

1 HANOVER COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD

2 MINUTES

3 March 4, 6, 2020

4 The Hanover County Electoral Board met at 1:00PM on Wednesday March 4, 2020 in Conference
5 Room 102 at the Hanover County Government Center.

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7 Present were:

8 Louis J. Szari, Chairman

9 Michael Carter, Vice Chairman

10 Robert Barnette, Secretary

11 Teresa Smithson, General Registrar

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13 Chairman Szari called the Canvass to order at 12:56PM and welcomed authorized
14 representatives and guests and observers. Staff reported that Mr. Thomas Jones wanted to speak
15 to the Electoral Board concerning his ballot. The Electoral listened to Mr. Jones and suggested
16 actions he need to take in the future.

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18 The Board proceeded to canvass by unsealing envelopes containing election materials,
19 Statement of Results and other documentation for each of the precincts brought in and deposited
20 by the Precinct Chiefs on the night of the election.

21 The Provisional ballots had been given to the General Registrar for research purposes.

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23 Chairman, Szari moved that the Board enter into Closed Session as specified by Section §24.2-
24 653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who
25 submitted a provisional vote at the Democratic Party presidential Primary election on March 3,
26 2020, was qualified to do so, and I also move that the General Registrar and any authorized
27 representatives of candidates and the Republican and Democratic Parties, should any arrive, as
28 specified in Section §24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia, be allowed to stay in the room
29 during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional ballots and who are
30 present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any
31 relevant information on their own behalf to the Board. and the Board moved into Closed
32 Session.

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34 At 3:55PM the Board concluded Closed Session. Vice Chairman Carter moved that the Hanover
35 Electoral Board certify that in closed Session just concluded that only matters discussed were of
36 the qualification of voters as permitted by Section §24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia and as
37 identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information
38 Act. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

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40 At 4:00PM Chairman Szari recessed the Canvass meeting. March 6, 2020 at 1:00PM. The
41 Hanover Electoral Board will reconvene Canvass and Provisional meeting subject to a final
42 tabulation of the votes after noon on Friday when the deadline will have passed for any
43 provisional voters, not having a photo ID on the day of the election.

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45 There being no further business, at 4:05 PM the meeting was recessed until 1:00 PM on Friday,
46 March 6, 2020.

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48 On Friday, March 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM, the meeting resumed. The following Board members
49 present were:

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51 Louis J. Szari, Chairman

52 Michael Carter, Vice Chairman

53 Robert N. Barnette, Secretary

54 Teresa Smithson, General Registrar

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56 There were no Persons who cast provisional ballots who wished to present evidence or request a
57 one-day extension. No legal counsel and representatives of a person who cast a provisional ballot
58 was present and there was no authorized representative of each political party or independent
59 candidate to serve as observers present at this meeting.

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61 Mr. Szari made the following motion.

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63 I move that the Electoral Board of Hanover County convene in closed session pursuant to
64 Section §24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each

65 person who submitted a provisional vote at the elections on March 3, 2020, was qualified to do
66 so, and I also move that the General Registrar and any authorized representatives of candidates
67 and the Republican and Democratic Parties, should any arrive, as specified in Section §24.2-653
68 (B) of the Code of Virginia, be allowed to stay in the room during the closed meeting, and that
69 any persons who cast provisional ballots and who are present be allowed to enter the room while
70 their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their own behalf to
71 the Board. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

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73 The motion passed unanimously, the door was closed, and the closed session took place.

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75 The Board then canvassed the election by reviewing the Statement of Results and other
76 documentation for each of the precincts and tabulated the votes for the several candidates,
77 subject to a final tabulation on Friday, March 6, at 12:00pm when the deadline has passed for
78 voters to provide photo ID, satisfactory to Teresa Smithson, General Registrar.

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80 The Board concluded Closed Session. Vice Chairman Carter moved that the Hanover Electoral
81 Board certify that in closed Session just concluded that only matters discussed were of the
82 qualification of Voters as permitted by Section §24.2-653 (B) of the Code of Virginia and as
83 identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information
84 Act. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

85 The Board then referred to the provisional ballot log, which had been prepared by the General
86 Registrar prior to the Board's meeting on March 3, 2020.

87 Having individually reviewed each of the provisional ballots, a motion was passed to go back
88 into open session. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0. In open session,

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90 Vice Chairman Carter moved that the Electoral Board of Hanover County certify that in closed
91 session just concluded that the only matter discussed was the provisional ballots, as directed by
92 Section 24.2-365 (B) of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the prior motion to go into
93 closed session, which was made pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

94 The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

95 The Board then did a final tabulation of the votes for each of the candidates with the following
96 results:

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98 2020 March Democratic Presidential Primary Election held on March 3, 2020

99	Name of Candidate	Votes	Percent
100	Cory Booker	24	0.16%
101	Julián Castro	9	0.06%
102	Bernie Sanders	3,490	22.70%
103	Elizabeth Warren	1,645	10.70%
104	Marianne Williamson	21	0.14%
105	Michael Bennet	18	0.12%
106	Joseph R. Biden	8,328	54.17%
107	Amy Klobuchar	119	0.77%
108	Tulsi Gabbard	225	1.46%
109	Deval Patrick	6	0.4%
110	Pete Buttigieg	112	0.73%
111	Andrew Yang	41	0.27%
112	Tom Steyer	21	0.14%
113	Michael R. Bloomberg	1,314	8.55%

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116 The General Registrar prepared Abstract of Votes and they were signed by Board members.

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

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119 Submitted Respectfully,

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Lou Szari, Chairman

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Michael Carter, Vice Chairman

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Robert N. Barnette Jr, Secretary,

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130 Attachments