

June 25, 2020 Electoral Board Minutes for Republican US Senate Candidate Primary Election Result Canvass Pertaining to Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Republican Primary Election

Canvass Meeting to verify result of the Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Republican US Senate Candidate Primary was called to order by Mr. Lucente, Vice Chair, at 11:52 AM. In attendance, Mr. Frank Lucente, Vice Chair; Mr. Robert Horowitz, Secretary, Ms. Lisa Jeffers, Director of Elections/ Registrar, Peri Price, Assistant Registrar, and guest, Dan Sullivan. Ms. Elizabeth Bouldin-Clopton could not attend due to health issues.

At 12:05 PM the Vice Chair moved that the Electoral Board of Waynesboro convene in closed session pursuant to 24.2-563 of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and the general registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates or political parties, as specified in 24.2-653 (B), be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the board. The Secretary seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Sullivan, guest, temporarily left the room. The Board went into session.

Ward C had the properly filled in Provisional Ballot Log with 2 Provisional Ballots. Registrar confirmed voters requested but did not return the Absentee ballots that the voters provided to the Ward C Chief. Their envelopes were opened, and ballots placed in voting box.

Ward D had the properly filled in Provisional Ballot Log with 3 Provisional Ballots. Registrar confirmed voters requested but did not return the Absentee ballots that the voters provided to the Ward C Chief. Their envelopes were opened, and ballots placed in voting box.

At 12:35 PM, Vice Chair Frank Lucente moved to reconvene in open session and that the Electoral Board of Waynesboro that the closed session just concluded that the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by 24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Horowitz, Secretary.

The board moved out of Closed Provisional Session having conducted the Provisional Assessment and applicable exemption from subsection of 2.2-3711 to an open meeting. Mr. Sullivan returned to the room.

The Board then announced that there were 5 provisional ballots. The 5 Provisional ballots were qualified. Mr. Lucente read off ballots with Mr. Horowitz looking on while Lisa Jeffers entered them on tally. Mr. Horowitz verified total ballots.

The Board decided to open and work on each Ward separately; a review follows:

Wards A, B, C, D and CAP

Envelopes 1A, 1B, 2A, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8 were all sealed and signed by OE.

Envelope 7 was sealed with all contents included.

Envelopes 1A , Provisional ballots were handled during closed executive session

Envelopes 1B were not required and were empty

Envelope 2 A

The Printed Return Sheet Forms were signed and the signed zero, results and write in tapes were attached.

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Envelope 2

Closing Check Lists were filled and signed. EyeSync for Pollbooks were verified. Officers of Election Oaths were signed. The incident reports were included. Poll Book Entry Ballot Tickets Slips were there. Ballot Record Reports were filled in correctly noting ballots cast and spoiled ballots; all votes matched ballots cast. Statement of Returns were signed and Pollbook Summary check in zero and results were attached, signed zero, results and write in voting machine tapes were attached and signed. The Electoral Board Vice Chair read, the Secretary confirmed, and the Registrar verified vote results.

Envelopes 3 containing voted Ballots cast were verified

Envelopes 4 with spoiled ballots and returned Absentee ballots were sealed and signed and verified

Envelope 6 with unused ballots were confirmed sealed and signed

Envelope 7 had voting machine fobs and keys and Memory Cards that were verified and sealed

The CAP also had

Absentee Ballot List Poll Book and Daily Voting Machine Log, OE Oath was present. They cast 276 Absentee Ballots including 2 undervote ballots. This was largest Primary absentee ballot vote in memory. The Voting machine tapes were signed.

The Registrar will contact Ward C OE so the SOR will be signed.

After verifying contents, The EB sealed and signed all Envelopes that were opened.

Total votes cast: Ward A: 115, Ward B: 196, Ward C: 215; Ward D: 293, CAP: 276 for a total of 1,095 votes cast. This was 7.8% of the 13,766 registered voters in the City of Waynesboro.

Issues that arose were due to the adjustments made to putting all the wards as “separate and defined” locations, as per the Virginia Code in the same building.

The threat from the Coronavirus Covid-19 created a huge challenge to the Electoral Board and the Director of Elections to conduct a fair, integral, and safe election process. Few of the Officers of Election (OE) who usually work the polls would attend due to health risks. Only 23 Waynesboro Officers of Election could work the Polls. Because there were not a sufficient number of OE and the unavailability of two Ward locations (Ward A and D), the EB with the permission of the State Board of Election and the City Council had to permit having all the Wards be setup in one location. The configuration of having all the Wards in separate and defined locations but all being in the same building, Kate Collins Middle School, required an enormous effort by the EB and volunteers from Kate Collins Middle School, with the support of the City Council and City Managers team to help meet CDC, WHO, and Commonwealth Guidelines. This included workers (Officers of Election and Volunteers) having to wear PPE as per EO-61-63. In addition, great care was taken to sanitize the Wards, setup markers to facilitate social distancing, signs to suggest wearing face masks and keep social distancing, stanchions to keep voter traffic flowing safely and plexiglass partitions to protect election officials, etc., etc., etc.

As in the May Local Elections, there were a large number of Curb side voters.

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All election numbers reported on Election Night were OK as checked. Total votes cast in the City of Waynesboro Republican Primary Election were: 1,095 or 7.8% of registered voters. See below: Voting Tally.¹

The results of the Waynesboro Republican Primary: Mr. Daniel M. Gade had the most votes with 775; Mr. Thomas A. Speciale II received 114 votes and Ms. Alissa B. Baldwin received 182 votes.

The result tallies were signed by Mr. Lucente, Vice Chair and Mr. Horowitz, Secretary.

The Canvass for the Tuesday, June 23, 2020 Republican Primary Election in Waynesboro, Virginia was closed, and the election certified at 1:12 PM.

The Secretary noted the next Electoral Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at Noon.

The Vice Chair moved, and the Secretary seconded that the EB meeting be adjourned. It was approved, and the Electoral Board Canvass Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020 was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Submitted by
Robert Horowitz
Secretary of the Waynesboro Electoral Board

June 26, 2020

Approved by:

Frank Lucente, Vice Chair _____ Date _____

Robert Horowitz, Secretary _____ Date _____

¹Tally Sheet for Republican Primary for US Senate Candidate on June 23, 2020

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY U.S. SENATE JUNE 2020	Ward A	WARD B	WARD C	WARD D	CA P	PROVISIONAL S	TOTAL
Daniel M. Gade	60	133	151	228	199	4	775
Thomas A. Speciale II	20	19	19	28	28		114
Alissa A. Baldwin	30	34	36	34	47	1	182
TOTAL REGISTERED	2572	3603	3320	4271			13766
TOTAL VOTING	115	196	215	293	276		1095
PERCENTAGE VOTING	4.5	5.1	6.2	6.8			7.8