

**MINUTES OF FALLS CHURCH ELECTORAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Election and Canvass Meeting**  
**March 1-7, 2016**  
**5:00 a.m., City Hall**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Neighborgall, Bill Wanlund and Renee Andrews

**Others Present:** David Bjerke, General Registrar; Stacey Pilson, Deputy Registrar; Ted Trott, Gail Wadsworth and Madalyn Cafruny, Assistant Registrars

1. **Call to Order:** Linda Neighborgall at 5:00 am.
2. **Election:** The board administered the dual presidential primary election.
3. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm, meeting to reconvene on March 2 at 9:00 am.

**4. Continuation March 2, Dogwood Training Center:**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Neighborgall, Bill Wanlund and Renee Andrews

**Others Present:** David Bjerke, General Registrar

**5. Canvass:**

The Electoral board canvassed the election. This includes auditing all Statements of Results and Printed Return Sheets. All vote totals by candidate were found to be correct, but total voters was incorrect on 3 ward SORs. Officers of election will change and sign SORs on Friday.

**6. Provisional Ballots:**

The Electoral Board decided to defer consideration of 18 provisional ballots until March 4, in order to accord the GR additional time to obtain more information from the Department of Elections, Virginia State Police and DMV and to receive Photo IDs from voters.

**7. Discussion of Incidents and Chiefs' Notes:**

- A. We will contact ELECT to ascertain whether their website can be linked to DMV's (is technology there, does it require legislation, etc.).
- B. There was one voter complaint about the distance from the parking for disabled voters to the polling place at TJ. Renee took photos to save for the file that indicate that the reserved parking spaces begin right at the end of the fire lane. We will increase from 2 to 3 reserved spaces for November but keep 2 for other elections.
- C. We will update the training guide and officer training to ensure that undervotes are counted in the total number of voters.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am, meeting to reconvene on March 4 at 11:30 am.

**9. Continuation March 4, Dogwood Training Center:**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Neighborgall, Bill Wanlund and Renee Andrews

**Others Present:** David Bjerke, General Registrar; a majority of Officers of Election from Wards 1, 2 and 3.

**10. Call to Order:** Linda Neighborgall reconvened the meeting at 11:34 am.

**11. Ward 1, 2 and 3 SOR:**

Dave explained the total number voting discrepancies in each SOR, and officers of election amended and signed all SORs.

**12. Provisional Ballots:**

The Electoral Board decided to defer consideration of 18 provisional ballots until March 7, in order to accord the GR additional time to obtain more information from the Department of Elections and Virginia State Police.

**13. Discussion of Other Items:**

- A. Shirley mentioned that if there is a crowd on the sidewalk at TJ, it is hard to see the parking signs for voters with disabilities because the signs are low. We will ask Public Works if one additional sign can be posted higher up on the fence.
- B. We will ask the school to ask teachers to park farther away to leave the closer spaces for voters.
- C. We received one official complaint from the parent of a first-time voter that, "The person behind the table, when the young voter was asked which ballot she wanted, snickered and said, 'like we really have to ask?'" We do not know if "the person behind the table" was an officer of election or a poll watcher. Dave will call Greg to see if he remembers the incident. He will then respond to the author of the complaint, ad, if necessary, we will mention this in the next officer training.

**14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm, meeting to reconvene on March 7 at 4:30 pm.

**15. Continuation March 7, General Registrar's Office:**

**Board Members Present:** Linda Neighborgall, Bill Wanlund and Renee Andrews

**Others Present:** David Bjerke, General Registrar,

**16. Call to Order:** Linda Neighborgall reconvened the meeting at 4:32 pm.

**17. Provisional Ballots:**

The board considered 18 provisional ballots.

- **Motion:** Linda moved, Renee seconded that the board accept 2 provisional ballots.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The board counted the ballots and added the votes to the previous totals.

**18. Announcements:**

April 8-10, 2016: VEBA Annual Meeting at the Homestead

**19. Next Meeting:** TBD next week, to discuss the possibility of having a CBC Youth Representative on the board

**20. Adjournment:** 4:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

*Renee Bergmann Andrews, Secretary*