</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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> (go to b.)</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No answer/refused <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>We use pubs provided by the state DO's and courts</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"/></p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>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. 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.