

Augusta County Electoral Board  
**Approved** Minutes of Meeting  
November 7-9, 2018 - Post-Election Canvass  
Registrar's Office, Augusta County Government Center

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. Present were: Ruth Talmage, Chair; Marcy Reedy, Vice-Chair; Cliff Garstang, Secretary.
- II. Approval of Minutes. The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting was deferred until the first post-election meeting.
- III. Canvass. The Electoral Board commenced the required post-election Canvass of the results of the November 6, 2018 general election. Envelope 2 from each precinct was opened and reviewed in turn.
- IV. Closed Session: Provisional Ballots. At Noon, the Electoral Board went into closed session for the purposes of conducting its review of Provisional Ballots from the November 6, 2018 general election. Sixteen provisional ballots were accepted and opened, to be counted at the conclusion of the Canvass. The review was completed, except for no-ID provisional ballots, at 3:10 pm and the Board returned to open session to continue the canvass.
- V. Suspension. The meeting was suspended for the day at 4:30 pm.
- VI. Resumption. The meeting was resumed at 8:30 am on November 8, 2018. The Board continued to examine results from the remaining precincts. Among the topics discussed:
  - A. We need to take more care in training officers on use of the Ballot Record form. We noted that in many cases there was insufficient information on the forms to accurately account for all the ballots. In two cases, this prompted the Board to visit the courthouse for the purpose of inspecting the Envelope/Box 6 (unused ballots) in order to confirm that ballots did not go missing.
  - B. It was noted that there may be some accessibility issues at the Sherando precinct.
  - C. The Board will send thanks to the Ridgeview Christian school and fire department staff who helped during the power outage at the school.
- VII. Suspension. The meeting was suspended at 12:15 pm with an agreement to meet at 12:00 for the Provisional No-ID meeting.
- VIII. Resumption. The Board resumed its meeting at Noon on Friday, November 9, 2018 and matched two IDs to No-ID Provisional Ballots. These ballots were opened and co-mingled with the Provisional Ballots previously accepted. Ballots were counted and the totals reported to the Registrar for the purpose of completing the abstracts and submission to ELECT.
  - A. The Board also discussed two voter complaints, both about the behavior of officers of election on election day. The Board decided to address issues of decorum during training in the future.
  - B. The Board signed and sealed abstracts prepared by the Registrar and also completed a Statement of Results for Provisional Ballots.

- IX. Special Election. It was learned during the meeting that a Special Election would be held on December 18 to fill the 24th District House of Delegates seat vacated by Ben Cline who was elected to Congress. It was agreed that training would be held for chiefs and assistants from the six affected precincts. Because Cliff will be traveling, the Board designated Marcy as Acting Secretary for the purposes of the Special Election. Outreach to officers of election will need to begin immediately.
- X. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm, Friday, November 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cliff Garstang". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Clifford Garstang, Secretary