

City of Harrisonburg Electoral Board Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024

1. Call to Order: The Meeting was called to Order at 9:01 AM.
2. Welcome and Introduction: Ms. Pat Haden-Chair of Harrisonburg Republican Committee
3. Approval of Agenda: All voted in favor of approval.
4. Approval of Minutes: All voted in favor to approve Minutes of August 26, 2024
5. Report from Director of Elections:
 1. The General Registrar reported that ballot proofing was confirmed on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM. He is hopeful that ballots will be printed and delivered before the end of the week. He ordered 2800 plus 200 for a total of 3000. His staff is in the process of placing labels on around 829 ballots to be mailed and approximately 70 ballots to persons serving/and or living overseas. Included in our packet was an updated Voter Registration Statistics for Locality 660 – Harrisonburg City, which showed a total number of registered voters as being 25,501, a copy of Mark’s ballot order, and the 2024 Nov. General Election Early Voting Staffing Report for Morning and Afternoons, from 9/20/24 – 11- 2- 24 were also included. An additional Presidential candidate was added late last Friday night, and that might delay the process. The candidates currently on the ballot for President are: **Democratic Party Electors** for Kamala D. Harris, President and Tim Walz, Vice President; **Republican Party Electors** for Donald J Trump, President and JD Vance, Vice President; **Green Party Electors** for Jill E. Stein, President and Rudolph T Ware III, Vice President; **Libertarian Party Electors** for Chase R. Oliver, President and Mike ter Maat, Vice President; **Independent Electors** for Claudia De la Cruz, President, Karina Garcia, Vice President; **Independent Electors** for Cornel R. West, President and Melina Abdullah, Vice President.
 2. General Registrar has scheduled a digital meeting with KNOWiNK on September 16, 2024, in order to program pollbooks for the Early Voting process.
 3. PrintElect Cages: Two of the cages have arrived and are in the secure closet. The ramps were not attached, and Mr. Tyler Lynks has been notified. These cages are for Keister & Stone Spring. The previously ordered six cages should arrive within the next couple of weeks.
 4. State Board of Elections: During the SBE meeting held on September 3rd they voted to conduct a Ballot Polling RLA for the statewide Senate race, and a Batch Comparison RLA for the randomly selected Congressional race. Mark will need additional staff for a Batch Comparison RLA, along with members of the Electoral Board, and would ask the CAP Team for assistance. They will select the Congressional district to conduct an RLA after Election Day. We will hold our RLA meeting in the County Administrative building. The General Registrar recommended that each Harrisonburg Electoral Board member study Chapter 19 of the GREB in order to be familiar with the process. He prefers that the Electoral Board Members make up the Audit Board, depending on which RLA methods we are instructed to perform.

5. The new lawbooks for 2024 were given to members of the Board (thank you Jane for having them copied and spiraled). Jane also agreed to work in the office today from 1:50 PM until 3:00 PM in order for The General Registrar and his staff to receive “Stop the Bleed” training.
6. The General Registrar reported that voter registration event held on August 28th at VMRC went well. Mark also created a video that was shown to all the Government students at HHS and RHS that explained what duties and responsibilities he and his office staff have, the importance of voting, and how to register to vote. Lisa McDonald staffed a table during lunch at HHS on September 4, and Mark staffed a table at RHS on September 5th. The Citizens Academy class on September 6th was well attended.

Upcoming Event Dates are as follows: September 10th Harrisonburg Health and Rehab Registration from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM. September 10th. Elections Update Presentation to Harrisonburg City Council. September 12th. Naturalization Ceremony, Registration, and September 21st. JMU Campus Speaking Event.

Important Election Dates: 9/16/24 L&A testing for Early Voting at 3:00 PM; 9/17/24 Early Voting Training at 4:30 PM; 9/20/24 Start of Early Voting for November Election (8:30 AM); 10/15/24 Last Day of voter registration (close of books); 10/25/24 Last day to request a ballot by mail; 11/05/24 Election Day!

6. Approval of New Officers of Elections. The List of Officers of Elections was approved by all members. This list was given to us on August 26, 2024. A new list for approval was presented at this meeting and will be voted on at our September 23, 2024 Electoral Board Meeting. A copy of this list will be given to both the Democrat and Republican Committee Chairs.
7. New Business: Ms. Jane Burner brought the newspaper article that featured a picture of Pat Haden and an interview with Ms. Susan Beals, Commissioner for the Department of Elections, who reminded voters who request a ballot by mail, “do not let it marinate, get it sent back to the Registrar’s Office quickly.”
8. Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.
9. Public Comment: Ms. Pat Haden reminded that just because a person is approved as an Officer of Elections, does not mean that they will be asked to work the Early Voting portion of the election. Only the more experienced officers that have worked prior elections are asked to work early voting. New officers should be aware that they are obligated to work the entire day on election day from 5:00 AM until ?
10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Electoral Board is Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Ramona N. Sanders, Secretary of City of Harrisonburg Electoral Board Monday, September 9, 2024.