

HANOVER COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

MINUTES May 4, 2016

The Hanover County Electoral Board met at 1:30 PM on Wednesday May 4, 2016, in the General Registrar's office at Hanover Court House, Virginia, to canvass the Ashland Town election, which took place on May 3, 2016.

Present were:

Robert N. Barnette, Jr., Chairman
Louis J. Szari, Vice Chairman
Russell L. Boraas, Secretary
Teresa Smithson, General Registrar

The first order of business was to consider the one provisional ballot cast in the Ashland Town Election.

Mr. Boraas made the following motion:

I move that the Electoral Board of Hanover County convene in closed session pursuant to Section 24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the dual Republican and Democratic primary elections on March 1, 2016, was qualified to do so, and I also move that the General Registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates and the Republican and Democratic Parties, should any arrive, as specified in Section 24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia, be allowed to stay in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional ballots and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their own behalf to the Board.

The motion passed unanimously, the door was closed and the closed session took place. Neither the voter nor any other person appeared. The one provisional ballot in the election was considered. A motion was passed to go back into open session.

In open session, Mr. Boraas made the following motion:

I move that the Electoral Board of Hanover County certify that in the closed session just concluded that the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by Section 24.2-365 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the prior motion to go into closed session, which was made pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

A roll call vote was then taken and the following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Barnett, Szari and Boraas.

The Board then canvassed the election by reviewing the Statement of Result and other documentation for the Town of Ashland. There being no provisional ballots for voters who had failed to provide picture ID, there was no need to wait until Friday to declare the results of the election.

The Ashland Town Election consisted of a general election to fill three seats on the Town Council, which were vacant, because the incumbents' terms had expired, and a special election to fill the remainder of the term of Council member Faye Pritchard, who resigned when she was elected to the Hanover County Board of Supervisors.

Only three candidates ran for the three full term seats and only one candidate ran for Faye Pritchard's vacant seat.

The Board declared the winners to be as follows:

General Election (Full Term Seats)

Kathy Abbott	228 votes
George F. Spagna Jr.	225 votes
Steven P. Trivett	232 votes

Special Election (seat vacated by Faye Pritchard)

James R "Jim" Foley	248 votes
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The Board members present then signed the Abstract of Votes certifying the election of the aforesaid people to the Ashland Town Council.

There being no further business, the Hanover County Electoral Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell L. Boraas, Secretary